

## 2018 TOP 100 FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO ANNOUNCED

### *Provincial organization recognizes Ontario's Best Festivals*

ONTARIO (March 2, 2018) [Festivals and Events Ontario](#) (FEO) is proud to announce the 2018 Top 100 Festivals & Events in Ontario. These Top 100 recipients represent festivals and events that excel within the industry. Included in the Top 100 are the Festivals & Events of Distinction, a select group which represent some of the most well-known and respected celebrations in the province; celebrations which draw both an international and domestic audience.

Submissions from FEO members were received for consideration in the fall of 2017 and were judged by an independent panel of judges. Festivals and events of all kinds from every corner of Ontario were represented in the submissions – from community festivals to internationally recognized events. The 2018 Top 100 Awards were given out on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> during FEO's Annual Conference "Create the Experience" in Hamilton, Ontario.

FEO would like to congratulate the 2018 Top 100 Ontario Festivals & Events:

#### PROVINCE WIDE

**Doors Open Ontario:** April 1-Oct. 31, 2018 [www.doorsopenontario.on.ca](http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca)

#### RTO 1 - SOUTHWEST ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

**Carrousel of Nations:** June 15-24, 2018 [www.carrouselofnations.com](http://www.carrouselofnations.com)

**Eat & Drink Norfolk:** April 5-7, 2018 [www.norfolkcountyfair.com](http://www.norfolkcountyfair.com)

**\*International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (Chatham-Kent):** Sept. 18 - 22, 2018 [www.plowingmatch.org](http://www.plowingmatch.org)

**LaSalle Craft Beer Festival:** Oct. 5-6, 2018 [www.lasalle.ca](http://www.lasalle.ca)

**Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show:** Oct. 2-8, 2018 [www.norfolkcountyfair.com](http://www.norfolkcountyfair.com)

**TD Sunfest: Canada's Premier Celebration of World Cultures:** July 5-8, 2018 [www.sunfest.on.ca](http://www.sunfest.on.ca)

**Tecumseh Corn Festival:** Aug. 24-26, 2018 [www.tecumsehcornfestival.ca](http://www.tecumsehcornfestival.ca)

**\*Western Fair:** Sept 9 - 16, 2018 [www.westernfairdistrict.com](http://www.westernfairdistrict.com)

**Wine and Food Show:** Jan 17 - 19, 2019 [www.westernfairdistrict.com](http://www.westernfairdistrict.com)

#### RTO 2 - NIAGARA FALLS AND WINE COUNTRY TOURISM REGION

**Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival:** Aug. 3-6, 2018 [www.canaldays.ca](http://www.canaldays.ca)

**\*Niagara Wine Festival:** Sept 14 - 30, 2018 [www.niagarawinefestival.com](http://www.niagarawinefestival.com)

**\*OPG Winter Festival of Lights:** Nov. 3-Jan. 31, 2019 [www.wfol.com](http://www.wfol.com)

**Pelham Summerfest:** July 19-22, 2018 [www.pelhamsummerfest.ca](http://www.pelhamsummerfest.ca)

#### RTO 3 - HAMILTON, HALTON AND BRANT TOURISM REGION

**Canada's Largest Ribfest:** Aug. 31-Sept.3, 2018 [www.canadaslargestribfest.com](http://www.canadaslargestribfest.com)

**City of Burlington's Canada Day Celebration:** July 1st, 2018 [www.burlington.ca/events](http://www.burlington.ca/events)

**City of Burlington's Children's Festival:** Aug. 10, 2018 [www.burlington.ca/events](http://www.burlington.ca/events)

**Downtown Milton Street Festival:** June 02, 2018 [www.downtownmiltonstreetfestival.ca/en](http://www.downtownmiltonstreetfestival.ca/en)

