

2019 TOP 100 FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO ANNOUNCED

Provincial organization recognizes Ontario's Best Festivals

ONTARIO (February 28, 2019) [Festivals and Events Ontario](http://www.festivalsandeventsontario.on.ca) (FEO) is proud to announce the 2019 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 2018 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 2019 Top 100 Awards were given out on Thursday, February 28th during FEO's Annual Conference "ENGAGE-Motivate-Initiate-Participate" in London, Ontario.

FEO would like to congratulate the 2019 Top 100 Ontario Festivals & Events:

PROVINCE WIDE

Doors Open Ontario: April 20-Oct. 31, 2019 www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

RTO 1 - SOUTHWEST ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Carrousel of Nations: June 14-23, 2019 www.carrouselofnations.com

Eat & Drink Norfolk: April 4-6, 2019 www.norfolkcountyfair.com

Hogs for Hospice: Aug. 2-4, 2019 www.hogsforhospice.com

Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show: Oct. 8-14, 2019 www.norfolkcountyfair.com

River Lights Winter Festival: Nov. 16-Dec. 23, 2019 www.amherstburg.ca/riverlights

Simcoe Christmas Panorama: Nov. 30, 2019-Jan. 5, 2020 www.simcoepanorama.ca

TD Sunfest: Canada's Premier Celebration of World Cultures: July 4-7, 2019 www.sunfest.on.ca

Tecumseh Corn Festival: Aug. 23-25, 2019 www.tecumsehcornfestival.ca

***Western Fair:** Sept. 7-16, 2019 www.westernfairdistrict.com

RTO 2 - NIAGARA FALLS AND WINE COUNTRY TOURISM REGION

Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival: Aug. 2-5, 2019 www.canaldays.ca

***Niagara Wine Festival:** Sept. 14-29, 2019 www.niagarawinefestival.com

***OPG Winter Festival of Lights:** Nov. 2, 2019-Jan. 31, 2020 www.wfol.com

Pelham Summerfest: July 18-21, 2019 www.pelhamsummerfest.ca

TD Niagara Jazz Festival: July 18-28, 2019 www.niagarajazzfestival.com

RTO 3 - HAMILTON, HALTON AND BRANT TOURISM REGION

Canada's Largest Ribfest: Aug. 30-Sept. 2, 2019 www.canadaslargestribfest.com

City of Burlington's Canada Day Celebration: July 1st, 2019 www.burlington.ca/events

City of Burlington's Children's Festival: Aug. 18, 2019 www.burlington.ca/events

Dundas Cactus Festival: Aug. 16-18, 2019 www.dundascactusfestival.ca
Dundas International Buskerfest: June 7-9, 2019 www.dundasbuskerfest.ca
It's your Festival: June 29-July 1, 2019 www.itsyourfestival.ca
Oakville Children's Festival: Aug. 17, 2019 www.oakville.ca
Paris Fair: Aug. 29-Sept. 2, 2019 www.parisfair.com
St. George AppleFest: Sept. 21-22, 2019 www.stgeorgeapplefest.com
***Sound of Music Festival:** June 8-16, 2019 www.soundofmusic.ca
Supercrawl: Sept. 13-15, 2019 www.supercrawl.ca
Telling Tales Festival: Sept. 15, 2019 www.tellingtales.org
The Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek: June 1-2, 2019 www.hamilton.ca/battlefield
Winona Peach Festival: Aug. 23-25, 2019 www.winonapeach.com

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

Christkindl Market: Dec. 5-8, 2019 www.christkindl.ca
Christmas in Cambridge Festival of Events: Nov. 29-Dec. 31, 2019 www.christmasincambridge.ca
Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games: Aug. 9-11, 2019 www.fergusscottishfestival.com
***Guelph Hillside Festival:** July 12-14, 2019 www.hillsidefestival.ca
***Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest:** Oct. 11-19, 2019 www.oktoberfest.ca
***Stratford Festival:** Apr. 16-Nov. 3, 2019 www.stratfordfestival.ca
The Mount Forest Fireworks Festival: July 19-21, 2019 www.mountforestfireworks.ca

RTO 5 - GREATER TORONTO AREA TOURISM REGION

Arts Walk of Fame Brampton: Fall 2019 www.brampton.ca
Brampton New Year's Eve: Dec. 31, 2019 www.brampton.ca
***Canadian National Exhibition:** Aug. 16-Sept. 2, 2019 www.theex.com
Carassauga Festival of Cultures: May 24-26, 2019 www.carassauga.com
Grace International Jerk Food and Music Festival (Jerkfest): Aug. 8-11, 2019 www.jerkfestival.ca
JAMBANA™ One World Festival: Aug. 4-5 www.jambana.com
***Luminato Festival:** June 7-23, 2019 www.luminatofestival.com
Mississauga Italfest: Aug. 16-17, 2019 www.mississaugaitalfest.com
MuslimFest: Aug. 30-Sept. 1, 2019 www.muslimfest.com
***Redpath Waterfront Festival, presented by Billy Bishop Airport:** June 29-July 1, 2019
www.towaterfrontfest.com
Remembrance Day Parade and Service: Nov. 11, 2019 www.brampton.ca
***Rogers Cup Presented by National Bank:** Aug. 3-11, 2019 www.rogerscup.com
SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival: May 24-June 2, 2019 www.singtoronto.com
TD Salsa in Toronto Festival: July 6-7, 2019 www.salsaintoronto.com
The Streetsville Founders' Bread and Honey Festival Inc.: May 31-June 2, 2019 www.breadandhoney.com
The Word on the Street Toronto: Sept. 21-22, 2019 www.thewordonthestreet.ca/wots/toronto
***Toronto Caribbean Carnival:** July 7-Aug. 11, 2019 www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com
***Toronto International Film Festival:** Sept. 5-15, 2019 www.tiff.net

