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From the editor



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WE HAVE THE HOTTEST & COOLEST FESTIVALS THIS SUMMER

As we continue the celebration of our 15th Anniversary, HOToronto Magazine, in its commitment to keeping you informed and enlightened, continues to present you with a host of new on-line download magazine titles. This addition of HOT & COOL FESTIVALS to the roster is the first edition.

The information compiled in this issue is derived from many sources, solicited and unsolicited. Our team of writers and photographers have been covering festivals for more than a dozen years, and each year there are more and more festivals popping up all over the city and throughout the GTA.

Although this information is being transmitted to you via free subscription or as a download, it will only be available in this format seasonally, updated according as the urgency of the information requires us to offer a new version. You will note the updated version of HOT & COOL FESTIVALS by the version code at the top of this page or by the new cover. At all times you can simply go to www.HOToronto.com and click on the Festivals link to acquire updates and additions as they become available.

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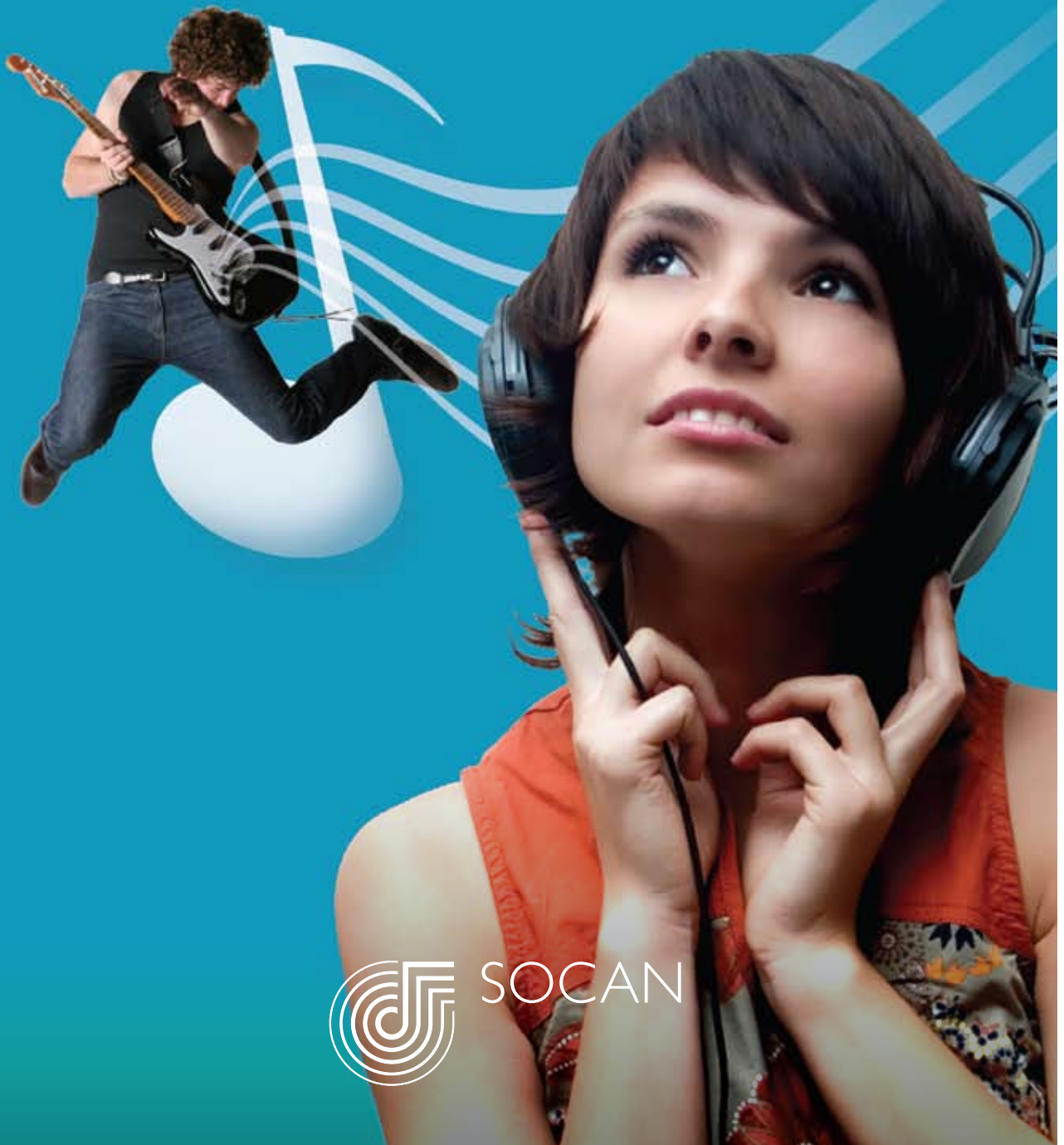
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TORONTO FESTIVALS GUIDE 2009

June 5 - 14

LUMINATO FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS AND CREATIVITY

Dundas Square, Harbourfront & Various Locations

For 10 extraordinary days in June, the vibrant city of Toronto's stages, streets and public spaces are illuminated with arts and creativity. Luminato is an annual multidisciplinary celebration of theatre, dance, classical and contemporary music, film, literature, visual arts, design and more.

www.luminato.com

June 17 - 21

NORTH BY NORTHEAST MUSIC AND FILM FESTIVAL

Various Club Locations

Known as The NXNE, this festival showcases emerging artists from Canada, the United States and other countries. Musical genres performed have included folk, punk and funk. The event, usually held in June, takes place in clubs, outdoor stages and special venues in the downtown area. A conference unites the movers and shakers of the industry with many budding performers. The relatively new film portion of the festival offers special screenings of new films.

<http://nxne.com>

June 16 - 21

WORLDWIDE SHORT FILM FESTIVAL

Some of the most outstanding short films from Canada and around the world hit the screen at this festival. Competitions (both Canadian and International), special programs and gala screenings are just part of the event. Promotion and launching of films, as well as networking for filmmakers, is the goal at the Festival Symposium and Marketplace.

www.worldwideshortfilmfest.com

June 19 - 21

TASTE OF LITTLE ITALY

College Street (West of Bathurst)

June 19 - 21

WATERFRONT NAUTICAL FESTIVAL

HTO Park East

339 Queens Quay West

And all along Toronto's waterfront

Discover a weekend of adventures as Redpath Sugar presents the 2nd Annual Waterfront Nautical Festival from Friday June 19th until Sunday June 21st. Learn to build a wooden boat, try the basics of Tall Ship sail-training, tie a sailor's knot, and participate in the Waterfront Hunt for a chance to win prizes!

June 19 - 28

TORONTO PRIDE FESTIVAL

Church & Wellesley Corridor

Parade on Yonge Street

Toronto Pride Week is an annual event that takes place in downtown Toronto during the last week of June. The event is one of the largest of its kind in the world and celebrates diverse sexual and gender identities, histories, cultures, creativities, families, friends and lives. The week long festival included a three-day arts fest, a weekend street fair (including a community fair and market place), a Dyke March and a Pride Parade.

www.pridetoronto.com

June 20

EDGEFEST

Downsview Park

June 20 - 21

TORONTO INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Toronto Centre Island

The Dragon Boat Festival is an annual event held in over 40 countries. In addition to the actual boat race, the event brings a number of multi-cultural events, international cuisine and large crowds. Over 200 teams on average compete in this two-day festival.

www.torontodragonboat.com

June 26 - July 1

TORONTO RIBFEST

Centennial Park

Toronto Ribfest, the largest Canada Day celebration, is held over the long weekend at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. Now in its 9th year, this popular event put on by the Rotary Club of Etobicoke attracts well over 100,000 visitors who come to enjoy live music, succulent ribs and the beer tents. Children are delighted with candy floss, carnival rides, the climbing wall and pony rides. On Canada Day, a lively fireworks display celebrates Canada's birthday at dusk. This year the Vendor area has been expanded to include an arts and crafts show that will become a major feature over the next few years. All proceeds from this fundraising event are returned back to the community through charitable organizations who receive donations from the Rotary Club of Etobicoke. Over the past fifteen years, the Club has donated more than \$1 million to local charities, including the Trillium Health Centre, CNIB, the Easter Seals Society, the Salvation Army, Women's Habitat, the Dorothy Ley Hospice and LAMP, to name a few.

June 26 - July 5

TORONTO DOWNTOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square & Various Locations

For ten days in June a number of jazz types take over Toronto's downtown venues to enjoy the music of Toronto's Downtown Jazz Festival. Internationally acclaimed musicians delight the large crowds that flock to one of Canada's largest jazz music events

www.torontojazz.com

June 26 - September 4

GLOBAL GROOVES

Yonge - Dundas Square

June 27 - July 4

FESTIVAL OF FIRE

Ontario Place

The Canada Dry Festival of Fire returns for three nights. June 27th amazing pyrotechnics with a Portuguese theme will light the skies, followed by Canada Day celebrations on July 1st and a stunning Grand Finale on July 4th. Choreographing the 2009 Canada Dry Festival of Fire are skilled pyro-technicians from David Whysall International Fireworks Inc. For over 40 years Whysall and his crews have been entertaining audiences with their explosive displays. Their show this year on June 27th brings the day--long 2nd Annual Portuguese Cultural Festival to Ontario Place, which will end with a bang as fireworks choreographed to the music of Portugal light up the skies. The Festival features performances by Toronto and Portuguese musicians and dance groups including the amazing Fernando Pereira, called the "Singer of Voices." Visitors will also be able to peruse stations with traditional Portuguese food and check out vendors, sports, games and contests!