**Dundas Cactus Festival:** Aug. 17-19, 2018 [www.dundascactusfestival.ca](http://www.dundascactusfestival.ca)  
**Dundas International Buskerfest:** June 1-3, 2018 [www.dundasbuskerfest.ca](http://www.dundasbuskerfest.ca)  
**It's your Festival:** June 30-July 2, 2018 [www.itsyourfestival.ca](http://www.itsyourfestival.ca)  
**Paris Fair:** Aug. 30-Sept. 3, 2018 [www.parisfair.com](http://www.parisfair.com)  
**St. George AppleFest:** Sept. 15-16, 2018 [www.stgeorgeapplefest.com](http://www.stgeorgeapplefest.com)  
**Supercrawl:** Sept. 14-16, 2018 [www.supercrawl.ca](http://www.supercrawl.ca)  
**Telling Tales Festival:** Sept. 16, 2018 [www.tellingtales.org](http://www.tellingtales.org)  
**The Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek:** June 2-3, 2018 [www.hamilton.ca/battlefield](http://www.hamilton.ca/battlefield)  
**Winona Peach Festival:** Aug. 24-26, 2018 [www.winonapeach.com](http://www.winonapeach.com)  
**\*Sound of Music Festival:** June 9-17, 2018 [www.soundofmusic.ca](http://www.soundofmusic.ca)

#### RTO 4 - HURON, PERTH, WATERLOO AND WELLINGTON TOURISM REGION

**Christkindl Market:** Dec. 6-9, 2018 [www.christkindl.ca](http://www.christkindl.ca)  
**Erin Fall Fair:** Oct. 4-8, 2018 [www.erinfair.ca](http://www.erinfair.ca)  
**Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games:** Aug. 10-12, 2018 [www.fergusscottishfestival.com](http://www.fergusscottishfestival.com)  
**\*Guelph Hillside Festival:** July 13 - 15, 2018 [www.hillsidefestival.ca](http://www.hillsidefestival.ca)  
**\*Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest:** Oct. 5 - 13, 2018 [www.oktoberfest.ca](http://www.oktoberfest.ca)  
**\*Stratford Festival:** Apr. 17-Nov. 4, 2018 [www.stratfordfestival.ca](http://www.stratfordfestival.ca)  
**The Mount Forest Fireworks Festival:** July 20-22, 2018 [www.mountforestfireworks.ca](http://www.mountforestfireworks.ca)

#### RTO 5 - GREATER TORONTO AREA TOURISM REGION

**Brampton Celebrates Canada 150:** July 01, 2018 [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca)  
**Brampton New Year's Eve:** Dec. 31, 2018 [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca)  
**\*Canadian National Exhibition:** Aug 17 - Sept 3, 2018 [www.theex.com](http://www.theex.com)  
**Carassauga Festival Inc:** May 25-27, 2018 [www.carassauga.com](http://www.carassauga.com)  
**CeleBRAMPTON:** June 09, 2018 [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca)  
**Christmas Tree Lighting:** Nov. 16, 2018 [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca)  
**Grace International Jerk Food and Music Festival (Jerkfest):** Aug. 9-12, 2018 [www.jerkfestival.ca](http://www.jerkfestival.ca)  
**\*Luminato Festival:** Jun 6 - 24, 2018 [www.luminatofestival.com](http://www.luminatofestival.com)  
**Mississauga Italfest:** Aug. 17-18, 2018 [www.mississaugaitalfest.com](http://www.mississaugaitalfest.com)  
**MuslimFest:** Aug. 31-Sept. 2, 2018 [www.muslimfest.com](http://www.muslimfest.com)  
**\*Redpath Waterfront Festival, presented by Billy Bishop Airport:** Jun 22 - 24, 2018 [www.towaterfrontfest.com](http://www.towaterfrontfest.com)  
**Remembrance Day Parade and Service:** Nov. 11, 2018 [www.brampton.ca](http://www.brampton.ca)  
**\*Rogers Cup Presented by National Bank:** Aug 4 - 12, 2018 [www.rogerscup.com](http://www.rogerscup.com)  
**SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival:** May 23-June 3, 2018 [www.singtoronto.com](http://www.singtoronto.com)  
**TD Salsa in Toronto Festival:** July 2 - 31, 2018 [www.salsaintoronto.com](http://www.salsaintoronto.com)  
**The Streetsville Founders' Bread and Honey Festival Inc.:** June 1-3, 2018 [www.breadandhoney.com](http://www.breadandhoney.com)  
**The Word on the Street Toronto:** Sept. 23, 2018 [www.thewordonthestreet.ca/wots/toronto](http://www.thewordonthestreet.ca/wots/toronto)  
**\*Toronto Caribbean Carnival:** July 10 - Aug 4, 2018 [www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com](http://www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com)  
**\*Toronto International Film Festival:** Sept. 6 -16, 2018 [www.tiff.net](http://www.tiff.net)

