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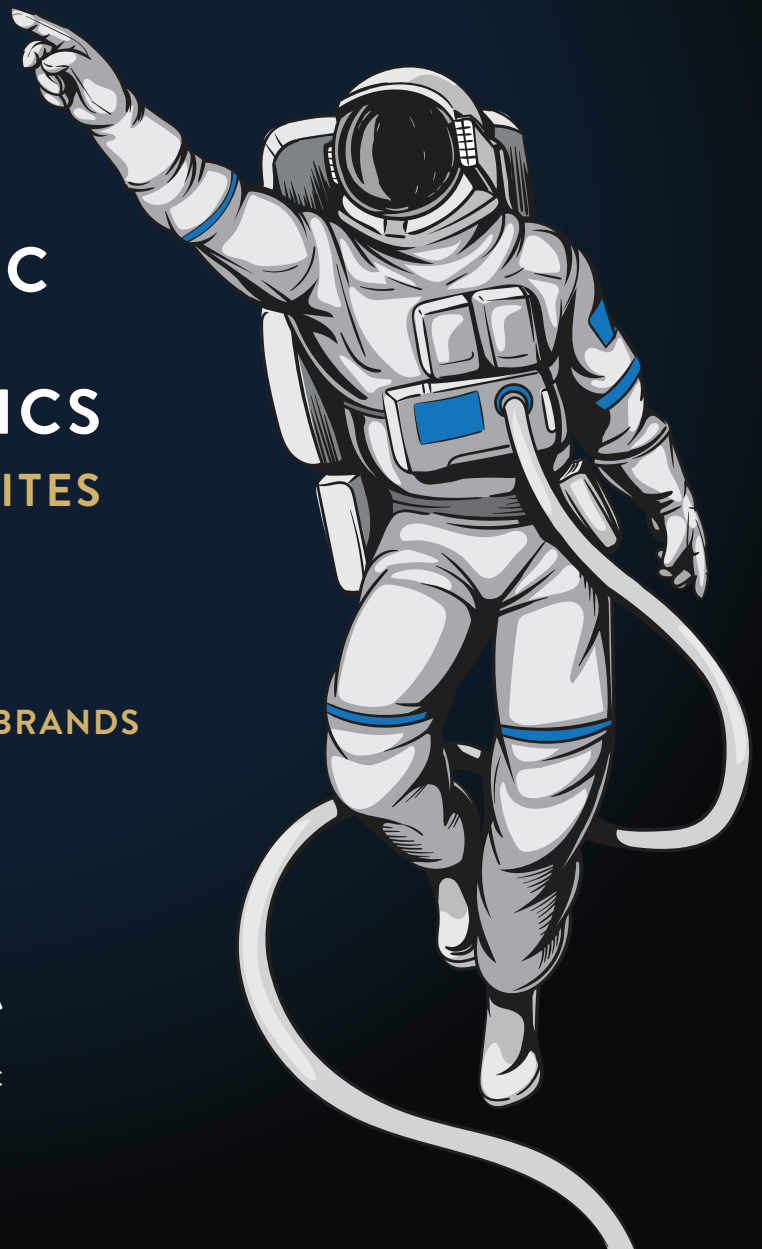
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GET READY TO EXPERIENCE THIS YEAR'S FESTIVAL TRAIL

Immerse yourself in the Sounds of York Region and enjoy everything this wonderful area just north of the 6ix has to offer. Check out where locals like to quench their thirst, pick up locally-made goods, and find a cozy spot to people watch. Read our Curated Tastes and Sips of York Region Playlist, brush up on your Festival Etiquette, and get a comprehensive guide to countless live performances happening across York Region – it's all in this year's edition of the **Experience York Region Festivals and Events Guide**. We invite you to join us on the 2018 Festival Trail to Celebrate Music – and to experience the sweet sounds of York Region. **IT'S ALL HERE!**

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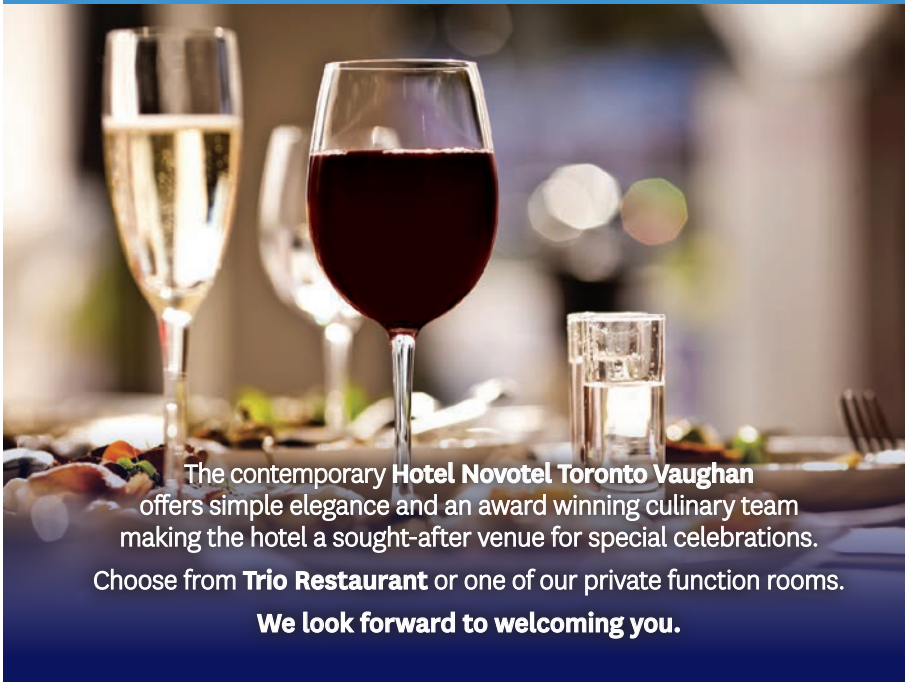
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Festival Etiquette

We've made it easy for you to get the most out of your festival experience!