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

Aurora's Haunted Forest: Oct. 26, 2019 www.aurora.ca/hauntedforest
Aurora's Tree Lighting Ceremony: Nov. 29-Dec. 1, 2019 www.aurora.ca
Brooklin Harvest Festival: Sept. 14, 2019 www.whitby.ca
Canada Day Celebrations: July 1st, 2019 www.richmondhill.ca/canadaday
Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival: May 31-June 2, 2019 www.orangevillebluesandjazz.ca
Peony Festival: June 15-16, 2019 www.oshawa.ca/peony
Vaughan Celebrates Concerts in the Park: June 5 - July 31, 2019 www.vaughan.ca/events

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

Barrie Automotive Flea Market: June 6-9, 2019 & Sept. 5-8, 2019 www.thebafm.com
Barrie Winterfest: Feb.1-2, 2020 www.barrie.ca/winterfest
Carrot Fest: Aug. 16-17, 2019 www.carrotfest.ca
Cobble Beach Concours d'Elegance: Sept. 14-15, 2019 www.cobblebeachconcours.com
Collingwood Elvis Festival: July 26-28, 2019 www.collingwoodelvisfestival.com
First Light: Nov. 21-Dec. 6, 2019 www.saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca
Creemore Springs Turas Mór: May 25, 2019 www.creemorespringsturasmor.com
Lighthouse Blues Festival: July 12-14, 2019 www.lighthousebluesfest.ca
Meaford Scarecrow Invasion and Family Festival: Sept. 11-Oct. 22, 2018 www.scarecrowinvasion.ca
Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival: June 8, 2019 www.buttertartfestival.ca
Port Elgin Pumpkinfest: Oct. 5-6, 2019 www.pumpkinfest.org
Pumpkinferno: Oct. 3-30, 2019 www.discoveryharbour.on.ca
Sidelaunch Days: Aug. 10-11, 2019 www.sidelaunchdays.ca
Small Halls Festival: Oct. 3-6, 2019 www.clearview.ca
Summerfolk Music & Crafts Festival: Aug. 16-18, 2019 www.sumerfolk.org

RTO 8 - KAWARTHA AND NORTHUMBERLAND TOURISM REGION

Buckhorn Fine Art Festival: Aug. 17-18, 2019 www.buckhornfineart.com
***Havelock Country Jamboree:** Aug. 15-18, 2019 www.havelockjamboree.com

RTO 9 - SOUTH EASTERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Belleville Waterfront & Ethnic Festival: July 11-14, 2019 www.bellevillechamber.ca
Kingston Sheep Dog Trials Festival: Aug. 9-11, 2019 www.kingstonsheepdogtrials.com

RTO 10 - OTTAWA AND COUNTRYSIDE TOURISM REGION

***Canada Day Celebrations (Ottawa/Gatineau):** July 01, 2019 [www.canada.ca/\[...\]canada-day](http://www.canada.ca/[...]canada-day)
Canadian Tulip Festival: May 10-20, 2019 www.tulipfestival.ca
***Ottawa Chamberfest:** July 25-Aug. 8, 2019 www.chamberfest.com
***RBC Bluesfest:** July 4-14, 2019 www.ottawabluesfest.ca
***TD Ottawa Jazz Festival:** June 20-July 1, 2019 www.ottawajazzfestival.com
***Winterlude (Ottawa/Gatineau):** Jan. 31-Feb. 17, 2020 [www.canada.ca/\[...\]winterlude](http://www.canada.ca/[...]winterlude)

RTO 11 - HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TO THE OTTAWA VALLEY TOURISM REGION

Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree: Aug. 1-4, 2019 www.rockhoundgemboree.ca
Stewart Park Festival: July 19-21, 2019 www.stewartparkfestival.com
Tweed & Company Theatre Season: April 13, 2019-Feb. 17, 2020 www.tweedandcompany.com

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

Bala Cranberry Festival: Oct.18-20, 2019 www.balacranberryfestival.on.ca
Festival of the Sound: July 19-Aug. 10, 2019 www.festivalofthesound.ca
Fire & Ice Festival: Jan. 25, 2020 www.fireandicebracebridge.com

RTO 13 - NORTHERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Haunted Fort Night: Oct. 3-27, 2019 www.fwhp.ca
***International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (Verner, West Nipissing):** Sept. 17-21, 2019 www.plowingmatch.org
Live on the Waterfront: July 10-Aug. 28, 2019 www.thunderbay.ca/live
Sioux Lookout Blueberry Festival: Aug. 2-11, 2019 www.blueberrybert.com
Teddy Bears Picnic: July 9, 2019 www.thunderbay.ca/en/recreation/teddy-bears-picnic

The Great Canadian Kayak Challenge & Festival: Aug. 23-25, 2019 www.thegreatcanadiankayakchallenge.ca
Voyageur Winter Carnival: Feb. 15-17, 2020 www.fwhp.ca

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

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