#### RTO 6 - YORK, DURHAM AND HILLS OF HEADWATERS TOURISM REGION

**Aurora's Haunted Forest:** Oct. 27, 2018 [www.aurora.ca/hauntedforest](http://www.aurora.ca/hauntedforest)  
**Aurora's Tree Lighting Ceremony:** Dec. 5, 2018 [www.aurora.ca](http://www.aurora.ca)  
**Canada Day:** July 1st, 2018 [www.richmondhill.ca/canadaday](http://www.richmondhill.ca/canadaday)  
**JAMBANA, One World Festival:** Aug. 5-6, 2018 [www.jambana.com](http://www.jambana.com)  
**Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival:** June 1-3, 2018 [www.orangevillebluesandjazz.ca](http://www.orangevillebluesandjazz.ca)  
**Peony Festival:** June 9-10, 2018 [www.oshawa.ca/peony](http://www.oshawa.ca/peony)  
**Ribfest:** July 27-29, 2018 [www.richmondhill.ca/ribfest](http://www.richmondhill.ca/ribfest)  
**Tastes of the Hill Multicultural Festival:** Sept. 22-23, 2018 [www.richmondhill.ca/tastesofthehill](http://www.richmondhill.ca/tastesofthehill)

#### RTO 7 - BRUCE PENINSULA, SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY AND LAKE SIMCOE TOURISM REGION

**Barrie Automotive Flea Market:** June 7-10, 2018 & Sept. 6-9, 2018 [www.thebafm.com](http://www.thebafm.com)  
**Barrie Winterfest:** Feb. 2-3, 2019 [www.barrie.ca/winterfest](http://www.barrie.ca/winterfest)  
**Carrot Fest:** Aug. 17-18, 2018 [www.carrotfest.ca](http://www.carrotfest.ca)  
**Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance:** Sept. 15-16, 2018 [www.cobblebeachconcours.com](http://www.cobblebeachconcours.com)  
**Collingwood Elvis Festival:** July 27-29, 2018 [www.collingwoodelvisfestival.com](http://www.collingwoodelvisfestival.com)  
**First Light:** Nov. 22-Dec. 8, 2018 [www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca](http://www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca)  
**Kempfenfest:** Aug. 3-6, 2018 [www.kempfenfest.com](http://www.kempfenfest.com)  
**Lighthouse Blues Festival:** July 13-15, 2018 [www.lighthousebluesfest.ca](http://www.lighthousebluesfest.ca)  
**Mariposa Folk Festival:** July 6-8, 2018 [www.mariposafolk.com](http://www.mariposafolk.com)  
**Meaford Scarecrow and Family Festival:** Sept. 11-Oct. 22, 2018 [www.scarecrowinvasion.ca](http://www.scarecrowinvasion.ca)  
**Peak to Shore:** July 4-8, 2018 [www.bluemountainvillage.ca](http://www.bluemountainvillage.ca)  
**Pumpkinferno:** Oct. 1-30, 2018 [www.hhp.on.ca](http://www.hhp.on.ca)  
**Salsa at Blue:** June 22-24, 2018 [www.bluemountainvillage.ca](http://www.bluemountainvillage.ca)  
**Sidelaunch Days:** Aug. 11-12, 2018 [www.sidelaunchdays.ca](http://www.sidelaunchdays.ca)  
**Small Halls Festival:** Sept. 27-30, 2018 [www.clearview.ca](http://www.clearview.ca)  
**The Blue Mountains Apple Harvest Festival:** Oct. 6-8, 2018 [www.bluemountainvillage.ca](http://www.bluemountainvillage.ca)

