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Ontario FESTIVALS

Festival enthusiasts across Ontario have a wide variety of events to choose from throughout the year. With many cultural events, music festivals and food-themed events, the only thing lacking is the time to experience all of them.

Stratford Summer Music Festival:

Focusing on multi-genre musicians and versatility, the Stratford Summer Music Festival is returning for its 19th season this summer. The festival is spread over six weeks from July 15 to August 25 that will include almost 100 events and performances featuring more than 250 artists. Partnering with local Herald Haus Brewing Co., the festival will offer a new specialty made beer, the Saison 19. The festival brings out both returning artists and new members to the annual concert festival. The festival kicks off on Monday, July 15 at 9:30 p.m. in Lower Queens Park with Berthold Carrière's "Music for a Midsummer's Night". For more information, visit stratfordsummermusic.ca.

Doors Open Ontario:

Get a taste for some of Ontario's heritage treasures at one of the Doors Open Ontario events. Running province-wide from April to October, the annual festival began in 2002 and has since attracted more than seven million visitors. Doors Open 2019 features hidden gems in 36 different towns or cities across Ontario, including Aurora (August 17), London (September 14-15), Waterloo Region (September 21), Grimsby (September 21), Oshawa (September 28), Halton Region (September 28-29) to name a few. Visitors can take tours of the Galt Carnegie Library in Cambridge (Waterloo Region), St. George's Memorial Church in Oshawa, Church Street School in Aurora and many more significant local buildings that aren't usually open to the public. For more information, visit doorsopenontario.on.ca.

Toronto Caribbean Festival:

Celebrating its 52nd year of showcasing Caribbean arts and culture, the Toronto Caribbean Festival, known as "Caribana"

brings a little piece of the Caribbean to Canada. The streets of Toronto come alive with dancing to Calypso, Soca, Salsa, Zouk, Reggae, Chutney, Steel Pan and brass bands music that represent the cultures of Barbados, Bahamas, Grenada, Trinidad and other countries across the Caribbean. This year's festival, held from July 9 to August 4, is set to be the biggest festival yet, featuring more floats, music and fun than ever before. For more information, visit torontocarnival.ca.

Lighthouse Blues Festival:

Celebrating its 10th anniversary and the fifth year in a row of being named as one of the Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario, the Lighthouse Blues Festival in Kincardine first began as a two-day festival in The Bruce's parking lot, where the festival is still held today. It's become a three-day festival that draws hundreds of blues fans to the historic steakhouse and club. Including performers from across Canada and the United States, the festival will feature music from Danielle

Nicole Band, Steve Strongman, Larry McCray, Digging Roots and more. This year's festival is running from Friday to Sunday, July 12, 13 & 14. For more information, visit lighthousebluesfestival.com.

Hillside Festival:

Alan Doyle, Steve Earle and Bruce Cockburn are among the dozens of performers slated for the three-day celebration of music at Guelph Lake Conservation Area. The festival is world-renowned as one of Canada's most progressive, environmentally conscious, non-commercial community celebrations that comes together as a village on Guelph Lake Island that fills with music, dance, drumming, food, crafts, and more. Camping is an option for the weekend of July 12 to 14 with weekend passes and daily tickets available. Find out more at hillsidefestival.ca.

Collingwood Elvis Festival:

As the largest festival of its kind, the Collingwood Elvis Festival is a magnet for thousands of fans seeking to celebrate the



Tim E Hendry was the 2018 grand champion of the Collingwood Elvis Festival. Torstar File Photo



Visitors enjoying the CNE. Torstar File Photo



Hillside Festival. Torstar File Photo



Liz Chaddock, a member of the Durham Region Police Service's pipe band, plays as part of the individual bagpipe competition at the Fergus Scottish Festival and Highland Games. Torstar File Photo

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