
16 TOP ONTARIO MUSIC FESTIVALS YOU HAVE TO GO TO THIS SUMMER

Music fans, listen up!

ONTARIO (June 1, 2016) No matter your musical tastes, this province will be offering up plenty of music festivals this season. Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO) is thrilled to share an exciting line up of the best 16 summer music festivals kicking off between June 21 - September 21. We invite you to enjoy musical acts from across Canada, from around the world and from your own home town right here in Ontario. These festivals represent a subset of FEO's Top 100 Festivals and Events across the province. With so many festivals to choose, we challenge you to enjoy just one!

This Summer's Music Festival Highlights include:

Sound of Music Festival June 11 – June 19 (Burlington) www.soundofmusic.ca Awarded Level of Distinction by FEO, this festival is one of the largest local music event of the year features a combination of emerging artists, blasts from the past and current performers. A mix of free and ticketed shows continue all over town for 9 days!

TD Ottawa Jazz Festival June 22 – July 3 (Ottawa) www.ottawajazzfestival.com Awarded Level of Distinction by FEO, the Ottawa Jazz Festival is a premier music event in Downtown Ottawa, presenting musicians from across Canada & around the world in all genres and inspirations of Jazz.

TD Toronto Jazz Festival June 24 – July 3 (Toronto) www.torontojazz.com Awarded Level of Distinction by FEO, the TD Toronto Jazz Festival is one of the city's largest music festivals. The Festival features 1,500 musicians playing over 350 concerts in 40 locations all across the city, for 10 jam packed days.

2016 Kirkland Lake Homecoming June 24 – July 2 (Kirkland Lake) www.klfestivals.com Live concerts, extreme park competition, Canada Day Celebrations, local food fair, fireworks, comedy night, merchant sales, kid's matinees, teen dance, golf tournaments and more.

RBC Bluesfest July 7 – July 17 (Ottawa) www.ottawabluesfest.ca Awarded Level of Distinction by FEO, ranked by Billboard Magazine as one of the top-10 music festivals with their world-award winning 10-day, multi-stage extravaganza.

Lighthouse Blues Festival July 8 – July 10 (Kincardin) www.lighthousebluesfest.ca A three-day blues festival with international and national touring artists performing on five stages including a free street festival on Saturday July 9 with art exhibits, children's activities and music!

Festival of Sound July 15 – Aug 7 (Parry Sound) www.festivalofthesound.ca Canada's premiere summer classical music event! Three weeks of classical, jazz, and chamber music by renowned artists - concerts, cruises, and films on beautiful Georgian Bay. **The Festival of Sound is also the FEO Award Winner of the "Best Fundraising Idea"**

Home Country Music & Art Festival July 15 – July 17 (London) www.homecounty.ca A celebration of music, art and food, featuring more than 30 of Canada's best roots, traditional and Indie folk/pop acts, and Canadian Artisans

Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival July 21 – Aug 4 (Ottawa) www.chamberfest.com Awarded Level of Distinction by FEO, the world's largest chamber music festival presents early music, core repertoire, contemporary, and fringe in historic churches and landmark venues across downtown Ottawa.

Hillside Festival July 22 – July 24 (Guelph) www.hillsidefestival.ca Awarded Level of Distinction by FEO, the Hillside Festival is a three-day, five-stage event with a broad artistic vision that emphasizes diversity: of culture, of musical heritage and style, of age, geography and influence. **The Hillside Festival is also the FEO Award Winner of the "Best Greening of a Festival" (\$500,000 or More)**

Harbourfest July 29 – July 31 (Kenora) www.harbourfest.ca The Festival is for Children and Adults. We have the Kids Zone, Wooden Boat Parade, Classic Cars, Pyro Musical Fireworks and 3 nights of Concerts

Newmarket Jazz+ Festival July 31 – Aug 3 (Newmarket) www.newmarketjazzfestival.com a unique jazz PLUS summer event! A vibrant celebration of arts and culture through the exploration of many genres of music, art, creativity, dance and more.

TD Kitchener Blues Festival Aug 4 – Aug 7 (Kitchener) www.kitchenerbluesfestival.com One of Canada's biggest FREE Blues Festivals - 4 day, multi stages in Downtown Kitchener - Best of International, National & Regional Blues. Workshops, Arts Exhibit, Food & Craft Vendors.

Havelock Country Jamboree Aug 18 – Aug 21 (Havelock) www.havelockjamboree.com Canada's largest live Country Music and Camping Festival! Our show features over 25 entertainers performing on twin stages over a 4 day period.

Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival Sept 9 – Sept 11 (Mississauga) www.southsideshuffle.com Mississauga's Musical Mardi Gras, the 18th Annual Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle. Featuring four stages in Port Credit Memorial Park with over 120 Canadian and International Blues and Jazz artists.

Canada's Only Guitar Trail Sept 10 (Blue Mountain) www.bluemountainvillage.ca A mountain of music will carry you along the one-of-a-kind Guitar Trail. Follow the acoustic vibe and discover over 20 artists throughout the Village, up & down the mountain hiking trails.

There's always something to celebrate in Ontario! Visit www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca to find a complete listing of music festivals including this year's Top100 Festivals and Events in Ontario and more.

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Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO) provides education, marketing and advocacy services and operates Canada's largest dedicated festival and event Conference. FEO also publishes and distributes an annual 225,000 circulation (plus on-line exposure) consumer guide to Ontario festivals & events, another guide to promote its industry supplier goods and services, facilitates industry-leading marketing research, oversees an industry leading awards recognition program., manages a dynamic on-line website, markets a weekly festivals & events industry news-brief with a distribution exceeding 2,500 email recipients and advocates at the provincial and federal level for an improved operating environment within which its members can successfully conduct their business.