The Canada Dry Festival of Fire is an important part of Canada Day celebrations in Toronto. Along with fireworks, July 1st at Ontario Place also features exciting Canada-inspired entertainment. The West Coast Lumberjack Show brings lumberjacks to compete daily in the spirit of friendly competition. The Toronto Maple Leafs OFF-ICE Hockey Tour lets you take your best shot in their inflatable slap shot machine and features the Toronto Maple Leaf Mobile Fan Zone. And this is just some of the day's entertainment! On July 4th, there's more great entertainment during the day before the evening's fireworks. The West Coast Lumberjack Show continues but for one day only you can also catch the 2nd Annual Salsa at Ontario Place and add some Latin heat to your Fourth of July with live music, theatre, dance lessons and competitions from morning until night.

July 1
CANADA DAY COUNTRY JAM
Woodbine Park

The is all day event presented by New Country 95.3 takes place from noon to 9 pm. This year's headliners include Emerson Drive, Amanda Wilkinson, Jason Blaine, Tara Oram and One More Girl.
www.counry953.com

July 1, 4 & 5
CHIN INTERNATIONAL PICNIC
Exhibition Place

One of Toronto's most popular and diverse events, the CHIN International Picnic has been a staple of the city for over 40 years. The CHIN Picnic embraces and celebrates the different cultures of Toronto with the world's largest free picnic and music festival attracting more than 250,000 people. The Picnic opens at noon on Canada Day, with the Folklore and Polish Entertainment beginning at 12:30 followed at 2:30 by the ceremonial singing of the National Anthem, performed in four-part harmony by eight cast members of JERSEY BOYS, and the raising of the flag. Then, see Hong Kong singer/actor Steven Ma, who will join local personalities Anson Wong, Simon Lau and Leslie Yip for an afternoon of song, dance and games at the CHIN Bandshell Stage. Later, South Asian singer Anup Jalota will delight audiences with a performance as part of the South Asian Festival. Finally, Canada Day picnickers can enjoy the Ontario Place 'Festival of Fire' fireworks display from the CNE grounds beginning at 10:30 pm. The fun continues on the weekend when the new Miss CHIN Bikini receives her crown on Saturday July 4th, and the new Mr. CHIN triumphs over the competition on July 5th. The CHIN Bandshell Stage continues to host international stars over the weekend. The Portuguese community is well represented on July 4th with award-winning singer Clemente, and the platinum-selling group The Fevers. Each evening concludes with Italian sensations Simone Cristicchi and Marco Calliari joined by Italian crooner Riccardo Fogli taking the stage on both July 4 and 5. For families looking for an affordable getaway, the Picnic offers three full days of thrilling activities. The entire family can take in the CHIN Picnic Midway and play some games, visit the petting zoo, marvel at the Jungle Cat World and the K-9 Dog Challenge, and enjoy the aerial artistry of the Zero Gravity Circus. All three days of the CHIN Picnic offer free admission and more entertainment and attractions than ever before. Folklore entertainment from Italy, Portugal, China, South Asia, Eastern Europe and South America; sporting events such as cycling races, boxing bouts, wrestling matches, Tae Kwon Do presentations and Martial Arts demonstrations; foods of the world; and the huge 100,000 square foot bazaar showcase the diversity of Toronto's international communities.

July 1 - 12
TORONTO FRINGE FESTIVAL
Various Theatre Locations

In a country that hosts the most Fringe festivals in the world, the Toronto Fringe shines. First run in 1989 with 4 venues and 40 productions, the Toronto Fringe now has over ten venues, including KidsVenue, and more than 120 theatre companies participating from the province and around the world. Held annually in July.
www.fringetoronto.com

July 1 - 30
KIDS SUMMER
Various Locations

July 3 - 5
TASTE OF LAWRENCE FESTIVAL
Lawrence Avenue East between Warden Avenue to Pharmacy
Take in the sights of this unique festival. Enjoy three exciting days of great food, entertainment and guaranteed fun for the whole family. The event will feature live-stage performances with a multi-cultural twist, local vendors and artisans. Kid's activities include face-painting, craft tables, inflatables, amusement rides and much more. Tempt your palate with the many mouth-watering tastes offered up by local food vendors or simply relax in the beer garden. Come out and have fun.
www.tasteofflawrence.com

July 3 - 19
SUMMERLICIOUS
Various Toronto Restaurants

July 4 - 5
12TH ANNUAL CORSO ITALIA
TORONTO FIESTA
St. Clair Ave. W. (west of Dufferin)
The Corso Italia Toronto Street Festival is a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to experience the food and culture of Toronto's own Corso Italia. Over 30 bands will perform live on street corners, patios and balconies. Featured is a variety of music from classical to salsa. In addition, food and beverage retailers will offer a mouth-watering selection of tastes and flavours, with promotions and samples of their cuisine. Since we offer such a diverse musical line-up, this has also become one of Toronto's leading multicultural events.
www.torontofiesta.com

July 5
HOT SPOT FESTIVAL
Harbourfront
www.harbourfrontcentre.com

July 5
VENEZUALA'S FESTIVAL
Mel Lastman Square
www.toronto.ca

July 10
TORONTO OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION
Nathan Philips Square
As the largest outdoor art exhibition in Canada, the TOAE offers a fresh-air alternative to conventional art shows and galleries. Approximately 500 artists participate and over 100,000 visitors attend the exhibition every year. Side by side, established artists, undiscovered talents and innovative students sell their work directly to the public and make lasting connections with art dealers and collectors. We welcome applications from artists working in a wide range of traditional and experimental art forms. The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition is a charitable non-profit organization supported by a group of volunteers active in the art and corporate communities. The exhibition is financed through registration fees, and by government, corporate and individual sponsors, enabling the TOAE to charge one of the lowest registration fees in North America. No percentage of the artists' sales is taken by the organizers.

July 10 - 12
HONDA INDY
Exhibition Place
When the engines start to roar this July in the streets of downtown Toronto, the field will include four Indianapolis 500 winners. Expected to start in Toronto are Helio Castroneves (2001, 2002), Dan Wheldon (2005), Dario Franchitti (2007) and Scott Dixon (2008). The last time a former Indianapolis 500 winner ran at Toronto was in 2002. Kenny Brack, the 1999 Indianapolis 500 winner was in the starting line-up for that race and finished second. Castroneves was the last driver to win the Indianapolis 500 and also run at Toronto in the same year. That was in 2001 and he finished 19th after starting second. Only one Indianapolis 500 winner has ever gone on to win at Toronto. Bobby Rahal won both the Indianapolis 500 and the very first race at Toronto in 1986. New Faces of Open Wheel Racing Ready to Greet Fans in Toronto Several new faces of open wheel racing will be running for the First time in Toronto at this year's Honda Indy Toronto. With the unification of open wheel racing in North America successfully accomplished more than a year ago, drivers like Danica Patrick and Marco Andretti will join familiar names like Graham Rahal and Justin Wilson on the unified grid at Toronto. Race fans can look for drivers such as Tony Kanaan, Dario Franchitti and Scott Dixon to be back in Toronto after a long absence. Did you know that all IndyCar Series cars run on normally-aspirated Honda engines, Dallara chassis, Firestone Firehawks racing tires and 100 percent fuel-grade ethanol? Now you know.
www.hondaindytoronto.com

July 11 - 12
SALSA ON ST. CLAIR
St. Clair Ave. W.

Between Winona Drive and Christie Ave.

Salsa on St. Clair is back for its fifth year to fill the streets with pure Latin energy. This family street party celebrating Toronto's Latin cultures turn midtown Toronto into a showcase of Latin life: pulsating music, passionate dancing, fiery foods, a Latin market, a children's area and much more.

Celebrate the city's best Latino music, culture and entertainment at this free fun-filled Latin extravaganza. St. Clair Avenue West will be closed to vehicular traffic transforming the street into a dance floor and stage with activities for the whole family.

Hillcrest Village Salsa on St. Clair will feature activities for the whole family including live entertainment, dance lessons, children's areas, food and exhibition booths and much more.

Join in the conga line as Salsa Fever takes over the entire city at the Salsa in Toronto Festival!

July 11 - 12
AFROFEST
Queens Park

Music Africa presents Toronto's 21st AFROFEST, a celebration of African music and culture. FREE on Saturday July 11th and Sunday July 12th; at Queen's Park from noon to 10:30 pm. Afrofest is a multi-focus event of song, dance, theatre, food, a marketplace, and activities for youth and children. Featuring traditional and contemporary styles of music by top international touring acts and dozens of African performing groups from across Canada. The festival has grown every year. In 2009, three different outdoor stages will come to life with music and dance.

Discover Africa in the heart of Toronto!

