

“Hospitality And Many New Surprises At Norfolk’s Friendliest Festival”
39th Annual Simcoe Rotary Friendship Festival

Simcoe, ON 2006 – Mark your calendars for the 39th Annual Simcoe Rotary Friendship Festival held on August 5, 6, 7th, downtown at Wellington Park, located near Norfolk Street and Bonnie Drive.

The festival is now celebrating its’ 39th year under the new management of The Rotary Club of Simcoe District 7090. As the new Title Sponsor of the Simcoe Friendship Festival this year, the Rotary Club of Simcoe has established new friendships, opportunities and partnerships, resulting in many new family friendly events and attractions!

Co-chairs Mike Martin and Bill Jappy explain, “As you approach Simcoe’s Downtown Park it’s hard not to become involved in the festivities with buskers and strolling crowds enjoying the beauty of Norfolk County. Hosted at two adjacent parks bordering the Lynn River, you are guaranteed to experience the best sights, sounds, talents and hospitality that Norfolk has to offer. As Rotarians, we are committed to fostering the advancement of honest friendships, establishing goodwill, and fellowship through service for the betterment of community life. The festival provides us with another way to do just that.”

Laughter fills the air, as buskers and musicians entertain shoppers looking for that one of a kind art, craft or hard to find antique. Start you day with a ‘Pancakes In The Park’ breakfast or sample scrumptious treats served by our many food vendors. Live entertainment, a supervised Kids Fun Zone and daily Special Events will make every day unique!

Crowd Pleasers & Daily Special Events Include:

Arts, Crafts, Antiques, Food, Parade, Pancakes In The Park, Cow Paddy Bingo, Adopt-A-Duck Race, Motorcycle Show & Shine, Free Entertainment, Buskers, Clowns, Kids Zone, Car Show, Fishing Derby, Soap Box Derby, Daily Special Events, Canadian Raptor Show, Buskerfly and much much more!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS!

Saturday, August 5th – Various Locations

10:00 AM – 10:30 PM OPENING CEREMONIES – Hosted By CD 98.9 FM Radio Host Gerry Hamill, Broadcast live by Cable 5, Amtelecom and Nor-Del - Bonnie Drive & Colborne Street

- In Costume, the distinguished patronage of Lt. Governor John Graves Simcoe and Mrs. Elizabeth Simcoe - Sponsor Recognition

Entertainment:

- Brantford Symphony Orchestra presents RONDEAU BRASS QUINTET
- THE MEN OF HARMONY, Dr. Ray Danley, Director

12:00 – 1:30 PM PARADE - Broadcast live by Cable 5, Amtelecom and Nor-Del!

The parade route starts at Norfolk Street and Colborne Street, and proceeds south on Norfolk Street, turning right turn (west) on South Drive and disperses at the Norfolk County Fair Grounds. *Watch for the special appearance of the World War 2 Harvard trainer aircrafts!*

2:00 - 4:00 PM BEREK & BLACKWOOD - Lynn River Island

2:30 - 3:10 PM Brantford Symphony Orchestra presents RONDEAU BRASS QUINTET - Anderson Pavilion

3:10 PM - 3:50 PM THE MEN OF HARMONY - Anderson Pavilion

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM THE SCHOTTS, Bluegrass duo - Anderson Pavilion

4:30 PM - 5:30 PM DUANE RUTTER, Singer/songwriter - Anderson Pavilion

4:40 PM - 5:20 PM THE SCHOTTS - Lynn River Island

3:00 p.m. – 3:30 PM BUSKERFLY, Family Entertainment – Bonnie Drive

Sunday, August 6th - Main Pavilion, Anderson Park

WATERFORD OLD TOWN HALL SALUTES FRIENDSHIP FESTIVAL - Kim Berry, Artistic Director

11:00 – 11:40 PM SUE SWEETMAN & JOHNNY FRAME

11:50 – 12:30 PM RACHEL HEART & WILLIE MACAULAY

12:40 – 1:20 PM WHEN WE ARE THREE

1:30 – 2:10 PM KIM BERRY & THE LOST HOBOS

2:20 – 3:00 PM CINDY DELL & THE BLUE RUBIES

3:10 – 3:50 PM CLAIRE SENKO & CHRIS RAIT

4:00 – 5:00 PM EZEDUZIT

1:00 – 1:30 PM & 3:00 - 3:30 PM CANADIAN RAPTOR CONSERVATORY SHOW – Bonnie Drive

Monday August 7th - Main Pavilion, Anderson Park

COUNTY STARS OF TOMORROW, A Salute to Norfolk County's Young Artists

11:00 - 11:40 PM AUTUMN ROAD, Folk duo

11:40 - 12:20 PM SHELLEY THERRIEN, Singer/songwriter

12:20 - 1:00 PM MATTHEW MARTIN, Classical guitarist

1:00 - 1:40 PM HAYLEY SWANTON, vocalist

1:40 - 2:20 PM SARAH & ABIGAIL LAWRENCE, Folk duo

2:20 - 3:00 PM ADAM DUGAS, Singer/songwriter

3:00 - 3:40 PM STARS OF MIDSUMMER MADNESS, Performers from the NACTAC/Simcoe Little Theatre Production

3:40 - 4:20 PM JOSH CAVAN, Multi-talented musician

4:20 - 5:00 PM MIXOLYDIAN, Band

1:00 – 1:30 PM & 3:00 - 3:30 PM CANADIAN RAPTOR CONSERVATORY SHOW - Bonnie Drive

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Mission Statement

To provide an entertaining and safe event that showcases our friendly rural community, and it's many attractions. We welcome families and friends from near and far to foster continued prosperity and new traditions.