Tick the boxes off this handy checklist, gather your family and friends and have fun making memories.

- Try and limit your phone use. Constant texting or worse, recording an entire performance, is distracting for both the artist on stage and the person standing behind you that's forced to catch a live show through your phone screen.



- Plan your day out in advance. It will pass quickly, so make sure to reference an event schedule if there's a performance or vendor you don't want to miss.



- Throw your trash in the garbage and recycle if possible. Respect the volunteers, and respect the planet!



- Got a baby? Fit the little dudes with noise cancelling headphones so they can rock out with the best of 'em.

Check out: Baby Banz – Available on Amazon.ca



- The “pet-friendly” question mark. We totally agree that pets are family, but it's probably a good idea to check with the event organizer prior to bringing them along for the ride.



- Bring a hat and sunglasses, but not your most valuable ones. Don't choose it if you don't want to lose it!



- Avoid drinking hard liquor in the sun, and drinking too much alcohol in general. Don't be that guy/gal unless you're cool with ending up on YouTube.



- Pack sunscreen. Shade is a lot harder to find in wide open fields.



- Stay hydrated! Whether or not you are drinking alcohol, H2O is the key to staying happy in the sun, for longer. Bring along a refillable water bottle that's BPA free.



Check out: Klean Kanteen – Available on Amazon.ca

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IN SEARCH OF A GOOD VIBE with GOOD TUNES?

Make sure to check out these favourite local hot spots for your daily dose of live music!

WARNING: WEEKLY RITUALS ARE LIKELY TO DEVELOP

MONDAY

Start the week off with a relaxing night in! Kick back with your favourite take-out, and hit play on "The Official Monday Lineup" playlist on Spotify.

TUESDAY

Sutton
Open Mic at The Shed Smokehouse

Richmond Hill
Falcon and Firkin

WEDNESDAY

Richmond Hill
Karaoke at London Pub Co.

THURSDAY

Markham
Open Mic at the Duchess of Markham

FRIDAY

Newmarket
Live Music at Old Village Free House and Sociable Gastropub

Richmond Hill
Open Mic at Big Daddy's

Whitchurch-Stouffville
Weekly Songwriter Showcase and Open Mic at Main St. Bakehouse

SATURDAY

Newmarket
Live Music at Market Brewing Co.

Richmond Hill
Open Mic at Tailgate Taphouse

SUNDAY

Whitchurch-Stouffville
Open Mic at the Earl of Whitchurch



Mike Guymer, Creative Matters

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June 15, 16 & 17

4 stages of entertainment,
craft & food booths
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MORGAN PARK
Kids Zone: carnival rides,
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Fun for the whole family!

www.markhamfestival.com

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10am to 4pm

More than 200 classic cars, street
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3 Entertainment stages
prizes

Fundraiser for Centre for Dreams

MAIN STREET MARKHAM
10000 Yonge Street, Markham, Ontario

www.mainstreetmarkham.com

Did you know?

THE HOLLAND MARSH SOUPFEST IS CELEBRATING ITS 10TH YEAR!

The Holland Marsh Soupfest is celebrating its 10th year! What started out as a small celebration of the harvest has turned into a multifaceted event that continues to grow in popularity.

This farm to table event gives attendees a unique opportunity to sample delicious soups created with produce and meats grown locally in the Holland Marsh. This event strives to showcase the Holland Marsh as one of the top vegetable producers in Canada and educate attendees on the importance of buying local.

GRAB A SPOON ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018!



Things to Do

WHILE YOU'RE IN TOWN



DINE ON A PATIO

FISHBONE BY THE LAKE (155 Cedarvale Blvd, Whitchurch-Stouffville)

Open seasonally during Spring and Summer, this gorgeous space is a great way to spend an afternoon overlooking Musselman's Lake. Reservations are recommended, as this is a popular spot with both residents and visitors alike! Get a taste for cottage life, but close to the city. Enjoy a menu that has a variety of options for all types of cravings, from zucchini flowers to grilled octopus.

PORT SOIRÉE (174 Main St, Schomberg)

Enjoy fine cuisine in a casual, relaxed setting, where the Chef produces mouth-watering delicacies from the finest of ingredients. Pair your meal with a diverse selection of award winning wines from around the world or relax with one of the deep, rich ports. In the summer of 2008 Port Soirée opened an outdoor patio to enjoy a lazy summer evening with friends and family lounging on the main street of Schomberg and watching the world go by.



SHOP CANADIAN-MADE GOODS

TOO GOOD GENERAL STORE (155 Main St Unionville, Markham)

Visiting friends and family in York Region? Or perhaps you live in the area and want to support local artisans and find some handmade décor that's Made in Canada. Take a stroll on Unionville Main Street in Markham and visit Too Good General Store, a modern twist on the General Store that connects Canadian artisans who create small batch goods with creative and thoughtful consumers. The owner of the shop also hosts a Community Table that is "the" place for workshops, food tastings and to rent out for book clubs and other meetings. It's a cozy, welcoming location to gather, shop and learn.

LEMONBERRY (2 Orchard Heights Blvd #10, Aurora)

Lemonberry boutique is inspired by street, urban looks. The owner, Lisa, wants to focus her shop on eco-conscious, non-toxic, sustainable & Canadian products. You can find Canadian-made brands such as Preloved and Leah Alexandra stocked.



GRAB A DRINK (OR TWO!)

MARKET BREWING CO. (17775 Leslie St #4, Newmarket)

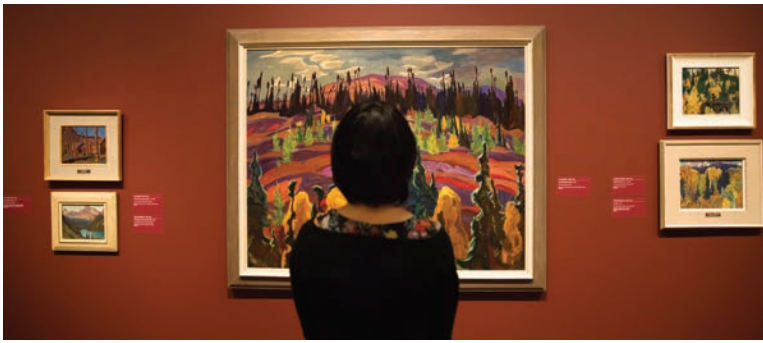
The founders of Market Brewing Co. wanted to build a community hub where people could feel proud to show up and share moments with their loved ones and friends- a home grown brewery in Newmarket producing premium, high-quality beer in-house.