Afrofest kicks off its launch party on Friday July 10th with a ticketed concert by Malian rising superstar Vieux Farka Touré. The son of an African musical legend, Vieux's guitar virtuosity has been compared to Eric Clapton's. With opening act Toronto's highlife kings, Afrofranto. At the Phoenix Concert Theatre, 410 Sherbourne Street. Afrofest at Queen's Park is a showcase of the richness and diversity of African culture. The 21st anniversary celebration is shaping up to be the best ever.

www.musicafrika.com

July 17 - 26
21ST ANNUAL
BEACHES INTERNATIONAL
JAZZ FESTIVAL & STREETFEST

The Beaches International Jazz Festival celebrates its 21st birthday with a 10-day musical bash. What started in 1989 as a small two-day community affair has now evolved into an all-encompassing festival for the entire city of Toronto and beyond. Beaches Jazz is one of Toronto's most successful events of the summer, attracting Canadian, American and international tourists to the city. Beaches

Jazz continues to be one of the few remaining free jazz festivals and the leading festival for promoting Canadian musical talent.

Building on the overwhelming success of last year's inaugural concerts, Beaches Jazz will again kick off the Festival with the Woodbine Park Concerts, Friday July 17 to Sunday July 19 at Woodbine Park (Coxwell Avenue and Lakeshore Boulevard East). The concerts will be filled with the musical talents of both established and up-and-coming artists performing on the TD Canada Trust Music Main Stage, the New Generation Stage and the Youth Stage. Continuing the Festival's tradition of supporting and encouraging new performers, the New Generation and Youth Stages will again focus on promoting and introducing young artists who are beginning to make an impact on the Canadian music scene.

On Monday July 20, Tuesday July 21 and Wednesday July 22, the TD Canada Trust Jazz Workshop and Lecture Series take place. All workshops are held at the Mennonite New Life Centre (1774 Queen Street East); artists and classes to be announced.

Crowd favourite Beaches Jazz StreetFest returns this year with 50 bands performing from Thursday July 23 to Saturday July 25 from 7 pm to 11 pm on street corners on Queen Street East between Woodbine and Beech Avenue. The melodies of calypso, new age, jazz, fusion, Latin, blues and Cajun will delight throngs of fans throughout StreetFest. As well, artists will showcase their talents at the Balmy Beach Club, an exclusive member's only venue at the foot of Beech Avenue. Once again, street closure on Queen Street East between Woodbine and Beech Avenue will be in effect for the duration of StreetFest.

On Saturday July 25 and Sunday July 26 from 11:30 am to 6:30 pm, Master of Ceremonies and Musical Director Bill King will welcome a diverse and entertaining line-up of local and international artists to the Alex Christie Bandshell at Kew Gardens (Queen Street East and Lee Avenue). In addition, a variety of local performances will be featured at the Leuty Lifeguard Station, located on the boardwalk at the foot of Lee Avenue.

Arts and craft exhibitors will fill Kew Gardens, displaying and selling their wares to loyal and new fans of the Beaches International Jazz Festival.

Continuing its strong support of the Beach community, the festival will hold its annual Beaches Jazz Fun Run & Walk at the foot of Kew Gardens, on Sunday July 26 from 8:30 am. Proceeds raised from this event will help the Toronto Beach Rotary Club support groups and projects important to the Beach neighbourhood. Once they have completed their run, participants can relax and enjoy the fabulous music provided by the performers on the main stage at Kew Gardens.

www.beachesjazz.com

July 14 - August 2
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL
CARNIVAL CARIBANA

This two week street festival is over 35 years old and is the largest Caribbean festival in North America. The festival runs for two weeks in summer and features a parade, outdoor concerts, king and queen of the bands competition and much more.

www.caribanafestival.com

July 15 - 19
JUST FOR LAUGHS FESTIVAL 2009
Various Club and Theatre Locations
www.hahaha.com

July 18
MUBUHAY PHILIPPINES TORONTO
SUMMER FEST

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

The Mabuhay Philippines Toronto Summer Festival is the largest celebration of Philippine heritage and culture in Canada. The annual event has become the highlight of the community's social calendar, featuring almost 200 vendors, singers, dancers, Philippine cuisine providers, art exhibits, raffles and more. The Festival is a unique event in the Filipino-Canadian community. It is the only gathering that involves various Filipino-Canadian associations and groups that represent different regions, educational institutions and cultural aspects of the Philippines. It provides a platform for Filipinos to showcase their individual and collective talents in order to inform and raise awareness of the culture and for Filipino businesses to increase awareness of their marketability through a trade show. Rhian Ramos and Richard Guterrez, the leading actors in the GMA TV series Zorro, are going to be present at the festival this year. The festival's opening act is by Juan De La Cruz Band.

www.livewithculture.com

July 20 - August 16
TORONTO SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL
Edward Johnson Building (Faculty of Music) at the University of Toronto.

The Toronto Summer Music Festival features over sixty Canadian and international artists in a series of 11 chamber music concerts including an opening night concert at the Carlu with violinist James Ehnes and pianist Jon Kimura Parker and an Opera Xtravaganza featuring top international singers. The theme of the 2009 Festival is *Eternal Stars*, a celebratory commemoration marking the anniversaries of star composers such as Purcell, Händel, Haydn, Mendelssohn and Martinu.

www.torontosummermusic.com

July 24 - 29
MASALA MEHNDI MASTI
Exhibition Place

The largest multi-disciplinary South Asian Arts festival outside of South Asia, Masala!

Mehndi! Masti! has celebrated annually for 7 years presenting South Asian culture and South Asian inspired culture in a professional, fun and mainstream environment, downtown Toronto (originally at Harbourfront Centre and now at the CNE grounds).

This spectacular multi-generational presentation connects today's world with the wonders of 5000 years of civilization, its ancient traditions and modern influences. Our vision is not only to make South Asians proud of their heritage but to make them proud partners in Canadian culture. It provides an opportunity to established and emerging artists in traditional and contemporary spheres of music, dance, film, theatre, literature and poetry, natural health practices, social issues, cuisine, arts & crafts and much more. We open doors to cross cultural collaborations and diverse thinking.
www.masalamehndimasti.com

July 25 - 26

**LIVE GREEN TORONTO FESTIVAL
Yonge & Dundas Square**

Saturday July 25th will include a street-closure of Yonge street (from Dundas to Queen) with over 100 exhibitors, local food, live music, and more. Sunday July 26th is family day with events on Yonge-Dundas Square with kid friendly activities and hands-on fun for the whole family.

At Toronto's annual celebration of all things green, you can:

Check out hundreds of green products and services to help you live green at home, work and on the road. Everything from bees, worms and bikes, to green fashions, renewable energy, local foods and more....

Catch some of Toronto's top musical acts on the main stage at Yonge-Dundas Square.

www.toronto.ca

July 30

**CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL & SUMMER
BBQ**

Hart House U of T

Set in the magnificent courtyard at Hart House, this event will feature a diverse selection of the finest beers that Ontario Craft Brewers have to offer. Niagara Specialty Meats will be on hand to provide guests with savory barbeque morsels to snack on while they mingle in the shade of the building's historic stone walls. Bonjay's Alanna Stuart will take to the stage as the headliner in a set of live performances that will also include band Everything All The Time and DJ Graham Zilla from Thunderheist.

www.events.utoronto.ca

July 30 - August 3

IRIE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2009

Nathan Phillips Square and Queens Park

The 8th annual Irie Music Festival, also known as Irie Fest, is one of Canada's most exciting annual celebrations of music and the arts. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown

Toronto, Irie Fest 2009 offers programming at two great downtown locations

www.Iriemusicfestival.Com

August 7 - 9

TASTE OF THE DANFORTH

Danforth Ave. East of Don Valley Parkway
Greektown Taste of the Danforth sponsored by Pilaris is one of Toronto's signature events, showcasing the best of Hellenic food, culture, and music our multicultural city has to offer - from souvlaki to mezes, authentic Greek music to interactive children's games! Enjoy the culture that makes the Danforth a year round destination. This festival is a must for food-lovers as samples of a variety of the ethnic dishes available at Greek Town restaurants are available for tasting. The event also includes two stages for bands, a Healthy Eating, Healthy Lifestyle Village, a midway, a sports area, a Beer Garden, a Martini Lounge and the Greek Wines Garden.

www.tasteofthedanforth.com

August 6 - 9

FESTIVAL OF BEER

Historic Fort York

Beer is the acclaimed beverage at this gathering, which features over 200 products. Lagers, stouts, wheat beers and pale ales can all be sampled. Live entertainment can be heard on all of the three days, and tempting food is available. So come out and toast the brewers of Canada.

www.beerfestival.ca

August 14 - 15

**YORK- EGLINTON INTERNATIONAL
STREET FESTIVAL**

The second annual York-Eglinton International Street Festival offers everyone a weekend of hot music and fun activities. On Friday, the street gets hopping with DJs and a sidewalk sale from 3 pm to 9 pm. On Saturday, see live musical performances by R&B, Reggae, Soul and Ska artists including Steele, Comfort, Mountainedge Crew, Jay Davis, and Frankie Foo & the YoYo Smugglers. Street magician Ray Chance will also perform, along with a number of multicultural dance troupes. There'll be exciting giveaways, kids' activities, and more. Free. Friday, August 14th from 3 pm to 9 pm and Saturday, August 15th from noon to 9 pm. Presented by the York-Eglinton BIA. At 1607 Eglinton Ave. W., Green P Parking Lot, and along Eglinton Ave. W. from Marlee Ave. to Dufferin St.

www.internationalstreetfest.com

August 14 - 21

TORONTO AFTER DARK

FILM FESTIVAL

Bloor Cinema

If you want to be the first to see some amazing new horror, sci-fi, action and cult movies from around the world, we invite you to join us for 8

nights of cinematic mayhem at the 4th annual Toronto After Dark Film Festival! The complete lineup, schedule and single tickets will be available July 29 (new date).

www.TorontoAfterDark.com



August 21 - September 7

**CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
(CNE)**

Exhibition Place

Since opening day in 1879, the Canadian National Exhibition has been a real bargain for families looking for great entertainment, education and a whole bunch of excitement...and it's no different in 2009!

