

# Emerson Drive headlines hoedown

Emerson Drive will headline this year's Magna Hoedown, it was announced this week.

The Grammy-nominated country band with a decade of chart-topping music already under its belt has just released a greatest hits album.

Since its smash debut on the country music scene a decade ago, Emerson Drive has received multiple awards and nominations, including the Canadian Country Music Association Group of the Year award and Billboard Magazine's Top New Artist award.

The band has toured with Toby Keith, Shania Twain and Big & Rich, among others.

This year's hoedown will also feature Jason McCoy, Johnny Cash tribute act The Legend in Black and local talent Dani Strong, as well as The Simcoe Country Ramblers and the Jaymor Dancers. Ken Shaw and Beverley Mahood host the event.

The charity event is Sept. 10 on the Magna campus in Aurora and features a Texas-style barbecue dinner, cash bar and raffle. While

event tickets are sold out, raffle tickets are still available.

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The hoedown started out as a back yard barbecue fundraiser at the Stronach family farm and has become York Region's largest annual community fundraiser, generating more than \$4 million for local community groups during its 23-year history.

Twenty local charities and community groups, serving a wide range of residents and community needs, have been selected as recipients of this year's Hoedown funding.

For more information, visit [hoedown.ca](http://hoedown.ca)

## Full calendar next Thursday night

Nothing ever to do in Stouffville? Not next Thursday. The downtown core will be hopping with three events:

- The weekly Downtown Stouffville Farmers Market is on from 2 to 7 p.m. on Park

Drive south of Main Street.

- Inside Whitchurch-Stouffville showcases local groups in Civic Square from 7 to 9 p.m.
  - Moonlight Madness goes from 7 to 10.
  - Collingwood rockers The Midway State play Nineteen on the Park at 8 p.m.
- See Saturday's Sun-Tribune for more.

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