Market Brewing Co. is not only a brewery, but also a fantastic event space where you'll find live music, comedy nights, and pop-up kitchens to name a few.

AW SHUCKS (15230 Yonge St, Aurora)

If you're looking for a place to have a drink and some delicious bites, Aw Shucks Seafood Bar & Bistro is a sleek and stylish restaurant that showcases upscale dining and an extensive international wine list. Aw Shucks brings a downtown feel to the heart of York Region.

The bar is highlighted with an enticing array of fresh oysters waiting to be shucked.



GET CULTURED

MCMICHAEL ART GALLERY (10365 Islington Ave, Vaughan)

The perfect spot to take in Canadian art, the McMichael Art Gallery is located on the original lands of the Ojibwe Anishinaabe People. It is uniquely situated along the Carrying Place Trail which historically provided an integral connection for Aboriginal people between Ontario's Lakeshore and the Lake Simcoe-Georgian Bay Region. The McMichael's permanent collection consists of over 6,400 artworks by Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven, their contemporaries, and First Nations, Métis, Inuit and contemporary artists who have contributed to the development of Canadian art.

VARLEY ART GALLERY (216 Main Street, Unionville)

With 45,000 visitors annually, the Varley Art Gallery has become a preeminent cultural institution serving communities in Markham, York Region and the GTA, while reaching audiences nationally and internationally.



GET OUTSIDE

RIDE THE WIND RENTALS (21100 Dalton Road, Georgina)

Jackson's Point is a quaint little gem of a town on the south shores of Lake Simcoe. The main winding strip of Hedge Road and Lake Drive offers the most beautiful picturesque views. This 18km journey is just too far to walk and too short to drive, making a scooter or bicycle the absolute best way to explore this area. You can truly make a day of visiting and discovering all of the surrounding beaches, parks, harbours, shops and restaurants. Owner Jolene was inspired to open her scooter rental shop after experiencing the joys of scootering on her honeymoon!

Present this guide and receive a 20% off discount on your next rental!

TREE TOP TREKKING (3291 Stouffville Rd, Whitchurch-Stouffville)

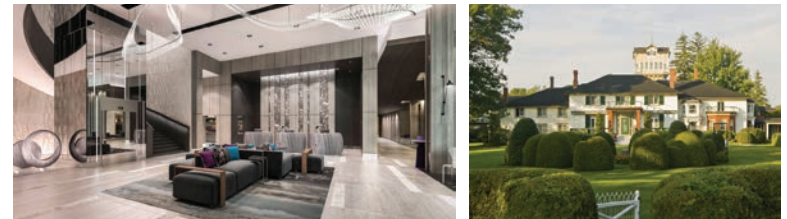
Be a skywalker at this aerial game and zip line adventure playground. Tree Top Trekking is excited to bring the biggest and most exciting zip line and aerial challenge game parks to new regions of Ontario, including this location in Stouffville. Whether it's a discovery walk, a night trek or a team building rally – if you're looking for local adventure you've come to the right place.



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GET SOME R & R

TORONTO MARRIOTT MARKHAM (170 Enterprise Boulevard, Markham)

Illuminating the heart of Downtown Markham, the all-new Toronto Marriott Markham reflects Marriott's latest design concepts and stands tall with sophisticated rooms and luxurious amenities. From the moment you step inside the Great room which features seven modern seating styles, enjoy an exclusive experience with a full-service bar, bourbon program, and variety of menu items. Retreat to modern accommodations with keyless entry, Netflix, high-speed Wi-Fi and bedside adapter ports.

THE BRIARS (55 Hedge Road, R.R. 1, Jackson's Point)

Close to Toronto, but set in idyllic grounds, The Briars is truly "Another World on Lake Simcoe", a place where you can get away from it all and enjoy Ontario in every glorious season. Whether you choose to relax with a **luxurious spa treatment**, take in a **game of golf**, or enjoy the many **recreational activities**, both indoors and out, they have something for everyone.

The Briars resort in Ontario captures the traditional warmth of a country inn with all of the benefits of an extensive lakeside Ontario resort, spa, and conference facilities.



TD FCCM TASTE OF ASIA FESTIVAL



SAT JUNE 23 – SUN JUNE 24

Kennedy Rd & Steeles Ave E, Markham • www.taste-of-asia.ca
Attend the largest Asian Festival in Canada, hosted by FCCM. Each summer, TOA features a variety of Asian street foods, dazzling multicultural performance, culinary artists, iconic celebrities, artisans and much more in Markham. All are welcomed! Free admission!

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL



FRI JUNE 29 – SUN JULY 1

Memorial Park, Stouffville • www.strawberryfestival.ca
The Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival happens over the Canada Day weekend and features The Festival Market with more than 200 vendors, The Made in Canada Music Party on Friday - Saturday it's the Hometown Country BBQ, and Sunday Night enjoy Canada Day Fireworks. Plus FREE Kids Activities and Carnival.

EAST GWILLIMBURY CANADA DAY COMMUNITY CELEBRATION



SAT JUNE 30 – SUN JULY 1

18974 Leslie Street, Sharon Temple National Historic Site and Museum, Sharon • www.sharontemple.ca
Celebrate Canada Day with TWO days of food, fun and musket fire! Experience live entertainment, old fashioned carnival games, free birthday cake, and more! Saturday will feature live 1837 encampment, a pig roast and music with a huge party on Sunday to honour Canada's birthday!