Tickets to the 2009 fair are now available at theex.com and will also be sold through the CNE's exclusive retail partner Shoppers Drug Mart, as well as through GO Transit Lakeshore line and Union stations. Visit www.theex.com <<http://www.theex.com>> for updates on tickets, attractions and special events. All events are free with admission to the CNE.

NEW ATTRACTIONS FOR 2009 include:

Surf Wave - Daily on Princes' Blvd.

This summer, the CNE will install a large Flow Rider Mobile Wave machine on Princes' Boulevard where professional surfers will demonstrate how to really ride the waves.

"E", A NightTime Light Show - Displayed Nightly on the South Entrance of the Direct Energy Centre

Each night of the CNE, the exterior of the south east entrance of the Direct Energy Centre will be transformed into a large canvas on to which a kaleidoscope of spectacular images will be projected. Escape into the magical world of E, the CNE's new nighttime light show.

National Sand Sculpting Competition - Opening Weekend; Heritage Court Direct Energy Centre

For the first three days of the CNE, six sculptors from across Canada will transform mounds of sand into works of art in the CNE's first-ever Sand Sculpting Competition. Each competitor will be working with 10 tonnes of sand to create their own individually inspired sculpture. The six finished sculptures will be on display in Heritage Court. CNE visitors will have the opportunity to vote for the "Fan Favourite" throughout the fair.

Celebrity Designers, Chefs & Home Improvement Experts

At Home Pavilion, Direct Energy Centre
New to the CNE this year is an exciting series of celebrity designers, chefs and home improvement experts, who will deliver "how to" demonstrations in the At Home Pavilion each day. Speakers include: Canada's Handyman: Shawn Monteith (daily); Food Stylist Christine Cushing (Friday, August 21); Chef David Adjei (Saturday, August 22); Barbeque King Ted Reader (Sun Aug 23, Fri. Sept 4 & Sat. Sept. 5); Designer Mary Dobson (Thursday, August 27); Handyman Christian Pavey (Friday, August 28); Designers Colin & Justin (Saturday, August 29); Chef Corbin Tomaszewski (Thursday, September 3) and Food Expert Laura Calder (Sunday, September 6)
www.theex.com

August 22 - September 2
ASHKENAZ FESTIVAL
Harbourfront Centre

Celebrating the city's Yiddish culture, this week long event held at the Harbourfront Centre is Toronto's most important Jewish celebration. The 10-acre site comes alive with festival productions and works of art created by world-famous artists. With more than 175 artisans from 10 different countries, the festival adds an international flavor to a communal experience. Musicians, poets, painters, sculptors, actors and dancers come together the last week of August through the first week of September to celebrate before the sun sets on another summer. Most events are free of charge.

August 27 - 30
BUSKERFEST
St. Lawrence Market

Every summer, for 4 days and nights, the streets of the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood come to life with laughter, cheering, applause and flames when some of the best street performers from around the world gather for the Toronto International BuskerFest. Contortionists, comedians, clowns, magicians, musicians, acrobats, aerialist artists, daredevils and so many more, all strut their stuff to the delight of crowds of all ages. Admission is by donation to Epilepsy Toronto. Playing in the street has never been so much fun!
www.torontobuskerfest.com

September 3 - 7
GIRL PLAY FESTIVAL
Location TBA

Girl Play Toronto presents the Girl Play Toronto Festival, which will be the largest, and only National Women's Week in Canada with something for everyone! The first year celebration brings together great dance parties, cultural events and much more, all held in a variety of stellar locations in one of the most multi-cultural and exciting locations in the world, Toronto Canada. The festival line-up will offer a diverse set of cultural and social

events for everyone to enjoy including musical acts, shows, boat cruise, art, fashion, dance parties and dining events.
www.girlplaytoronto.com

September 4 - 7
HOT & SPICY FOOD FESTIVAL
Harbourfront Centre
www.harbourfrontcentre.com

September 4 - 7
HISPANIC FIESTA
Mel Lastman Square
Hispanic Fiesta 2009 is ready to fill Mel Lastman Square with the splendid sounds, tempting treats and colorful culture that the Hispanic heritage is famous for. Hispanic Fiesta will feature the best known local & International Hispanic performers covering 20 different countries, that speak Spanish.
www.hispanicfiesta.com

September 9 - 13
THE JUNCTION ARTS FESTIVAL
The Junction Arts Festival proudly promotes the arts while offering something for everyone. One of the largest art meets street festivals in North America, the Junction Arts Festival provides the opportunity to stroll through lively street venues featuring engaging art exhibits, live musical performers at the open-air stages, strolling performers, and children's activities.
www.junctionartsfest.com

September 10 - 19
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
One of North America's premier film events. The Toronto International Film Festival attracts worldwide attention and many of the 'movers and shakers' in the movie industry. The festival is held at a variety of venues throughout the city. Internationally renowned, this film festival

shows between 300 and 400 films at approximately 23 screens in downtown Toronto each year. First formed in 1976, the TIFF features blockbuster Hollywood hits, as well as independent works from Canada and around the world. www.tiff09.ca

COMING THIS FALL

September 27
THE WORD ON THE STREET
Queen's Park
Celebrate reading, writing, and literacy at Canada's largest book and magazine festival: The Word on the Street. Visit any of the 250 book, magazine, and literacy exhibitor booths to discover new writers, new publications, and new talent. Take in readings, ask questions, and get your books signed by almost 200 authors, performers, and storytellers. Enjoy great programming all day at any one of 18 performance venues, which include a Bestsellers Stage, Children's Activity Tent, and the Wordshop: The Place for Writers.
www.thewordonthestreet.ca

October 18 - 25
ChocolateFest '09
The Toronto Chocolate Festival 2009
Various Locations in Toronto and GTA
www.ChocolateFestivalWeek.com
www.TheChocolateBall.com

November 27 - 29
CANADIAN ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL
Rogers Centre
Everyone is welcome to attend the Canadian Aboriginal Festival, offering the opportunity to learn about North America's Aboriginal peoples. Attractions and activities include food, music, arts, shopping, traditional dancing and more.
www.canab.com



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GTA & SOUTHERN ONTARIO

MISSISSAUGA

June 5 - 7

BREAD & HONEY FESTIVAL

Streetsville

Streetsville's 36th Bread and Honey Festival is held in Streetsville Memorial Park, a natural amphitheatre site of 30 acres on the Credit River. This year the festival will take place from June 6 - 8, and as usual, expect the tongue-tantalizing sensations of the locally made bread from the local flourmills in Streetsville, the Reid Milling and ADM Milling flourmills. Of course, to go with the local bread, local honey is also used. Various forms of music will be featured on the main stage Saturday and Sunday from 60's to rock and Jazz, Pop and Country. There will be events and features for children like the petting zoo located on the fairgrounds, including a rubber duck race through the Credit River, food concession stands and various rides. The Bread and Honey Festival begins with the Lions Carnival on Friday with the Mammoth Parade taking place at 10 am sharp on Saturday June 6th. The festival, a non-profit, volunteer-run event, ends at 6 pm on Sunday.

www.breadandhoney.com

June 19 - 21

MISSISSAUGA WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

Port Credit Memorial Park Mississauga

This annual festival is known for "Celebrating The Mississauga Waterfront Festival is a non-profit organization dedicated to celebrating the importance of families in our community. Since its premiere in 1997 the festival's "Sponsor a Child" program has subsidized approximately 30,000 children and individuals, who have attended as guests.

The festival attracts new visitors every year and welcomes back it's loyal attendee base. Last year's attendance reached 65,000! This is regarded as Mississauga's signature event.

MWF FridayFest:

This year's Main Stage will feature headlining Canadian and/or International Acts with a special Friday Night Concert Pass. This will also include all main stage performers Saturday night, Sunday afternoon headliners PLUS family attractions and events throughout the park ALL weekend long. It is anticipated that Friday night's concert attendance will be the largest on record.

www.mississaugawaterfrontfestival.com

June 14

KALAYAAN PHILIPPINE CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Location: Central Library Square

The Kalayaan Filipino Cultural Organization present a cultural festival showcasing the best in Philippine culture, featuring folk dances, music, food and art.

www.kalayaan.ca

June 19 - 21

MOSAIC 2008 SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL

Central Library Square

The Telus Mosaic 2008 is a multi-disciplinary arts festival that features the South Asian Film Festival, unforgettable stage performances, internationally renowned artists, Rock the Coliseum, delicious South Asian cuisine and much more!

info@communityart.ca

July 8 - 12

THE MISSISSAUGA INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Cine Starz Cinema

From the star-studded red-carpet Gala on Thursday night to the award presentation on Sunday, the festival itself will be packed with short films and features, drama, comedy and documentaries, and the nightly after-parties will be jammed with MIFF's Live Indie Music Series.

www.miff.ca

July 17 - 19

AMACON MISSISSAUGA ROTARY RIBFEST Civic Centre Square

Get ready for some finger licking fun. The Amacon Mississauga Rotary Ribfest is known for its famous BBQ ribs, cold beer, live music, and children's rides, spectacular performances and fun the whole family can enjoy!

