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## ONTARIO'S MUST-ATTEND SPRING FESTIVALS!

*Grab the family, grab a friend, and hit the road to any one of these springtime gems*

ONTARIO (April 6, 2016) Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO) would like to invite you to celebrate spring with a sample of this year's Top 100 Festivals and Events. There are many ways to indulge in the change of the seasons and taking in a favourite Ontario Festival is just one of the ways to waken your senses. Don't have a favourite spring festival yet? We suggest you shake off winter and celebrate the return of spring by making your way to any of these 17 noteworthy spring festivals.

"Ontario's springtime calendar is bustling with festivals and events, and we can't think of a better way to enjoy the season than to head outdoors." says Kathrin Delutis, Chief Executive Officer at Festivals & Events Ontario. "Wherever you are, festival organizers invite you to celebrate, art, culture, heritage, performing arts, music, sports and food to wet any appetite."

April's spring highlights include:

**Eat & Drink Norfolk** April 7-9 (Simcoe) [www.norfolkcountyfair.com](http://www.norfolkcountyfair.com)

A three day event featuring local wineries, breweries, restaurants and food producers.

**Float your Fanny down the Ganny** April 16 (Port Hope) [www.floatyourfanny.ca](http://www.floatyourfanny.ca) In its 35<sup>th</sup> year, this one day festival is devoted to a 10km Canoe/Kayak race and Crazy Craft race down the Garanaska River.

**Stratford Festival** April 19-Oct 30 (Stratford) [www.stratfordfestival.ca](http://www.stratfordfestival.ca) Over the course of the seven month season, a dozen shows await you at this year's Stratford Festival. In addition to being in the Top 100, the Stratford Festival has also achieved the FEO Level of Distinction.

May's spring highlights include:

**SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival** May 7-15 (Toronto) [www.singtoronto.com](http://www.singtoronto.com)

This multi-day music festival brings you A Cappella Music from around the world.

**Carassauga Festival** May 27-29 (Mississauga) [www.carassauga.com](http://www.carassauga.com)

A three day festival of cultures – bringing you food, performances and cultural diversity.

June's spring highlights include:

**Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival** June 2 – 5 (Orangeville) [www.orangevillebluesandjazz.ca](http://www.orangevillebluesandjazz.ca)

Recognized as "the best music fest northwest of Toronto" in beautiful downtown Orangeville.

**Barrie Automotive Flea Market** June 2 – 7 (Oro-Medonte) [www.thebafm.com](http://www.thebafm.com)

Hidden treasures abound! Find a little something for everyone.

**Dundas International Buskerfest** June 3 – 5 (Dundas) [www.downtowndundas.ca](http://www.downtowndundas.ca)

This weekend festival showcases street performers from around the world.

**Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival** June 3 – 5 (Mississauga) [www.breadandhoney.com](http://www.breadandhoney.com)

This is a fun-filled family festival featuring a huge parade, live entertainment and much more.

**Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek** June 4 – 5 (Stoney Creek) [www.hamilton.ca/battlefield](http://www.hamilton.ca/battlefield)  
Experience the drama, pageantry, and excitement of the Battle of Stoney Creek.

**Dunnville's Mudcat Festival** June 9 – 12 (Dunnville) [www.dunnvillechamberofcommerce.ca](http://www.dunnvillechamberofcommerce.ca)  
This festival features a parade, fireworks, children's entertainment, strong man contest and much more!

**Luminato Festival** June 10- 26 (Toronto) [www.luminatofestival.com](http://www.luminatofestival.com) Explore an international multi-arts festival for people open to having art change their outlook on the world. In addition to being in the Top 100, the Luminato Festival has also achieved the FEO Level of Distinction.

**Peony Festival** June 11 – 12 (Oshawa) [www.oshawa.ca](http://www.oshawa.ca) A celebration of horticulture and the arts, featuring 300 peony varieties outside and hundreds of blooms inside.

**Sound of Music Festival** June 11 – 19 (Burlington) [www.soundofmusic.ca](http://www.soundofmusic.ca) Discover a combination of emerging artists, blasts from the past musicians and current performers. In addition to being in the Top 100, the Sound of Music Festival has also achieved the FEO Level of Distinction.

**Salsa at Blue Mountain** June 17 – 19 (Blue Mountains) [www.bluemountainvillage.ca](http://www.bluemountainvillage.ca)  
Muy Caliente! A FREE family street party transforming the entire Village into a showcase of Latin Life.

**Mississauga Waterfront Festival** June 17 - 19 (Mississauga) [www.themwf.com](http://www.themwf.com)  
A three day festival calls attention to innovative entertainment and music for all ages.

**Carrousel of Nations 2016 - Carrousel Around the City** June 17 – 26 (Windsor)  
[www.carrouselofnations.ca](http://www.carrouselofnations.ca) This week-long festival features local ethno-cultural villages.

There's always something to celebrate in Ontario! Visit [www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca](http://www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca) to find a complete listing of this year's Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario and more.

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