THE RED BARN CONCERTS SERIES CELEBRATES GEORGINA ZOO

SUN JUNE 10, 12PM-7PM

21093 Dalton Rd, Jackson's Point Parkette, Jackson's Point
www.barriejazzbluesfest.com/Red-Barn-Concerts-Series.htm
The Red Barn Concerts Series III - in memory of the historic Red Barn Theatre - presents jazz and blues performances in The Parkette in Jackson's Point as part of The Barrie Jazz And Blues Festival. Free admission, great cuisine, local attractions and boutique shopping all enhance the cultural experience.



MARKHAM VILLAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRI JUNE 15 – SAT JUNE 16



96 Main Street, Markham • www.markhamfestival.com
The road will be closed on Friday evening and Saturday, and feature four stages of entertainment, craft and food booths. One block over in Morgan Park, the Kids' Zone will have carnival rides Friday evening, Saturday and all day Sunday, plus entertainment, crafts and petting zoo on Saturday. Fun for the whole family!

YORK PRIDE PARADE & FIREWORKS

SAT JUNE 16, 3PM-10PM



Main Street, Riverwalk Commons, Newmarket
www.yorkpridefest.com
York Pride Parade has grown to a bustling extravaganza of over 50 groups showcasing the many supporters of diversity in one of Canada's most vibrant and inclusive regions. The day's celebrations will culminate with live performances, activities for all ages and a grand firework display at Riverwalk Commons in Newmarket. Follow us on Instagram @yorkpridefest.

June

COSMOFEST – COSMO MUSICFEST & EXPO

SAT JUNE 2



10 Via Renzo Dr, Richmond Hill
www.cosmofest.ca
Cosmo MusicFEST & EXPO (CosmoFEST) is Canada's premier musical instrument and gear exhibition and celebration of live music. Hosted on Cosmo Music's 4 acre property and 56,000 sq ft facility in Richmond Hill, CosmoFEST is more than a typical music festival. Artists, experts, master builders, and leaders come from across the world to connect directly with fans.

UNIONVILLE FESTIVAL

SAT JUNE 2 – SUN JUNE 3



Main Street Unionville, Markham • www.unionvillefestival.com
Help celebrate our beautiful heritage village in the heart of York Region. Enjoy unique stores, restaurants and pubs, plus dozens of craft and food vendors. Don't miss Saturday's parade, Crazy Kraft Race and fireworks, and Sunday's Funky 5K race and Family Fun Day in Crosby Park.



CANADA DAY & GEORGINA 200 HOMECOMING

SUN JULY 1

26479 Civic Centre Rd, The ROC & Pioneer Village Grounds, Georgina • www.georgina.ca
 2018 marks Georgina's Bicentennial! Celebrate 200 years of community with a Homecoming Party coinciding with Canada Day Celebrations that includes live entertainment, history displays, children's activities, inflatables, food, and fireworks at 10 pm. Don't miss your chance to return to your roots by reconnecting with family and friends.

CULTURE BRIDGE FESTIVAL

SAT JULY 14 – SUN JULY 15

200 Doug Duncan Dr, Newmarket Community Centre and Lions Hall, Newmarket • www.culturebridge.ca
 Imagine - the exciting colourful diversity of world cultures! Leave your passport at home and experience your neighbour's culture here, in your own community. Experience an exciting and inviting intercultural exchange of music, dance, marketplace and food (so come hungry) that reflects the rich artistry and cultural expressions of Canada's welcoming mosaic. Admission is FREE.

FESTIVAL ON HIGH

SAT JULY 21

High Street, Sutton • www.suttonbia.com
 Sutton BIA proudly presents its 6th Annual Festival on High Street on Saturday, July 21, 2018, 10am to 3pm. Enjoy live music; set the kids loose on inflatables and activities; hunt for bargains along a street-long sidewalk sale and vendor market, then relax on a horse-drawn wagon ride through town.

NEWMARKET NATIONAL TEN MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL 2018

WED JULY 25 – SUN JULY 29

460 Botsford Street, Old Town Hall, Newmarket • www.nationalplayfestival.ca
 Celebrating Canada's diverse voices and regional perspectives, professional theatre returns July 25-29th with the Newmarket National Play Festival. This popular event presents 24 ten-minute plays in four "pods" of six shows plus street performers, playwright readings, actor/director talk-back sessions, historical tours, "festilicious" dining, discounts from Main Street shops and boutiques.



RICHMOND HILL RIBFEST

FRI JULY 27 – SUN JULY 29

1300 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Green Park, Richmond Hill
www.richmondhill.ca/ribfest
 Ribfest is a three-day outdoor event that features professional rib teams travelling to Richmond Hill from across North America. In addition to the many delicious food options, enjoy the live entertainment, marketplace, midway and beer garden featuring local craft beers! This event is one you won't want to miss!



MAIN STREET UNIONVILLE EXOTIC CAR SHOW

SUN JULY 29, 11AM-4PM

Main Street Unionville, Markham • www.unionvilleinfo.com
 Held on beautiful historic Main Street Unionville, exotic cars and vendors will line the street for all to see. A deejay and musical entertainment will keep the crowd hopping! Proceeds support Hand Over Hand, a community not-for-profit organization dedicated to helping integrate people with disabilities into the community.



2 DAYS OF OLD FASHIONED FUN!

CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

JUNE 30 & JULY 1

Live Military Encampment all weekend!
 Saturday Night Pig Roast & Entertainment!
 Sunday Family Funday:
 Bouncy Castles
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 and more...

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Sharon Temple National Historic Site & Museum
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August



AURORA MUSIC FESTIVAL

SAT AUG 4, 2PM-11:30PM

Town Park, Aurora
musicaurora.ca/summer-music-festival

FREE community event for all ages in Aurora Town Park, showcasing youth, local, up and coming talent and established musical acts. Enjoy great music, delicious food vendors, and a licensed beer garden. Bring your lawn chair and celebrate the summer in Aurora. Not your average concert in the park!