July 17: 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

July 18: 11:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

July 19: 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

September 11 -13

SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE, PORT CREDIT'S BLUES AND JAZZ FESTIVAL

Memorial Park, Lakeshore Road, along the Credit River, Mississauga

Tim Hortons Mississauga presents Port Credit's Blues and Jazz Festival, The Southside Shuffle. North America's premiere Blues and Jazz festival commemorates 11 years. Throughout the weekend and the village of Port Credit, over 120 Canadian and International acts will perform on a variety of stages and venues. Offering fans that little something for everyone.

Commemorating the life of Canada's legendary Blues and Jazz guitarist, The Southside Shuffle pays tribute to Jeff Healey and closes with a performance from Canada's premiere Blues Band, Downchild.

From 3 to 7 p.m., Saturday afternoon, over 30 bands and thousands of music lovers flood Lakeshore Road for the heartbeat of the Southside Shuffle, the Fram Slokker Street Shuffle. Let's not forget the Shuffle's community spirit with the more than \$100,000 generated for Sick Kids Hospital at the Sick Kids Jam Stage. Held annually at the Port Credit Royal Canadian Legion and hosted by Juno nominee, The Johnny Max Band, this Friday and Saturday night venue features a variety of special guest appear-

ances from the over 120 performing weekend acts. Boasting yet another festival highlight, The Southside Shuffle is proud to once again present the Sick Kids Southstage. Free to the public, the Southside Shuffle's Sick Kids Southstage showcases numerous Rhythm and Blues acts as well as Blues and Jazz musicians of the future. The Junior Jam provides aspiring musicians under 18 with an opportunity to play with professionals. LaVilla Fine Foods Harmonica Workshop is a fun and interactive workshop offered to kids between 8 & 12 years of age.

www.southsideshuffle.com

September 19 - 20

FALL FESTIVAL

Bradley Museum, 1620 Orr Rd.

The Museums of Mississauga in partnership with the City of Mississauga Recreation & Parks Department – Environmental Section invite everyone to join us for the 2009 Fall Festival – 'Get back to simple living'. This fun, family event will be held on Saturday, September 19 and Sunday, September 20, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Bradley Museum. Enjoy the lovely rustic setting of historic gardens and buildings, including Bradley House (1830s), and the Log Cabin at Bradley Museum. Featuring three stages of non-stop Folk Music. Displays and activities from over twenty different environmental organizations will give you new ideas for "living green". Horse and wagon rides through the park, historic demonstrations, and great food round off the day! Enjoy our feature exhibit, "Streetsville Village: 150 Years of History" while you're here. Admission free with the donation of non-perishable food for Compass Food Bank, or a suggested \$2 donation. www.museumsofmississauga.com

September 19

ANNUAL STREET FEST ON QUEEN STREET (Streetsville)

The BIA is planning once again to party on Queen Street. Details of all activities will be listed here as they are confirmed.

September 8 - 20

November 9 - 22

December 7 - 13

KIDBITS EDUCATIONAL BOOK FAIR 2009

Central Library Atrium, 301 Burnhamthorpe Rd. W.

Unique and interesting books and other items for children and adults. Something for everyone! Make great birthday and special occasion gifts at very reasonable prices.

www.mississauga.ca/portallresidents/central-library

Phone: 905-615-3500

library.info@mississauga.ca

BRAMPTON

July 10 - 12

CARABRAM 2009

Various Pavilions in Brampton

Carabram Brampton's Multicultural Festival is celebrating 26 years in 2008. On the weekend of July 11, 12, and 13 you can 'travel' the world, without leaving Brampton.

Carabram provides an opportunity for families to "Tour the World" and experience the rich culture, food, crafts, drink and entertainment of different ethnic groups in Brampton and the surrounding community attracting thousands to this event. Drive to the pavilions located in cultural centres, schools and recreation centres around Brampton or you can hop on a Brampton Transit shuttle bus, for free, and travel to Bulgaria, Canada, Caribbean, Croatia, Germany, Hawaii, India, Italy, Macedonia, Myanmar, Philippines, Poland, Portugal and Ukraine.

Passports can be purchased for only \$8.00 per adult from Scotia Bank, the information booths at Shoppers World Brampton, Bramalea City Centre, Canadian Tire, Royal Bank, and some bus terminals throughout Brampton as well as from pavilion volunteers. Children 12 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Plan to visit Carabram, Brampton's Multicultural premiere Festival and enjoy the rich diversity of our great City, Brampton!
(416) 452-4917 info@carabram.org

July - August

FLOWER CITY THEATRE FESTIVAL

Rose Theatre

Founded in 2001 the Flower City Theatre Festival has been known by a few different names over the years. As the program developed and found its voice, the festival changed from Heritage Theatre Presents, to Brampton Theatre Presents to A.C.T. Productions. The A.C.T. is short for Arts Culture and Theatre, which is the department of the City of Brampton responsible for all of the theatre operations.

www.rosetheatre.ca

July - August

FLOWER CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL

Rose Theatre

Enjoy FREE live musical performances this summer at Garden Square located just steps from the front entrance of the Rose Theatre, in the heart of downtown Brampton.

Catch all the action from the comfort of the brand new Rose Theatre Patio!

Thursday Lunchtime Concerts
Hosted by Brampton Folk Club
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Friday Evening Concerts
Hosted by Dean McTaggart
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Saturday Morning at the Market
Featuring different local performers each week
9:00 am - 11:00 am

www.rosetheatre.ca

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SCHEDULE OF SUMMER PROGRAMMING FOR JULY & AUGUST 09

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*Visit us online for a detailed listing of performers.



VAUGHAN

June 4

ILAN RAMON STREET FESTIVAL

Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus, Ilan Ramon Blvd

The second annual Ilan Ramon Street Festival, which will bring together over 4,000 people from one of Canada's fastest growing neighborhoods, will take place at the Joseph and Wolf Lebovic Jewish Community Campus on Ilan Ramon Blvd (corner of Bathurst and Lebovic Campus Drive, north of Rutherford) in Vaughan on Sunday June 8, noon - 4 pm. The theme of this year's Ilan Ramon Street Festival is "Celebrate Shavout, Israeli Style".

Organized by UJA Federation's Schwartz/ Reisman Centre, the family festival will feature inflatable rides, children's entertainment, cultural performances, folk dancing, tractor and wagon rides in addition to a barbeque with Israeli food.

For more information call

416 635-2883 ext. 316

August 1 - 2

WOODBIDGE ITALIAN FESTIVAL

Ontario Soccer Centre, Martin Grove Rd. The Woodbridge Italian Festival is a celebration of community and culture, and is made possible through the generosity and dedication of various organizations throughout the community. The Festival is a two-day spectacular filled with entertainment, sports, fashion, music, carnival rides and games, an indoor exhibition and the participation of thousands of spectators of all ages. Each year, the Woodbridge Italian Festival looks to promote new artists within the community and bring the best in entertainment to the stage.

(905) 856-2823

www.lospecchio.com/woodbridgeitalianfestival/

OAKVILLE

June 26 - 28

OAKVILLE WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

The Oakville Waterfront Festival is three days of spectacular summertime entertainment for the whole family - live outdoor concerts, children's village, craft show, dog show, health & wellness village, gardening show, fireworks, and much more, all included in your pay-one-price admission. Join the fun this year as the Festival brings you the best in Canadian entertainment, plus the grandest magic & illusion extravaganza ever to hit the stage, and discover why Festivals and Events Ontario calls it one of the Top 50 Festivals in Ontario. Festival Times: Friday 5 pm - 11 pm; Saturday 9 am - 11 pm; Sunday 9 am - 5 pm. Tickets in advance just \$13 each or \$11 each when you purchase 5 or more. All tickets \$15 each at the gate. Purchase on-line at:

www.oakvillefestival.com.

For more information: 905-847-7975 or information@oakvillefestival.com

August 7 - 9

DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Experience a Taste of Bourbon Street...in Downtown Oakville! Celebrating 17 years of great Jazz, incredible shopping and fantastic summer dining, be sure to make a visit to Downtown Oakville on this epic weekend. From grassroots beginnings, thousands of people now flock to Oakville to enjoy live outdoor jazz performances from the finest North American talent. Enjoy cool jazz in the hot sun at the Downtown Oakville Jazz Festival.
www.oakvillejazz.com

BURLINGTON

June 18 - 21

BURLINGTON SOUND OF MUSIC FESTIVAL

30 years of Burlington's Sound of Music Festival! Be a part of this momentous occasion for one of Canada's largest free outdoor music festivals and "Burlington's premier summer event".

www.soundofmusic.on.ca

HAMILTON

May - August

BROTT SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

Various Locations

The National Academy Orchestra was founded in 1989 by conductor Boris Brott and is primarily based in Hamilton, Ontario. It is recognized as a Canadian National School for its effective apprenticeship program and pairing of young graduate musicians with seasoned mentor musicians from Canada's finest orchestras. Each winter, over 300 potential apprentices audition from across Canada for a spot in the orchestra. Since its inception, the NAO has been the orchestra-in-residence for the acclaimed Brott Music Festival, Ontario's premier orchestral music festival

More information: 905-525-7664

May 7 - 10

THE ROGER'S SPRING MUSIC FESTIVAL

Various venues in Hamilton

The Rogers Spring Music Festival is a celebration of music that showcases between 50 and 100 of the hottest 'buzz acts' from Canada and the US. In the tradition of the Trews, the Tea Party, Junkhouse and more, the Rogers Spring Music Festival would like to welcome Never-ending White Lights to Hamilton.

www.springmusicfestival.com/2009

May 23 - 31

ROYAL BOTANICAL GARDENS' LILAC FESTIVAL

Royal Botanical Gardens

The festival features some 800 varieties of the fragrant shrubs in a multitude of colors. The Royal Botanical Gardens' three other outdoor display gardens and the RBG Centre include a restaurant and gift shop. Come enjoy the world's largest collection of lilacs. Entertainment, food and more.

www.rbg.ca

June 6 - 7

THE RE-ENACTMENT OF THE BATTLE OF STONEY CREEK

Battlefield House Museum and Park

77 King Street West, Stoney Creek

Bring the whole family and re-live firsthand the thrill and pageantry of the battle that was the turning point of the War of 1812.

