

# Celebrate arts and culture this weekend in Milton

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Whether it's learning how to hand-sew a stuffed felt animal or stepping into the scenes of a play, Milton's Culture Days activities are free and family-friendly.

In fact, there's so much to do the only trouble will be choosing which activity to try.

An annual weekend event, activities take place at the Milton Centre for the Arts on Saturday and Sunday. They run all day long.

This year marks the 7th anniversary celebration of the national event that encourages Canadians to take part in free, hands-on, interactive activities that are offered by individual artists and diverse cultural groups and organizations across the country.

## Escape room

One of the highlights of this year's event is the Culture Days Escape Room, where you'll find yourself trapped in a studio at the Milton Centre for the Arts, and only your prob-



lem solving skills stand in your way. This exhibit, by the Kinetic Cafe and Milton's own Matthew Patience, will feature some of today's hottest technology, including virtual reality and a touch interactive table.

Teams will be given only a few instructions and some tools to solve a set of riddles and escape. Teams and their scores will be posted. Bring your friends and family to help you solve riddles and unlock the door. All ages welcome, but children 12 and under will require a guardian.

Patience explained that the concept behind the room is based on a prototype his firm put together.

It's a screen on a pedestal that recognizes objects placed on it; it will provide clues. The clues can be a combination of symbols that will be entered on an iPad at the door to open it.

There's other items in the escape room, such as a virtual reality headset so users will feel like they're in space. They can look around and they'll see different shapes and constellations that give hints to the overall code that they'll have to use to unlock the door using the iPad.

"First they have to figure out the technology and then get the hints they're telling you and then figure it out," he said.

Users will match colours to shapes, shapes to sounds and sounds to certain imagery. In the end, they have to connect it all back to figure out the symbols to crack the code. Other highlights of Culture Days activities in Milton include:

## Milton Philharmonic petting zoo

Held in the Fireside Lounge at the Main Branch of the Milton Public Library, this performance will

be offered on a smaller scale, in a more intimate setting. Get to know the instruments of the string family. A collection of string players will present music to all ages and will discuss the instruments in-between each song, and will emphasize their importance to each other by dropping various instruments in and out.

Afterwards, kids will have the opportunity to get up close and personal with instruments that are usually far away and up on a stage.

## Create your own gift wrap

Shaima from Creatively Crafty Children is leading four activities, including the art of block printing. Using wooden and linocut blocks she has carved herself, she will guide participants in stamping and patterning to create gift wrap and greeting cards.

## Stained glass painting for kids

In this Creatively Crafty Children workshop, kids will learn the foundation of stained glass and make their own artwork.

## Photography basics

Do you wish you could take better photos of your family? Wouldn't you love to capture life's moments, big and small? Then join the Milton Champion's Director of Photography Reg Vertolli for a session in photography basics. Bring your camera!

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Culture Days is a way to learn about all that Milton has to offer in the way of arts and culture.

Organized by Arts Milton, a volunteer-run organization, all the activities are provided free by local artists, organizations and businesses. A wooden activity palette will be given to participants who can then collect stickers from each activity they attend. When they show the Arts Milton team at the main entrance the artist palette, they can take their pick of Culture Days swag. Visit [www.on.culturedays.ca](http://www.on.culturedays.ca) to find out what activities are happening in Milton. Search for activities near you and plan your weekend using the customizable Culture Days Bright Spots Schedule.

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Feeling powerless to change? God alone can transform our pain and make us stronger in the broken places. Find out how - visit a local house of worship this week. Meeting times and locations are printed in the attached directory to help you.

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