

Markham Music Festival : Now That's Entertainment

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This year's Markham Village Music Festival marks the 35th time we've hosted the festival, and that's only one of the special anniversaries we're celebrating.

Part of our entertainment line-up will also be celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Jamaica's Independence. We're also celebrating the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and the beginning of the War of 1812, when the Americans invaded Canada and were repulsed.

The Festival starts Friday night at 6 pm with the Taste of Markham, a celebration of Markham's diverse cultural heritage. Join your neighbours and friends and sample cuisine from around the world. Our four stages features several bands including Turning Point, Tripple Play, Reggae band InfraRed, The John Stewart Band, the Farrucas, The Moralitas Latin Band and dance groups from Main Street Dance and Ensemble Biljana.

We also have Alex the Magician for the kids.

Saturday at 10 am the fun starts again with a variety of bands and acts. The bands include many local favourites including Marion Drexler, the Markham Concert Band, GWood, Souled Out, OVERunder, Liza Williams, What About Bob, The Big Chill, Pieces of Eight from the Battle of the Bands, and dance groups from Main Street Dance, Kicks Dance Studio, Kick Up a Fuss Cloggers, entertainment for the kids from Juno nominated Chris McKhool of Fiddlefire, Alex the Magician and Nick's Juggling Family.

At our Opening Ceremonies at 12:15, along with our Town Crier, Mayor and local politicians, we will have a visit from the "Queen" to celebrate her



Diamond Jubilee and soldiers from Fort York will be commemorating the 200th anniversary of the War of 1812.

Our headliner on the Main Stage at 2:00 pm will be the fabulous Robbie Lane and the Disciples, a band that goes back through several decades of rock and roll. You can also hear Robbie nearly every day on radio AM 740. The whole family will also have a great time at Morgan Park with carnival rides and a petting zoo. On your way to the park, stroll through Barkham at the north end of Main Street and see all the events for dogs. Bring your dog to join in the fun.



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