PEPPERLAW PICNIC AND CAR SHOW

MON AUG 6

38 Pete's Lane, Pepperlaw Lions Park, Pepperlaw
Enjoy a free picnic and wholesome day of family fun! Listen to live music, get up close and personal with critters from Zoo to You, let your kids play in the bouncy castles and much more!



SUTTON FAIR & HORSE SHOW

THUR AUG 9 – SUN AUG 12

3 Fairpark Lane, Sutton Fair Grounds, Sutton West
www.suttonfair.com

The Sutton Fair & Horse Show is a four-day agricultural fair with something for everyone. Built on tradition, they have horse & livestock competitions, demolition derby & demo cross, truck & tractor pull, horse pull, home craft exhibits, aqua dogs show, vendors and the biggest Midway in Northern York Region.



STOUFFVILLE COUNTRY RIBFEST

FRI AUG 10 – SUN AUG 12

Memorial Park, Stouffville • stouffvillecountryribfest.com

This three-day event features national BBQ pit masters, live music, food trucks, local breweries, marketplace, kids' zone and more! It's a Whitchurch-Stouffville tradition - high energy fun for the whole family! Come out to Stouffville's Memorial Park on August 10th from 12 – 11 pm, August 11th from 11am – 11 pm & August 12th from 11am – 11 pm.



RICHMOND HILL ROTARY CRAFT BEER TASTING FESTIVAL

SAT AUG 11, 4PM-11PM

10268 Yonge St, Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, Richmond Hill • www.rotarybeertasting.com

The Rotary Club of Richmond Hill's annual Craft Beer Tasting Festival is a fundraiser for charities supported by Rotary. Ten local Ontario Craft Beer Brewers will offer a selection of lagers, ales, stouts, bitters, pilsners, porters, bocks and ciders too. Pair a drink with delicious food and great live music! Ages 19+.



PAINTED PERCH FESTIVAL

SAT AUG 11

21093 Dalton Rd, Jackson's Point Parkette, Jackson's Point
www.jacksonspointbia.com

The Painted Perch Festival is a celebration of our perch fishing which brings residents and visitors into our core to enjoy music, games, food, vendors, and our shops - while showcasing the talents of local artists, young and old, in multiple mediums. Vote for your favorite fish. You decide the winners! Come for the art, stay for the fun!



TD MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL

FRI AUG 17 – SUN AUG 19

Main Street Unionville, Markham • markhamjazzfestival.com

The TD Markham Jazz Festival is a must-attend event featuring established professional musicians performing jazz and blues on stages, in pubs and restaurants, and on the street - in the magical setting of Main Street Unionville, in Markham. Enjoy 30+ FREE performances, enhanced by one-of-a-kind shopping, beer/wine garden, art galleries, and more!



TD NEWMARKET MUSIC FESTIVAL

FRI AUG 24 – SUN AUG 26

200 Doug Duncan Dr, Newmarket Community Centre and Lions Hall, Newmarket • www.newmarketmusicfestival.com

TD-NMF introduces new "Seize the Summer Series" - 3 weekly concerts showcasing fabulous local and tribute entertainment from July 5th. TD-NMF Festival gates open at Riverwalk Commons August 24-26 featuring live music, arts, kids' activities, vendors, craft beer/wine, workshops - beside Heritage Main Street & Magical Fairy Lake.



TASTE OF STOUFFVILLE FOR EVERGREEN HOSPICE

SAT AUG 25, 12PM-11PM

Memorial Park, Stouffville • www.tasteofstouffville.com

From bouncy castles to axe throwing, there's something for everyone! Local eateries will be offering an assortment of barbecued fare, and local craft-brewers will pour something for every palate. It will be a music-filled day, featuring local acts playing different genres on our outdoor stage. Taste of Stouffville will keep the whole family entertained, fed and happy!





AURORA'S MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL



SAT SEPT 8, 10AM-4PM

49 Wells Street, Aurora Town Park, Aurora • www.aurora.ca/multiculturalfestival.ca

Travel the world all in one day, no passport required! Be dazzled as you experience how other cultures celebrate song and dance with packed entertainment line-up. Take your palate on a tour; sample global tastes and attend cooking demos. Jump in with both feet in the cultural activities and games available.

MARKHAM AUTO CLASSIC



SUN SEPT 9, 10AM-4PM

96 Main Street, Markham • www.mainstreetmarkham.com

The 19th Annual Markham Auto Classic features more than 200 classic cars, street machines, trucks and motorcycles, with trophies awards at 3PM. Held on Markham's historic Main Street, experience live music, food and craft vendors. Proceeds support the Centre for Dreams, a local charity that provides care and daily activities for adults with learning disabilities.

UPTOWN KESWICK HARVEST FESTIVAL



SAT SEPT 15

The Queensway & Simcoe Avenue, Keswick

Enjoy an organic fall harvest! The Uptown Keswick Harvest Festival is a fun-filled fall day of family activities, including horse-drawn wagon rides, pumpkins, vendor's market, food trucks, kid's activities, live local music & much more.

BINDER TWINE FESTIVAL

SAT SEPT 15, 9AM-5:30PM

Islington Avenue, Kleinburg • www.bindertwine.ca

CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND POW WOW



SAT SEPT 22 - SUN SEPT 23

26071 Park Road, Sibbald Point Provincial Park, Sutton West
www.georginaisland.com/event

Experience a traditional POW WOW and a day at the shores of Lake Simcoe. Experience drumming, dancing, hoop dance demonstrations and First Nations owned and operated food and craft vendors at The Sibbald Point Provincial Park.



REBEL HEARTLAND

SAT SEPT 22 - SUN SEPT 23



Main Street, Fairy Lake Park, Newmarket • www.newmarket.ca/events
On September 22 and 23 downtown Newmarket will be invaded by rebels and militia as they clash over the future of Upper Canada. Re-enactors recreate the Rebellion of 1837, and the sights, sounds, and culture of everyday life in the colony as they welcome guests to be part of the action!