Visit the encampment and mingle with early 19th century settlers and soldiers as they go about their daily life. Shop among one-of-a-kind merchants. Enjoy historical demonstrations of sheep shearing, cooking, dancing and

blacksmithing. Food, games, horse and wagon rides and a new Children's Encampment.

Musical entertainment will be provided by The Playford Players, Ian Bell and Stephen Fuller. Wander through the original 200 year old Gage homestead.

www.battlefieldhouse.ca

June 12-14

ANTIQUÉ FAIR

Hamilton Gardens

Quality Antique fair presented by The Antique fair charitable trust TACT (All profit to be donated to the Walkato Hospice. All items for sale including, furniture, china, crystal & silver, clocks, militaria, books, jewelry, linen, postcards, and much more.

More information: finechinadi@ihug.co.nz

June 12 - 14

HAMILTON WATERFRONT WINGFEST Pier 8, 47 Discovery Dr.

Visitors are invited to put their taste buds to the test at Hamilton's Waterfront Wingfest! Attractions include chicken wing vendors, live entertainment, beer gardens, a carnival, an original art show and sale and much more! Admission is free! Bring a lawn chair. Friday, June 12th, 4:00 pm til 12 midnight, Saturday, June 13th, 12: pm til 12 midnight, Sunday, June 14th, 12 pm til 6:00 pm

www.hamiltonwaterfrontwingfest.com

June 13 - 14

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TATTOO

Copps Coliseum

Formally the as the Hamilton International Tattoo, this annual event celebrates Canada's cultural heritage with a variety of performances, including pipe and drum playing, dancing, marching and more. Performers come from

around the globe for this exciting event.

www.canadianmilitarytattoo.ca

June 13 - 21

HAMILTON PRIDE FESTIVAL

Various locations

This week long festival celebrates gays, lesbians and other sexual orientations. Events include Mr. & Miss Hamilton Pride Pageant, All You Can Eat Pasta Fundraiser, The Dating Game: Gay Edition fundraiser, Gala Reception & Pride Awards. Pride Parade.

www.hamiltonpride.com

June 14

HAMILTON TURKISH FESTIVAL

Gage Park

Free live performances will take place. The Festival will display Turkish art, folk dance, music and gourmet food, where visitors will get an opportunity to celebrate, learn, and savour Turkish hospitality, culture, heritage and cuisine. Visitors will be able to browse and buy Turkish products, souvenirs and handicrafts,

participate in activities for children, view many authentic demonstrations and performances, sample Turkish cuisine, and do much, much more at the Festival.

www.hamiltonturkishfestival.com

July 1

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

709 Simcoe Street West by Bay Street

Head out for an evening of entertainment.

Tune into Oldies 1150, 102.9 K-Lite FM or

820 CHAM for your musical fireworks! Music begins at 7 pm. Free.

July 1 - 5

IT'S YOUR FESTIVAL

Gage Park

An annual event that celebrates Canada's birthday with arts and crafts, international foods, a midway and musical performances.

Free admission.

www.itsyourfestival.ca

July 4

HAMILTON WATERFEST DRAGONBOAT RACE

Bayfront Park

Come see more than 30 dragonboat teams race across the bay for fun, for glory, and to raise funds in support of Bay Area Restoration Council & Lively Dragon (BARC)'s programs.

More info: 905-407-2174

July 5 - August 30 (Sundays & Holidays)

BUSTLES AND BISCUITS FESTIVAL Westfield Heritage Village (Rockton)

Leisurely afternoon enjoying tea & homemade tea biscuits at the Gillen House. Enjoy period fashions in a mini-fashion show at 2pm. Tour through some of Ontario's oldest buildings including the pioneer home, artisan workshop, church, school, train station and store dating from 1790 to 1925.

More info: 1-800-883-0104

July 16 - 26

THE HAMILTON FRINGE FESTIVAL Downtown Hamilton

A 10-day un-juried theatre festival that happens every summer in downtown Hamilton. Fringe Festivals have become one of the most popular and most successful theatre events in the world since the first one was launched in Edinburgh Scotland in 1947.

Presenting live theatre in an informal, accessible and inexpensive environment, the Fringe strives to break down traditional boundaries between audience and artist, encouraging open dialogue between theatre-goers and theatre-creators. Audiences are invited to experience the work

www.hamiltonfringe.ca

August 1

VALENS BEACH PARTY

Valens Conservation Area

Games, sand sculpture contest, prizes & more.

August 1
Y108 ROCK N' ROLL PICNIC
Gage Park

This free-admission event features a lineup of homegrown talent, including founding member of Canadian rock legends Triumph, Rik Emmett, '80s alternative rock group from British Columbia, 54-40, The Ending featuring former Platinum Blonde guitarist Sergio Galli, Quebec artists The Respectables, Hamiltonians Dean Lickyer, and Toronto-based band, Punishment. Making their debut at the Rock 'n' Roll Picnic will be the winner of Y108's local independent competition, Get Hammered Indie Showcase Band Slam. Seeking Hamilton's rising stars, this talent search gives one band a shot in the opening slot at this year's picnic with a full 30-minute set. The winner will be announced July 23. Interested musicians can log onto y108.ca for entry information. In addition to the great Canadian performances, this family-friendly event will feature the Family Fun Zone - a children's amusement area complete with inflatables, bouncers, kid's games and rides, plus treats for grown-ups such as a beverage garden, vendor village and much more.
www.y108.ca

Aug 2 - 3
5TH ANNUAL ICE CREAM FESTIVAL
Westfield Heritage Village (Rockton)
Experience the fun and nostalgia of ice cream from pioneer and Victorian times to the Rock & Roll era. Live music, horse and wagon rides, antique cars, magic show, period dancing, crafts, games and living history.
www.westfieldheritage.ca

August 7 - 9
FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS
Gage Park
With four stages of musical concerts and workshops, the annual Festival of Friends is a "Celebration of the Arts".
From Noon to 11 pm.
More info: 905-777-9777

August 13 - 16
DUNDAS CACTUS FESTIVAL
King St & Market St, Dundas
Dundas is internationally recognized for the Cacti produced by the local Ben Veldhuis Cactus Greenhouses, and the 3 day "Cactus Festival". Includes a parade, a town-wide sidewalk sale, and entertainment.
www.dundascactusfest.ca

August 16
CONFEDERATION CUP XXX
Flamboro Downs
The Confederation Cup, running for over 30 years is the finest day in Canadian harness racing has to offer.

September 4 - 6
HAMILTON ANNUAL MUSTARD FESTIVAL
Ferguson Station
Clowns, balloons, carnival games, horse and wagon rides, face painting, candy floss, popcorn, apple cider, petting zoo, live entertainment, MusTots Village.
Friday from 4 p.m. to midnight
Saturday and Sunday 2 p.m. to midnight
Admission is free.
www.hamiltoninternationalvillage.ca

September 10 - 28
FESTITALIA
Various Locations
A month of different events to showcase Italian love of life translated into food, wine, music, culture, the arts and faith. Film night, fashion shows and soccer.
www.festitalia.on.ca

September 12
LOCKE STREET FESTIVAL
Locke Street South
Hamilton's 9th annual street festival with fun for the whole family. Walk the Locke between Hunter and Herkimer Streets and enjoy one of Hamilton's best kept secrets. With over 60 merchants and services the street offers a selection of antiques, collectibles, style, decor and delicious food from our cafes, bars and tea room. Over 75 outside vendors showing an eclectic assortment of wares. Enjoy free local musical entertainment, BBQ's, children's play areas, performers and special events.

