

## **2019 FESTIVALS & EVENTS HALL OF FAME AND VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARDS ANNOUNCED**

### ***Provincial organization recognizes festival industry volunteers and leaders***

**ONTARIO** (February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019) **Festivals and Events Ontario (FEO)** is proud to announce the new inductee to the FEO Hall of Fame, presented by Little Electric as well as the 2019 FEO Volunteer of the Year Awards, presented by Nothers. FEO believes it is important to recognize significant contributions of these individuals to the festival and event industry – without their passion and dedication, this industry could not survive. The Hall of Fame and Volunteer of the Year Awards were handed out on Thursday, February 28th during FEO’s Annual Conference “ENGAGE-Motivate-Initiate-Participate” in London, Ontario.

#### **Hall of Fame**

Since 2000, FEO has now inducted 42 people into its Hall of Fame representing festivals, municipalities, organizations and events from across the province. Each individual named to the FEO Hall of Fame is someone who has dedicated their career to the festival and event industry and who has made a lasting contribution to their community, festival, event or organization.

FEO would like to congratulate the following 2019 Hall of Fame Inductee:

**Guy Laflamme, ?** (Ottawa)

#### **Volunteer of the Year Awards**

FEO maintains that the importance of volunteers to the festivals and events industry cannot be undervalued. FEO’s commitment to the festivals and events industry is strengthened by recognizing the volunteers who have distinguished themselves by virtue of their service to their community through significant involvement with festivals or events.

FEO would like to congratulate the following 2019 Volunteer of the Year:

**Maduba Ahmad** - MuslimFest (Mississauga)

FEO would like to congratulate the following 2019 Family Volunteer of the Year:

**The Beattie Family** – Winona Peach Festival (Winona)

“ENGAGE-Motivate-Initiate-Participate” 2019 Festivals & Events Ontario Conference held in London, Ontario.

**Media Contact:**

**Jay Nijhuis**

**Marketing & Communications Manager, FEO**

[Jay@festivalsandeventsontario.ca](mailto:Jay@festivalsandeventsontario.ca)

[www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca](http://www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca)

@FEOntario – 519-742-2226

**About Festivals & Events Ontario**

*Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO) was established in 1987 as an association devoted to the growth and stability of the festival and event industry in Ontario. FEO supports a lively, engaged and dedicated festival and events industry by sharing knowledge, enabling networking and providing leadership on education, advocacy and promotion. FEO operates Canada's largest dedicated festival and event Conference, publishes and distributes an annual consumer guide, promotes its industry festival supplier goods and services and oversees an industry-leading awards recognition program. The festivals and events industry in Ontario is estimated to generate in excess of \$2.3 billion annually in contribution to regional GDP, create/sustain approximately 50,000 full-year-equivalent jobs and foster approximately \$1 billion dollars in taxes at all levels of government. Visit [www.FestivalsandEventsOntario.ca](http://www.FestivalsandEventsOntario.ca) for more information.*