RICHMOND HILL TASTES OF THE HILL MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL



SAT SEPT 22 - SUN SEPT 23

1300 Elgin Mills Road East, Richmond Green Park, Richmond Hill
www.richmondhill.ca/TastesoftheHill

Tastes of the Hill Multicultural Festival is a two day outdoor festival celebrating Richmond Hill's diverse, multicultural community. A variety of activities will be featured including live entertainment and a showcase of culture, food, fashion, arts and crafts and sports from around the world. Don't miss this one-of-a-kind cultural celebration!



MARKHAM FAIR

THUR SEPT 27 - SUN SEPT 30



10801 McCowan Road, Markham Fairgrounds, Markham
www.markhamfair.ca

Markham Fair is one of the largest and oldest Agricultural Fairs in Canada. Since 1844 the fair has been providing the community with a showcase for talents and products in a friendly competitive spirit. For this year's 174th edition of the Fair, enjoy some fantastic food, home crafts, entertainment and of course the Midway.

THE HOLLAND MARSH SOUPFEST

SAT SEPT 29, 11AM - 3PM



18997 Dufferin Street, Ansnoerveldt • www.soupfest.ca

Experience Holland Marsh SoupFest! This farm to table event showcases the best produce the Holland Marsh and the surrounding agricultural area has to offer. Sip and savour over 20 delicious soups prepared by some of the finest chefs from around the province, using local ingredients.

Experience



The York Region Arts Council is proud to announce The York Region Festival Trail: Celebrating MUSIC. We invite you to visit the many festivals and be immersed in rich cultural diversity, proud Canadian content and artistic excellence throughout York Region.

Follow along the festival trail and share your experiences with us using the hashtag:

#YRFestivalTrail



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FRI JUNE 15 – SAT JUNE 16
- 5 YORK PRIDE PARADE & FIREWORKS
SAT JUNE 16, 3PM-10PM
- 6 TD FCM TASTE OF ASIA FESTIVAL
SAT JUNE 23 – SUN JUNE 24
- 7 WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE STRAWBERRY
FESTIVAL
FRI JUNE 29 – SUN JULY 1
- 8 EAST GWILLIMBURY CANADA DAY
COMMUNITY CELEBRATION
SAT JUNE 30 – SUN JULY 1
- 9 CANADA DAY & GEORGINA 200 HOMECOMING
SUN JULY 1
- 10 CULTURE BRIDGE FESTIVAL
SAT JULY 14 – SUN JULY 15
- 11 FESTIVAL ON HIGH
SAT JULY 21
- 12 NEWMARKET NATIONAL TEN MINUTE
PLAY FESTIVAL 2018
WED JULY 25 – SUN JULY 29
- 13 RICHMOND HILL RIBFEST
FRI JULY 27 – SUN JULY 29
- 14 MAIN STREET UNIONVILLE EXOTIC CAR SHOW
SUN JULY 29, 11AM-4PM
- 15 AURORA MUSIC FESTIVAL
SAT AUG 4, 2PM-11:30PM
- 16 PEPPERLAW PICNIC AND CAR SHOW
MON AUG 6
- 17 SUTTON FAIR & HORSE SHOW
THUR AUG 9 – SUN AUG 12
- 18 STOUFFVILLE COUNTRY RIBFEST
FRI AUG 10 – SUN AUG 12



- 19 RICHMOND HILL ROTARY CRAFT BEER TASTING
FESTIVAL
SAT AUG 11, 4PM-11PM
- 20 PAINTED PERCH FESTIVAL
SAT AUG 11
- 21 TD MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL
FRI AUG 17 – SUN AUG 19
- 22 TD NEWMARKET MUSIC FESTIVAL
FRI AUG 24 – SUN AUG 26
- 23 TASTE OF STOUFFVILLE FOR EVERGREEN HOSPICE
SAT AUG 25, 12PM-11PM
- 24 AURORA'S MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL
SAT SEPT 8, 10AM-4PM

- 25 MARKHAM AUTO CLASSIC
SUN SEPT 9, 10AM- 4PM
- 26 UPTOWN KESWICK HARVEST FESTIVAL
SAT SEPT 15
- 27 BINDER TWINE FESTIVAL
SAT SEPT 15, 9AM-5:30PM
- 28 CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND POW WOW
SAT SEPT 22 – SUN SEPT 23
- 29 REBEL HEARTLAND
SAT SEPT 22 – SUN SEPT 23
- 30 RICHMOND HILL TASTES OF THE HILL
MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL
SAT SEPT 22 – SUN SEPT 23

- 31 MARKHAM FAIR
THUR SEPT 27 – SUN SEPT 30
- 32 THE HOLLAND MARSH SOUPFEST
SAT SEPT 29, 11AM – 3PM
- 33 YORK REGION FESTIVAL OF ONE-ACT PLAYS -
NEWMARKET
THUR OCT 4 – SAT OCT 6
- 34 WOODBRIDGE FALL FAIR
SAT OCT 6 – MON OCT 8
- 35 MARKHAM FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
FRI NOV 23, 6PM-10PM
- 36 AURORA WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL
FRI FEB 22 – SAT FEB 23, 2019

Please note this map is not to scale.

Concerts

IN THE PARK

VAUGHAN

NEON NOSTALGIC - Wednesday, June 6
Vaughan City Hall – 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr., Vaughan

ABBA REVISITED - Wednesday, June 20
Sonoma Heights Park – 100 Sunset Ridge, Woodbridge

BLACKBOARD BLUES BAND - Wednesday, June 27
York Hill District Park – 501 Clark Ave. West, Thornhill

GLORY DAYS – TRIBUTE TO BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN
Wednesday, July 11
Chancellor District Park – 350 Ansley Grove Ave., Woodbridge

ARTIST TO BE CONFIRMED - Wednesday, July 18
North Thornhill Community Centre
300 Pleasant Ridge Ave., Thornhill

BEACH BUMS – TRIBUTE TO THE BEACH BOYS
Wednesday, July 25
Mackenzie Glen District Park – 220 Cranston Park Ave., Maple



RICHMOND HILL

RICHMOND HILL CONCERTS IN THE PARK
Every Thursday between July 5th - August 23rd from 7-9PM.
Mill Pond Park – 321 Mill Street, Richmond Hill, ON

