

Leathertown Festival 2023: 'Friends, Family, Food & Fun' on August 13th

Downtown Acton will be a place 'Friends, Family, Food & Fun' as per the theme of this year's Leathertown Festival, which is ready to go for Sunday, August 13th.

According to Downtown Acton BIA coordinator, Matt Galliford, there will be lots for attendees to see and do at Leathertown 2023.

Galliford says the Festival will start and end strong with a variety of musical and cultural performances on the main stage.

"Our main stage will be MC'd by Monty Greig. We will be featuring a local soloist performing O Canada, local Politicians giving opening remarks, an Indigenous Community representative delivering the Land Acknowledgement and an Indigenous Throat Singer, all just to open the Festival! Then the Reader's Choice Award Winner Monty and the Crew will start off the performances for the day joined by Transistor Radio Group and fellow Reader's Choice Award Winners Wicked Truth to cap off the day."

In addition to musical performances on the main stage, there will also be a second stage located at Mill & Willow Streets, which will also feature various musical artists throughout the day.

Along with music, Galliford assures there will be something special for the kids as well.

"The Kids area is going to have Story Book Characters to meet and take pictures with as well as some games and activities. Sneezzy the Clown will be offering face painting and the Tooth Fairy will be visiting the Kids area as well, handing out dental health goodies."

To add to the fun and excitement of the Leathertown Festival, Galliford also says there will be a great number

of booths lining Mill Street, and even something for car and motorcycle enthusiasts alike.

"The street will be lined with a great assortment of vendors, community information services and organizations, clubs, local businesses and a variety of food offerings. There will be something for everyone! Additionally, we have the Car Show sponsored by Desjardins Insurance and the Motorcycle Show sponsored by Old Vintage Cranks. Both events will be situated at each end of the festival street."

It is also to note that Vintage Acton will be on site with a history display featuring information and photos of Acton's leather past, giving attendees an insight as to how Acton got its nickname of 'Leathertown.'



The 2022 edition of the Leathertown Festival. *Scott Brooks photo*

The 2023 Leathertown Festival takes place Sunday, August 13th, from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM, on Mill and Willow Streets in Downtown Acton. This event is free to attend.

For more information and updates on the Leathertown Festival, you can visit downtownacton.ca, or follow the Downtown Acton BIA on social media.



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