October 23- November 2
CHRYSAN THEMUM SHOW
Gage Park
The Chrysanthemum Show is an amazing floral display created by some of Hamilton's finest Horticulture Staff. The display will be breathtaking featuring over 100 varieties of Chrysanthemums and over 75,000 blooms! The show features trade show booths for the gardening enthusiast as well as an educational house and a delightful tea room.
905-546-2424 ext. 4179

November 27 - 29
CANADIAN ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL
Copps Coliseum
On its 16th Anniversary, the Festival offers something for everyone from shopping, food, spectacular dancing, lacrosse, contemporary music, and many other items. The organizers of the Canadian Aboriginal Festival would like to make it very clear that everyone is welcome, all races and creeds. By being a part of our Canadian showcases for Aboriginal people, you would be honoring us with your presence.
www.canab.com

NIAGARA REGION

April 1 - November 1
SHAW FESTIVAL
Shaw Festival Theatre
10 Queen's Parade
Niagara on the Lake
The 2009 Shaw Festival season begins April 1st with "Sunday in the Park with George" based on the book by James Lapine, Music and Lyrics by Stephen Sondheim.
For more information: 1-800-511-SHAW (8429)

June 13 - 31
WELLAND ROSE FESTIVAL
The Rose Festival is the city's longest-running festival, commemorating Welland's proud heritage as "The Rose City". This year marks its 48th anniversary and features a range of community activities and the Grand Parade. The theme of this year's parade is the 150th Anniversary of the City of Welland.
www.wellandrosefestival.on.ca

June 19 - 21 at 11:00 am - midnight.
NIAGARA FALLS ROTARY RIBFEST
Optimist Park, 4751 Dorchester Rd,
Niagara
Free Admission
Come feast on mouth watering, finger-licking good ribs and of course fresh picked corn, french fries and other tasty treats.
www.niagarafallsribfest.com

June 13
WELLAND'S DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL
International Flatwater Centre,
North Course, Welland
The Dragon Boat Festival has become one of Welland's most exciting city-wide events, drawing thousands of competitors and spectators from around the area.
www.wellanddragonboatfestival.com

June 27 - July 5
23ND ANNUAL BINATIONAL
"FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL"
Various Locations
An international celebration of the culture and heritage shared by Canada and the USA. Events held in Fort Erie, ON and Buffalo, NY include free concerts and a spectacular fireworks display on July 1st highlighting the two national holidays. Crafts, children's entertainment, heritage and cultural displays and an excellent midway.
More Info: 1 888-333-1987 or 905 871-6454
www.friendshipfestival.com

June 27
POULTRYFEST NIAGARA
June 27th marks the 10th annual PoultryFest celebration ... and it's going to be buckets of fun! Admission is free so join in for a jam packed day of food and frolic in Smithville,

Ontario - Canada's Poultry Capital!
Help recognize Niagara's 100 million-dollar-a-year poultry industry and the spirit of our community volunteers.

You'll be entertained all day with shows, competitions, historical and educational displays, kid's activities and lots to eat!!

June 28

**CRYSTAL BEACH 2009 ART FESTIVAL
Waterfront Park, Crystal Beach**

From 11am to 5pm followed by a Friends of Crystal Beach Concert at 7 pm.
www.focb.net

July 15 - 19

SUMMERFEST

(previously Niagara Equestrian Festival)

Fort George Commons, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Niagara Equestrian Festival, a hunter/jumper show, is held on approximately 35 acres within the even more expansive Commons area of Historical Fort George, located in the very beautiful and charming historic Niagara-on-the-Lake (NOTL), Ontario. The specific site is known as the Polo Grounds. Spectators are welcome and there is no admission fee.

www.niagaraequestrianfestival.com

July 20 - August 15

**NIAGARA INTERNATIONAL CHAMBER
MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Various Locations

This summer's season is among the most diverse we have presented. It commemorates three important musical anniversaries: Franz Joseph Haydn who died in 1809, Felix Mendelssohn who was born that same year and Benny Goodman who was born in 1909. There will be opera and Nova Scotia Celtic music, opera and cabaret, along with our more traditional classical repertoire. Favourite series such as Shaw and Music, Great Pianists, Showcase of Young Virtuosos and Music and Wine will continue, and there will be lots more jazz. This is to celebrate Niagara-on-the-Lake's recent designation as the home of the Canadian Jazz Hall of Fame.
www.musicniagara.org/festivalprogramme.jsp

July 1

CANADA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Simcoe Park & Fort George

26 Queen St.

Niagara-on-the-Lake

8:00 am - 11:00 pm

Celebrations in Simcoe Park during the day include Kid's Activities, music, food, car show, heritage displays with the festivities continuing at Fort George in the evening with a spectacular fireworks show.

Featuring the Fort George Fife & Drum Corps, dixieland music and fun for all ages.

905 468-6614 or 905 468-6621

July 4

ST. MARK'S CHERRY FESTIVAL

St. Mark's Anglican Church

41 Byron Street

Niagara-on-the-Lake

Celebrate the cherry harvest on the historical grounds of St. Mark's Anglican Church. The church will be providing tours of the grounds and live entertainment will be offered all day, along with everything cherry.

For more information: 905-468-3123

July TBA

46TH ST. DAVIDS LIONS

FAMILY CARNIVAL

St. Davids Lions Park

1462 York Rd., St. Davids

Thursday and Friday 5 pm - 11 pm Saturday 11 am - 11 pm

Celebrate the 46th annual St Davids Lions Carnival. Catch up with old friends and make new ones. Rides, games, special draws, raffles and entertainment highlight this year's carnival. People come for great food selections, especially our famous "Back Bacon on a Bun" The main prize this year is a cool \$10,000.00. The St. Davids Volunteer Fire Department will again man the Dunk Tank.

For more information: 905-262-4844

July TBA

NIAGARA EQUESTRIAN FESTIVAL

Polo Grounds, Fort George Commons

Niagara Parkway

Niagara-on-the-Lake

A quality horse show in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Niagara held on the Polo Grounds, Fort George Commons.

For more information: 416-727-9548

www.niagaraequestrianfestival.com

August 15

A PEACH OF A CELEBRATION

Queen Street

Niagara-on-the-Lake

9:00 am - 4:30 pm

The 19th annual Peach Celebration will take place Saturday August 15th, 2009 on Queen Street, Niagara-on-the-Lake. Fife and Drum Parade, classic cars, entertainment and lots of peaches. Also, don't miss the 21st annual St. Vincent de Paul Peach Festival on Sunday August 16th from noon to 5:00pm. The church is located at 73 Picton St. in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Queen St. turns into Picton near Simcoe Park.

www.niagaraontheLake.com

January 2010

NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE

ICEWINE BAR

Queen Street

Niagara on the Lake

11:30 am - 5 pm

The second weekend of the Niagara Icewine Festival celebrations will see the Icewine bar moving to Queen St. in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Sample Icewines served from behind a huge bar carved from ice. Food and other refreshments, entertainment, and ice sculpting demonstrations are also available for your enjoyment. When visiting Niagara-on-the-Lake, stop by the many shops along Queen St. and area for quality wines, wonderful artwork, superb restaurants and other unique items.

MARKHAM / UNIONVILLE

June 5 - 7

UNIONVILLE VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Unionville Village

The Unionville Village Festival is the largest annual event in Unionville. Now in its 40th year, this exciting event supports itself through the generous contributions of companies that may be in the community or whose employees and customers enjoy the weekend of family activities.

416 208 0685

www.unionvillefestival.com

June 19 - 20

MARKHAM VILLAGE

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Markham Village

Now in its 30th year, the Markham Kinsmen started the Markham Village Music Festival in 1978. Back then, it was simply called the Markham Village Festival. Since music is such a strong component of the Festival, the name was changed to the Markham Village Music Festival in 2001. The Festival has always taken place on the third weekend of June in Markham Village. Main Street Markham (a.k.a. Markham Road or Highway 48) is closed to traffic from Highway 7 north to Parkway/Bullock for this annual event.

905-472-2022

www.markham-festival.org

August 14 - 16

MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL

Main Street

The 11th Anniversary of the Markham Jazz Festival brings Jazz to Main Street Markham! Jazz at the Farmers' Market on Saturday morning, Jazz in the pubs and restaurants of Main Street, and Jazz on Main Street Markham all day August 17!

Main street Markham will be closed and jazz will be heard at two stages presented by the Markham Jazz Festival and at the 6 Jazz Hot-Spots on Main Street Markham.

www.markhamjazzfestival.com

October 1 - 4

MARKHAM FAIR

Markham Fair Grounds, North East corner of McCowan Road and Elgin Mills Road.

Markham Fair is Canada's largest 4-day fall

fair with many entertaining and educational events for all ages. It is always held on the weekend before Thanksgiving. Bring your family and friends and enjoy our "rural heritage." Located in Markham, Ontario, Canada.
www.markhamfair.ca

RICHMOND HILL / NEWMARKET

June 5 - 7

BLUE BRIDGE FESTIVAL

St. Paul's Anglican Church

On Saturday June 6th, the River flows south to Newmarket. The festival Gala, held beside the Bridge over the Holland River at Fairy Lake, in the beautiful church of St. Paul's Anglican, will feature Haydn's uplifting "Mass in a Time of War" or the "Kettledrum Mass" in celebration of his 200th anniversary. The premiere Canadian work on this programme is by Maria Molinari, and is the musical setting of a tall Aboriginal tale, performed with storyteller.
www.ardeleanamusic.com

June 13 - 14

WINDFALL ECOLOGY FESTIVAL

Holland River

The Windfall Ecology Centre is pleased to offer a weekend series of interactive workshops and demonstrations. Visit the park for a full schedule of free presentations that will offer news and insights from professionals involved in the day-to-day work of "greening of our world."