KID CONCERTS IN THE PARK
Sunday July 8, July 22nd & August 8th from 1-2PM.
Richmond Green Amphitheatre

STOUFFVILLE

SUMMER PATIO SERIES: BENJAMIN DAKOTA ROGERS
July 14th, 2018 - 19 on The Park – 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, L4A 1G5

SUMMER PATIO SERIES: CHAD PRICE
July 28th, 2018
19 on The Park – 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, L4A 1G5

SUMMER PATIO SERIES: THE JOHNNY MAX BAND - August 18th, 2018
19 on The Park – 19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville, L4A 1G5

EAST GWILLIMBURY

MUSIC AT CIVIC SQUARE
Tuesday July 10, 24, August 7, 21 at 7pm
East Gwillimbury Civic Centre 19000 Leslie Street Sharon, ON.

MUSIC ON THE MOVE - Thursday July 19
Harvest Hills Community Centre, 145 Harvest Hills Blvd, EG
Grab your lawn chairs and join us for some great music.

NEWMARKET

TD NEWMARKET MUSIC AT RIVERWALK SERIES (M.A.R.S.)
Tribute Bands - Every Thursday night July 5th – August 16th at 7-9pm
Riverwalk Common Stage - 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket



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YEAR OPENED: 1832

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CURRENT USES: A living monument to the social, political and architectural history of Canada, the Sharon Temple National Historic Site and Museum features eight historic buildings in a 4.5 acre park like setting, with a running museum, music hall, meeting space, party and wedding venue.

FESTIVALS ON THE TRAIL: East Gwillimbury Canada Day Community Celebration (June 30-July 1)

October

YORK REGION FESTIVAL OF ONE-ACT PLAYS - NEWMARKET

THUR OCT 4 - SAT OCT 6



460 Botsford Street, Old Town Hall, Newmarket • www.vuttc.ca

The York Region Second Annual Festival of One-Act Plays, Newmarket – a lively, live, spirited theatre experience – hits the stage in the Snap'd Auditorium inside the magnificent Old Town Hall in historic downtown Newmarket. Ticket packages available for all three nights, or individual nights of performances.



WOODBRIDGE FALL FAIR

SAT OCT 6 - MON OCT 8



100 Porter Avenue, Woodbridge • www.woodbridgefair.ca

Join in on some old-fashioned fun at Woodbridge Fall Fair this Thanksgiving weekend! A jam-packed event with activities for the whole family including Car Show, Midway and Music Main Stage, Horse Show, Pumpkin Contest, plus Petting Zoo, Pioneer Demonstrations and Farmers Challenge. Loads of community displays, vendors and food to try, kids' activities and much more!



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Winter

2018/2019

MARKHAM FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

FRI NOV 23, 6PM-10PM

96 Main Street, Markham • www.mainstreetmarkham.com

Kick off the festive season at the Festival of Lights, held on historic Main Street Markham from 6 to 10 pm. Enjoy three stages of entertainment, a fire show, carolers and fabulous fireworks, then take in the displays from the merchants' window decorating contest. Don't miss a visit from Santa Claus! Fun for the whole family!



AURORA WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL

FRI FEB 22 – SAT FEB 23, 2019

Various Locations • www.musicaurora.ca

The 8th Annual AWBF features an entire month of festival programming! Check out the Blues Bash Festival Kick-Off, Pop-Up performances, Workshops, Programming Partner events and Themed Performance Evenings. Programming held in various locations throughout Aurora.



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Since the 2018 Festival Trail theme is Celebrating Music, we put together a food and drink related “Playlist” to give you an authentic taste of places right here in York Region!

Please note that these songs are being listed as suggestions and YRAC does not own any rights to the music



LISTEN TO
“Pour Some Sugar On Me” by Def Leppard

VISIT
Sorelle and Co.
1050 Rutherford Road, Vaughan

Sorelle and Co. is a healthy take on sugary sweets! This gorgeous location is situated inside a charming refurbished house and serves delectable desserts (as well as a variety of savoury options) on fine china with gold cutlery.

The inspiration began with five young sisters (“Sorelle” means sister in Italian). All of the girls were plagued by food allergies, including gluten, dairy, eggs, soy and nuts

Motivated by her daughters’ dietary needs, as well as her love for cooking, the owner set out to create a unique food destination that all people, including her own daughters, could enjoy. Everything is made with wholesome, non-GMO, and preservative-free ingredient, so you can savour a variety of delectable offerings without worrying, in a beautiful setting.



LISTEN TO
“Cheeseburger in Paradise “ by Jimmy Buffet

VISIT
Ground Burger Bar
352 Doug Duncan Dr #2, Newmarket

If you’re looking for a downtown vibe in an uptown neighbourhood, check out Ground Burger Bar. With fun Instagrammable decor and friendly staff, it’s a must-visit when you’re in Newmarket. Of course, the wide variety of absolutely mouth-watering burgers doesn’t hurt. They source locally whenever possible, for the food as well as the drinks. The draft beers highlight some of the best local microbreweries and the beef is sourced from a nearby farm in Ontario.

LISTEN TO
“Gin & Juice” by Snoop Dogg

VISIT
State and Main
14760 Yonge St, Aurora

Enjoy Happy Hour on any day of the week! Renowned for their friendly service, State and Main serves up drinks and conversation when you’re in Aurora. A great spot for meeting up with friends to catch up and enjoy the urban atmosphere with North American fare.

LISTEN TO
“Milkshake” by Kelis

VISIT
CrepeStar Dessert Café & Bistro
18275 Yonge Street, unit #1, East Gwillimbury

This milkshake certainly brings the boys (and girls) to the yard, with classic flavour offerings of chocolate, cookies and cream, strawberry and vanilla. Topped with whipped cream, these dreamy confections are a treat unto themselves. If you still have room left after one of these, Crepe Star has an abundance of other treats to satisfy your sweet tooth. They have a make-your-own option where you can decide between a sundae, crepe or waffle and add a variety of toppings on top. Though really, who wants to just pick one?

