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2023 TOP 100 FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO ANNOUNCED

Provincial organization recognizes Ontario's Best Festivals

Niagara Falls, Ontario (March 8, 2023) Festivals and Events Ontario (FEO) is proud to announce the 2023 Top 100 Festivals & Events in Ontario. These Top 100 recipients represent festivals and events that excel within the industry.

Submissions from FEO members were received for consideration in the fall of 2022 and were judged by an independent panel of judges. Festivals and events of all kinds from every corner of Ontario were represented in the submissions – from community festivals to internationally recognized events. The 2023 Top 100 Awards were given out on Wednesday, March 8th during FEO's Annual Conference "CELEBRATE" in London, Ontario.

FEO would like to congratulate the 2023 Top 100 Ontario Festivals & Events:

RTO 1 - SOUTHWEST ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show
Eat and Drink Norfolk
Amherstburg River Lights Winter Festival
Amherstburg Open Air Weekends
TD Sunfest: Canada's Premier Celebration of World Cultures
Western Fair
Dresden Night Market

RTO 2 - NIAGARA FALLS AND WINE COUNTRY TOURISM REGION

Port Colbourne Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival
Niagara Grape and Wine Festival
OPG Niagara Falls Winter Festival of Lights
Pelham Summerfest
Pelham Summer Chill Series
TD Niagara Jazz Festival

RTO 3 - HAMILTON, HALTON AND BRANT TOURISM REGION

Dundas Cactus Festival
Paris Fair
St. George AppleFest
Sound of Music Festival
Supercrawl
Telling Tales Festival
Hamilton Winterfest
Winona Peach Festival
Because Beer Festival

RTO 4 - HURON, PERTH, WATERLOO AND WELLINGTON TOURISM REGION

Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Guelph Hillside Festival
Sun Life Waterloo Busker Carnival
Stratford Festival
The Mount Forest Fireworks Festival
Riverfest Elora

RTO 5 - GREATER TORONTO AREA TOURISM REGION

Canadian National Exhibition
Carassauga Festival of Cultures
TD Jerk Food and Music Festival
Luminato Festival
National Bank Tennis Open presented by Rogers
SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival
TD Salsa in Toronto Festival
The Streetsville Founders' Bread and Honey Festival Inc
Toronto Caribbean Carnival
Toronto Garlic Festival
Muslimfest
The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair
Fan EXPO Canada
Redpath Waterfront Festival
Afrofest
Mississauga Italfest
World of Jazz Festival
Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival
Crane Creations Theatre Company – Bridges Festival

RTO 6 - YORK, DURHAM AND HILLS OF HEADWATERS TOURISM REGION

Aurora's Concerts in the Park
Aurora's Haunted Forest
Aurora's Multicultural Festival
Richmond Hill Ribfest
Richmond Hill Merry Marketplace
Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival
Oshawa Peony Festival
Port Hope Arts Festival
Port Hope Candlelight Festival
Vaughan Celebrates Concerts in the Park
Vaughan Celebrates Canada Day
Markham Fair
Markham-Milliken Children's Festival
Stouffville Holiday Market

RTO 7 - BRUCE PENINSULA, SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY AND LAKE SIMCOE TOURISM REGION

Barrie Automotive Flea Market
Carrot Fest
Collingwood Art Crawl
St. Marie Among the Hurons – First Light Festival
Creemore Springs Turas Mor
Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival Midland
Port Elgin Pumpkinfest
Pumpkinferno
Clearview Small Halls Festival
Carrousel of the Nations
The Sound Waterfront Festival
Kempenfest
Boots and Hearts Music Festival
Kingsville Open Streets
Kingsville Migration Festival
Lighthouse Blues Festival
Mariposa
City of Windsor Bright Lights
Lucknow's Music in the Fields
Paisley Blues Festival
LaSalle Strawberry Festival

RTO 8 - KAWARTHA AND NORTHUMBERLAND TOURISM REGION

Brooklin Harvest Festival

RTO 9 - SOUTH EASTERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Belleville Waterfront & Multicultural Festival
Quinte West Hops on the Water
Glengarry Highland Games
Goderich Canada Day

RTO 10 - OTTAWA AND COUNTRYSIDE TOURISM REGION

RBC Bluesfest
TD Ottawa Jazz Festival
Winterlude (Ottawa/Gatineau)
The Great India Festival

RTO 11 - HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TO THE OTTAWA VALLEY TOURISM REGION

Tweed & Company Theatre Season
Hike Haliburton Festival

RTO 12 - MUSKOKA, PARRY SOUND AND ALGONQUIN PARK TOURISM REGION

Bala Cranberry Festival
Festival of the Sound
Waterford Lions Pumpkinfest

RTO 13 - NORTHERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Fort William Historical Park - Anishinaabe Keeshigun
International Plowing Match & Rural Expo
Thunder Bay Live on the Waterfront
Timmins Multicultural Festival

The "CELEBRATE" 2023 Festivals & Events Ontario Conference was held in Niagara Falls, Ontario from March 6-8, 2023.

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About Festivals & Events Ontario

Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO) was established in 1987 as an association devoted to the growth and stability of the festival and event industry in Ontario. FEO supports a lively, engaged and dedicated festival and events industry by sharing knowledge, enabling networking and providing leadership on education, advocacy and promotion. FEO operates Canada's largest dedicated festival and event Conference, publishes and distributes an annual consumer guide, promotes its industry festival supplier goods and services and oversees an industry-leading awards recognition program. The festivals and events industry in Ontario is estimated to generate in excess of \$2.3 billion annually in contribution to regional GDP, create/sustain approximately 50,000 full-year-equivalent jobs and foster approximately \$1 billion dollars in taxes at all levels of government.