

# Canada Day 2000

A Special Supplement to  
**THE OAKVILLE BEAVER**



## Parade and Multicultural Festival at Coronation Park

A Parade will precede the Multicultural Festival at Coronation Park hosted by the Halton Multicultural Council. As in the past, the entertainment will feature the music and dances and other performances from various cultures. The parade will start from the Hopedale Mall at 11:00 a.m. and end at Coronation Park while the entertainment at the park commences at 12 noon with the official opening ceremonies at 1:00 p.m.

Diverse cultural groups will join the parade. Great foods from various ethnic groups will be available, among them Filipino, Portuguese, Caribbean, Latin American, etc.

The Oakville Portuguese Folklore Group will be among the prominent performers at Canada's birthday party. The Grupo Folclorico Portugues de Oakville, consisting of forty individuals ranging from the ages of three to over 50, is so proud to perform the folk dances of the various regions of Portugal. They perform live music that is supplied by the group.

Their attractive costumes, known as trajos, are imported from Portugal and represent the region of Viana Do Castelo. Last year the group hosted the Portugal Pavilion of United Way of Oakville's Carousel of Nations for which it got rave reviews and received the Best Pavilion award.

The acclaimed Bahamas National Youth Choir will showcase their native music and dances. The group has performed in several countries around the world including France where they gave performances at the historic Notre Dame Cathedral, the Saint Paul Church, and Champ de Mars. They were well received by audiences in Luxembourg, Scotland, United States, U.K., and several more.

The Minister of Culture of the Russian Federation heaped praise on the group after having hosted the choir

for several performances in Russia. Having sung in 17 languages, the choir is truly international.

The Halton Multicultural Council is excited and anxious to see and hear this excellent ambassador of Bahamas.

The Club Filipino of Oakville is sponsoring a marching band. Hawaiian and Tahitian dances will be brought in by Siony's dance company. Culture Philippines will be rushing to Coronation Park for their show after appearing at the CHIN Picnic earlier in the day.

The Oakville Sikh Cultural Association will present their Bhangra group that was a hit last year with their folk dance and they are bringing another Punjabi troupe from U.K. for this occasion.

The Caribbean Association of Halton will sponsor Caribbean entertainment.

Hrvatsko Prelo - a Croatian dance ensemble, will be back and bring their colourful dances and costumes. Tyrsa Ukrainian Dance Group will also be as colourful.

The lively music and dances of Latin America will be heard and seen at the park. The sizzling hot numbers of the



The Oakville Portuguese Folklore Group will present the folk dances of the various regions of Portugal on Canada Day at Coronation Park. The picture shows the group performing in one of the numerous events they participated in.

Cuban Cabaret Show will entertain those who appreciate hot exotic dances. This group of professional dancers have performed at various places and they are always well received.

Other Latin American groups are the Alianza Mexicana, Club Caribe Colombia, and Ecuador's Huairapungo.

The Halton Multicultural Council is urging everybody to join them at the Canada Day Parade and enjoy the great food, multicultural entertainment, and family fun at Coronation Park on Saturday, July 1.

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