 **LISTEN TO**
“**Raspberry Beret**” by Prince

 **VISIT**
Round the Bend Farm
16225 Jane Street, King

By Mid-July, you can head over to Round the Bend for some fresh raspberry picking. This working family farm has been around since 1986 and offers not just fresh produce for picking, but also baked goods such as pies, cookies and squares and organic meat products. You'll find something for each season, with Fall decorating ideas and baby animals being born in the Spring, and seasonable fruit and vegetables available.

 **LISTEN TO**
“**Eggs & Sausage**” by Tom Waits

 **VISIT**
Next Door Restaurant
139 Main St Unionville, Markham

This restaurant on Unionville Main Street takes brunch to a whole new level. They offer ‘Blunch’ on a weekday, featuring delicious and unusual options such as White Chocolate French Toast and Okonomiyaki - Japanese-style pancakes. If you’re more of a traditionalist, you’ll also find the staple options of eggs and bacon to satisfy your palate. And no brunch, blunch or breakfast menu would be complete these days without an avocado toast offering – Next Door’s version includes beet hummus and grilled halloumi. The weekend Brunch menu includes the above, with the addition of other items such as acai and poke bowls.

 **LISTEN TO**
“**Honey Honey**” by Abba

 **VISIT**
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Mike’s Wildflower Honey is natural and unpasteurized from hives located on organic vegetable farms and nature preserves. The award-winning artisan honey created here is available through the website or at local farmers markets and at Willow Springs Winery. Whether it’s stirred into your morning cup of tea, used for baking, or enjoyed on its own in its purest form – you’ll find delicious varieties of honey here.



 **LISTEN TO**
“**Heard It Through the Grapevine**” by Marvin Gaye

 **VISIT**
Willow Springs Winery
5572 Bethesda Rd, Whitchurch-Stouffville

Willow Springs Winery, situated atop the Oak Ridges Moraine complete with the renowned 11-acres Testa Vineyard, is a wine and event destination not to be missed. Enjoy the breathtaking views of the vineyard from the Testa pavilion. You can also picnic right in the vineyards, a great way to experience the winery up close on a gorgeous summer’s afternoon.

 **LISTEN TO**
“**Gone Fishing**” by Bing Crosby, Louis Armstrong

 **VISIT**
Amy’s Fish and Chips
1285 Elgin Mills Rd E #24, Richmond Hill

If you’re craving for some fish and chips, check out Amy’s. Instead of a heavy batter, Amy’s uses a light, tempura-like batter for their fish. The family-run business is the perfect spot to relax and fill your belly after a busy day of enjoying York Region!



Q&A: #BANDLIFE

We got personal with two of York Region's rising musicians to find out if "band life" is really all it's cracked up to be!



BAND NAME: Sons of Rhythm
NUMBER OF YEARS ACTIVE: 3
GENRE OF MUSIC: Blues

BANDMATES:
Vocals/Bass: Mick Maratta,
Guitar: Federico Luiu Drums: Mike
Carbone, Sax/keys (sideman): Rob Christian

What's on your current playlist?

Michael Landau, Joey Landreth, Kirk Fletcher, Doyle Bramhall II, Garrett Mason, Wide Mouth Mason, ZZ Top & Ray Charles

What are your favourite venues to perform in York Region?

We've had the pleasure of performing the Aurora Blues Bash in February this year. We hope to have the opportunity to travel to many more venues in York Region upon the release of our first EP.

Do you have a pre-gig tradition? If so, do tell:

Locating band members.

What's it like managing multiple opinions, styles or ideas?

Difficult at times, but well worth it. Each of us comes from a different musical background. Federico is experienced with traditional blues guitar playing, Mick is heavily influenced by funk and soul music and Mike comes from a background in R&B and rock. Being such close friends makes it easier to overcome our creative differences, allowing us to collaborate as a band and create a one of a kind sound.

How do you resolve creative differences and avoid a meltdown?

Collaborating and making music despite creative differences is a continuous learning process. Maintaining a certain level of professionalism and mutual respect for each other; makes it easy to avoid a meltdown. We never take for granted that we are all close friends and skilled musicians who get to make music together for a living. Our love and appreciation for being able to do this is what keeps us growing as a band.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Lighthouse Blues Festival - Fri Jul 13/18
Canadian National Exhibition - Wed Aug 29/18

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES:

 sonsofrhythmband.com
 facebook.com/sonsofrhythmband
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BAND NAME: Laurelle Augustyn
NUMBER OF YEARS ACTIVE: 5
GENRE OF MUSIC: Roots Rock

BANDMATES:
Vocals/Acoustic Guitar: Derek Christie,
Bass: Jon James Drums/Vocals: Rob Greenway
Electric Guitar: Steve Frise
Keyboard/Piano/Organ: Howard Stern

What's on your current playlist?

Personally? What I'm listening to? I like to have things set to random, so I've been listening to some Michael Jackson, Stevie Wonder, Pedro the Lion, Adele, A Fine Frenzy, Ben Harper, City and Colour, Indigo Girls, Lorde.... crazy mix.

What are your favourite venues to perform in York Region?

Just had a CD Release party at The London Pub; The Cornerhouse on Main in Stouffville, The Earl of Whitchurch in Stouffville, Tailgate Taphouse in Richmond Hill, The Living Room in Markham.

Do you have a pre-gig tradition? If so, do tell:

Show up! Just kidding. :)

What's it like managing multiple opinions, styles or ideas?

Interesting! But, the guys are all respectful in listening to each other's ideas and opinions. Generally, a decision just needs to be made and then we move forward. They're pros.

How do you resolve creative differences and avoid a meltdown?

We try out ideas and see how it goes. Majority usually wins in the end, or I make a final decision which is respected. Again, they're all pros.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

Markham Village Music Festival - June 16th
Richmond Hill Music Festival - July 7th
Markham Ribfest - July 8th

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES:

 laurrelleaugustyn.com
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