More info: 905-727-0491

www.windfallcentre.ca/festival

BARRIE / ORILLIA

May 30 - 31

5TH ANNUAL WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

Heritage Park

The Barrie Waterfront Festival is a FREE ADMISSION event presented by B101 fm "Barrie's Hit Music" and CHAY 93.1 fm. This year's event features live performances at our band shell with an adjacent beer garden, a Midway with rides and games, merchants, giveaways and lots of FRESH FOOD! For the youngsters and the young at heart, Enbridge will sponsor our Family Stage with Street Buskers, Face-Painting, Clowns and treats. The Barrie Waterfront Festival - it's a super way to enjoy a Barrie tradition, and a great way to have fun with the whole family!

www.barriewaterfront.ca

June 5 - 7

CARDEN NATURE FESTIVAL

Carden Recreation Centre

A smorgasbord of environmental delights! Guided hikes, bird & wetland tours, fossil hunts, paddling, workshops & more! Breakfasts, box lunches & dinners available.
www.cardenguide.com

June 6 - 7

STREETS ALIVE! OUTDOOR

ART CELEBRATION

Downtown Orillia

Celebrate the 2009 Festival of Banners! Live music, crafters, plant & flower vendors, accomplished artists painting right before your eyes & brilliant artwork hanging in the streets!

www.orilliafestivalofbanners.wordpress.com/streets-alive

June 6 - 9

CELEBRATE BARRIE 2009

Centennial Park

The 10th annual community festival. Fun for the whole family including local entertainment on two stages, inflatables and rides, crafts, hands-on activities, face painting, petting zoo, animal shows, historical re-enactments, all for free!

June 11 - 22

THE BARRIE JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL XIV

Various Locations

Do Not Miss your chance to see incredible talent in some great venues. In it's 14th year The Barrie Jazz and Blues festival continues to wow audiences with a mountain of accomplished jazz and blues performers. Held over eleven days and in 25 different venues this is an event not to be missed.

www.barriejazzbluesfest.com

June 12 - 14

ORILLIA SPRING BLUES FESTIVAL

Various Locations

Enjoy toe-tapping blues music at a variety of venues throughout Orillia. The yearly spring festival starts with an opening night celebration, and carries on until the Sunday closing finale.

www.orilliaspringblues.com

June 13 - 14

ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Sainte-Marie among the Hurons, Midland

The historic site will present a wide array of exhibits and demonstrations connected to Native heritage.

June 23 - 24

CANADIAN FORCES SNOWBIRDS AIR SHOW & FESTIVAL

Couchiching Beach Park, Orillia

Canada's famous air demonstration team, are coming to Orillia for a special Air Demonstration presented by the Community Foundation of Orillia & Area. During their show, which is choreographed to music, the Snowbirds will

perform more than 50 different formations and manoeuvres, including thrilling solo passes, graceful nine-plane formations and exciting rolls and loops.

More info: 705-325-4903

July 1 - 5

33RD PROMENADE DAYS

Downtown Barrie, Waterfront Parks

Fun, excitement and entertainment are what Promenade Days are all about! This is Barrie's largest street festival. Enjoy Downtown Barrie's longest standing Canada Day family weekend.

More info: 705-734-1414

July 3 - 5

MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL

Tudhope Park

For almost 50 years, Mariposa has been presenting world class creators and performers of folk, roots, blues, gospel, acoustic and world music traditions in a beautiful, family-friendly setting. Check website for bands attending.

www.mariposafolk.com

July 16 - 19

8TH ANNUAL DOWNTOWN BARRIE RIBFEST & CRAFT BEER SHOW

Memorial Square and Downtown Barrie

BBQ competition, beer show & entertainment!

More info: 705-734-1414

July 17 - 19

32ND ANNUAL ORILLIA

SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Couchiching Beach Park

Join the celebrations! Ceilidh at Legion Friday & Sunday. Parade Downtown, pipe & drum competitions, entertainment & vendors.

More info: 705-325-8442

July 21 - 26

LEACOCK SUMMER FESTIVAL

Leacock Museum

Ontario's largest summer literary event! Over 25 award-winning authors & emerging writers featuring fiction, poetry & non-fiction. Readings, dinners & special events.

www.leacockmuseum.com

July 25

BARRIE LATIN FESTIVAL

Centennial Park

The Barrie Latin Festival is a community event, sanctioned by the Barrie City council to promote Latin culture and expose the city of Barrie to its ever-growing Latin community. This community festival is used to showcase Barrie's infrastructure, developments, and community services, as well as its embrace of ethnic cultures.

www.barrielatinfestival.com

July 31 - August 3

39TH ANNUAL KEMPENFEST

Barrie's Waterfront

One of North America's largest outdoor arts and crafts festivals including an antique show, food, and entertainment

August 22
DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL
Heritage Park

Presented each August by the Barrie Public Library. The Dragon Boat Festival is a summer event that promotes community spirit, vitality and unity. Paddling together in harmony to enrich the quality of life for the citizens of Barrie. Benefits include fund-raising opportunities for local charitable and not-for-profit organization, increased exposure for local businesses and a fun-filled event the whole family can enjoy.
www.barriedragonboatfestival.com

September 25 - October 4
BARRIE'S COLOURS OF MUSIC
Various Churches

The 7th Colours of Music Festival will present Wonderful Music, Wonderfully Performed. They will expose you to talent from all across Canada and other parts of the world. What a colourful, relaxing way to spend those first few lazy days of autumn! As you listen to the music presented by the performers, you will be motivated to encourage others to come and enjoy what our beautiful City of Barrie can offer.
www.coloursofmusic.ca

October 16 - 18
19TH ANNUAL ORILLIA
JAZZ FESTIVAL
Various Locations

The Orillia Jazz festival is a popular weekend event where many venues and restaurants, showcase various jazz musicians.
www.orilliajazzfest.ca

November 6 - 7
BARRIE FOLK ROOTS
MUSIC FESTIVAL
Georgian College

Barrie's Roots Music Festival will include Friday evening performances featuring the finalists from the Youth Song Competition (and a special performance). Saturday features afternoon mini-concerts with various musicians, as well as Main Stage performances in the evening. 2009 Festival performers include Tanglefoot, Dala, Sheesham and Lotus, The Good Lovelies, Jory Nash, hawp, Tethera, Jill Jambor and more.
www.barriefolk.com

OSHAWA / AJAX

May 12
TWILIGHT FEST
McLaughlin Auditorium

When you can live forever what do you live for? Twilight, of course!! Watch the biggest movie of last year – Twilight (2008, rated

PG, 120 minutes)! They will also be making Cullen Body Glitter so you can sparkle like your favourite vampire! Whether you are Team Edward or Team Jacob, this is an event not to be missed! For teens ages 12-19. Free registration at any branch.
www.oshlib.ca

June 12 - 21
AJAX'S 39TH HOME WEEK
Various Locations

Ajax Home Week features a parade and 10 days of celebration events as a way to say thank you to the wonderful people of Ajax including the business and commercial community. There's something for everyone.
www.ajaxhomeweek.com

June 13 - 14
PEONY FESTIVAL
155 Arena Street

A celebration of Canada's largest contemporary Peony Collection, featuring over 300 peonies. Free admission, judged peony show, peony advice, educational displays, fundraising activities and a Peony Garden Cafe. 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
More info: 905-436-5636, ext. 2107

June 21 - 27
FIESTA WEEK 2009
Various Locations

Fiesta Week could simply be described as "A TASTE OF DURHAM". It's an annual week long Multicultural Family Festival that gives the residents of Durham Region the opportunity to experience European, Asian and Caribbean cultures and foods without having to get on a plane. Fiesta Week starts each year on Father's Day with the Fiesta Parade (starting at 12:30 p.m.), immediately followed by the Fiesta Concert in Memorial Park. The rest of the week you can sample the food and entertainment at the various pavilions located around Oshawa.
www.fiestaweek.com

August 4 - 10
JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL
The Regent Theatre

Featuring: Heather Bambrick, June Garber, Michael Danso, Julie Michels, Christopher Plock, Terra Hazelton, Sophia Perlman and Stephanie Welton. Jaymz Bee has been called "The Ed Sullivan Of Canada", "An expert guide to the Toronto jazz scene" and "a cross between Andy Warhol and Ferris Beuler". Whatever you want to call him, as co-host of Benmergui In The Morning and host of "Jazz In The City" on JAZZ.FM91 and (www.jazz.fm), Jaymz certainly is knee deep in jazz. When not on radio or producing records for his Timely Manor label, Jaymz can be found promoting events and emceeding charity galas. He has been performing in Oshawa since the eighties with his band Look People and has enjoyed working with all the great people of The Oshawa Jazz & Blues Festival for the past six years.
More info: 905-743-0770

September 11 - 13
OSHAWA RIBFEST
Lakeview Park

This September, the 89-year-old Rotary Club of Oshawa will host the 8th annual Oshawa Rotary Ribfest. Featuring 11 of the best U.S and Canadian "ribbers" and a wide variety of vendors, this weekend event will be held at the scenic Lakeview Park on the waterfront in Oshawa. Free admission and parking plus a full lineup of entertainment are highlights of Ribfest. Along with of course the scrumptious barbecue pork ribs and other foods for sale from ribbers and a variety of vendors and a licensed beer garden. Oshawa Rotary Ribfest offers fun for the whole family with children's activities including a midway and much more throughout the weekend.
www.oshawaribfest.com

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