#### RTO 8 - KAWARTHA AND NORTHUMBERLAND TOURISM REGION

**Buckhorn Fine Art Festival:** Aug. 18-19, 2018 [www.buckhornfineart.com](http://www.buckhornfineart.com)  
**\*Havelock Country Jamboree:** Aug. 16-19, 2018 [www.havelockjamboree.com](http://www.havelockjamboree.com)  
**Westben Arts Festival Theatre:** June 30-Aug. 6, 2018 [www.westben.ca](http://www.westben.ca)

#### RTO 9 - SOUTH EASTERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

**Belleville Waterfront & Ethnic Festival:** July 12-15, 2018 [www.bellevillechamber.ca](http://www.bellevillechamber.ca)  
**Kingston Sheep Dog Trials Festival:** Aug. 10-12, 2018 [www.kingstonsheepdogtrials.com](http://www.kingstonsheepdogtrials.com)  
**Tweed Tribute to Elvis Festival:** Aug. 24-26, 2018 [www.tweedelvisfestival.ca](http://www.tweedelvisfestival.ca)

#### RTO 10 - OTTAWA AND COUNTRYSIDE TOURISM REGION

**\*Canada Day Celebrations (Ottawa/Gatineau):** Sunday, July 01, 2018 [www.canada.ca/\[...\]canada-day](http://www.canada.ca/[...]canada-day)  
**Canadian Tulip Festival:** May 11-21, 2018 [www.tulipfestival.ca](http://www.tulipfestival.ca)  
**Capital Ukrainian Festival:** July 20-22, 2018 [www.capitalukrainianfestival.com](http://www.capitalukrainianfestival.com)  
**\*Ottawa International Chamber Festival:** July 26-Aug 8, 2018 [www.chamberfest.com](http://www.chamberfest.com)  
**\*RBC Royal Bank Bluesfest:** July 5 - 15, 2018 [www.ottawabluesfest.ca](http://www.ottawabluesfest.ca)  
**\*TD Ottawa Jazz Festival:** June 21-July 1, 2018 [www.ottawajazzfestival.com](http://www.ottawajazzfestival.com)  
**\*Winterlude (Ottawa/Gatineau):** Feb. 1-18, 2019 [www.canada.ca/\[...\]winterlude](http://www.canada.ca/[...]winterlude)

#### RTO 11 - HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TO THE OTTAWA VALLEY TOURISM REGION

**Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree:** Aug. 2-5, 2018 [www.rockhoundgemboree.ca](http://www.rockhoundgemboree.ca)  
**Stewart Park Festival:** July 13-15, 2018 [www.stewartparkfestival.com](http://www.stewartparkfestival.com)

#### RTO 12 - MUSKOKA, PARRY SOUND AND ALGONQUIN PARK TOURISM REGION

**Bala Cranberry Festival:** Oct. 12-14, 2018 [www.balacranberryfestival.on.ca](http://www.balacranberryfestival.on.ca)  
**Festival of the Sound:** July 20-Aug. 11, 2018 [www.festivalofthesound.ca](http://www.festivalofthesound.ca)

#### RTO 13 - NORTHERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

**Haunted Fort Night:** Oct. 4-28, 2018 [www.fwhp.ca](http://www.fwhp.ca)  
**Kirkland Lake Winter Carnival:** Feb. 14-Mar. 3, 2019 [www.klfestivals.com](http://www.klfestivals.com)  
**Live on the Waterfront:** July 11-Aug. 29, 2018 [www.thunderbay.ca/live](http://www.thunderbay.ca/live)  
**The Great Canadian Kayak Challenge & Festival:** Aug. 24-26, 2018 [www.thegreatcanadiankayakchallenge.ca](http://www.thegreatcanadiankayakchallenge.ca)

**Voyageur Winter Carnival:** Feb. 16-18, 2019 [www.fwhp.ca](http://www.fwhp.ca)

\*Events with an asterisk represent Level of Distinction Festivals and Events.

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