

10 'SHOWSTOPPER' EVENTS: YOUR GUIDE TO ONTARIO MUSIC FESTIVALS

LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCES COVER A SLEW OF GENRES

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Can you hear that? It's been more than two years, but yes, live music festivals are back in Ontario. Here are 10 showstopper festivals for the summer:

1. ORANGEVILLE BLUES AND JAZZ FESTIVAL

ORANGEVILLE: June 3 to 5
Alexandra Park (11 2nd Ave., Orangeville) and various venues
www.orangevillebluesandjazz.ca
The OBFJ is Orangeville's largest music festival, drawing in more than 75 acts to the downtown core, performing across four main stages and at various restaurants.

WHAT'S ONSTAGE: Larry Kurtz and the Lawbreakers, Heather Bambrick, Harrison Kennedy, Miss Emily

WHAT'S OFFSTAGE: Performer workshops, street performances, classic car show, and vendor market

2. SOUND OF MUSIC FESTIVAL

BURLINGTON: June 12 to 19
Spencer Smith Park (1400 Lakeshore Rd., Burlington)
www.soundofmusic.ca

The Sound of Music is one of the country's biggest free music festivals. Drawing close to 300,000 attendees every year, the festival features some of the biggest names in live music. The weeklong event includes a street parade, vendors market place, a Ninja Warrior course, and more.

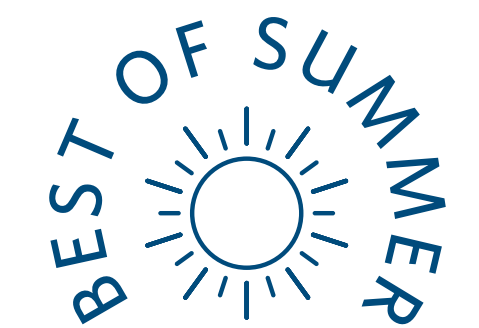
WHAT'S ONSTAGE: Finger Eleven, Bif Naked, The Trews, Emily Reid, Three Days Grace and more

WHAT'S OFFSTAGE: Street festival, parade, vendors

3. MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL

ORILLIA: July 8 to 10
Tudhope Park (450 Atherley Rd., Orillia)

www.mariposafolk.com
Mariposa Folk Festival is a three-day exciting, vibrant and storied musical experience. It takes place in Orillia's Tudhope Park on the shores of Lake Couchiching. The festival features over 100 performanc-



es on 11 stages, storytelling, interactive workshops, children's activities, food trucks, and an artisans' village. Getting hot? Jump in the lake.

WHAT'S ONSTAGE: Blue Rodeo, Mavis Staples, Serena Ryder, The Strumbellas, Lennon Stella, JP Saxe, Kathleen Edwards, Allison Russell, Blackie & the Rodeo Kings

WHAT'S OFFSTAGE: Interactive workshops, storytelling, great food trucks, artisans' village, community village, camping, and Folk Play kids' area with activities, music and fun

4. KEMPTVILLE LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL

KEMPTVILLE: July 21 to 24
On the grounds of Kemptville College (830 Prescott St., Kemptville)

www.kemptvillelivemusicfestival.com
The Kemptville Live Music Festival is one of eastern Ontario's largest music festivals, bringing some of the biggest classic rock names to the grounds of the historic Kemptville Campus over four days. It spans all genres — country, rock, rhythm and blues, folk and roots — and has attracted upwards of 25,000 visitors.

WHAT'S ONSTAGE: Randy Bachman and Burton Cummings, Tom Cochrane, Glass Tiger, Johnny Reid

WHAT'S OFFSTAGE: Camping, artisan market, food vendors, and more

5. HILLSIDE FESTIVAL

GUELPH: July 22 to 24
Guelph Lake Conservation Area (7743 Conservation Rd. RR4, Guelph)
www.hillsidefestival.ca/hillside-2022

The Hillside Festival lineup boasts a wide variety of acts, from those hailing from the Royal City to performers from across Canada, the U.S. and many more distant countries.

WHAT'S ONSTAGE: Performances by JUNO and Grammy nominee Allison Russell, Juno winner Dan Mangan, London, Ontario-based rock quartet Texas King, and Ukrai-

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