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DON'T MISS THE BIGGEST FESTIVAL TRAIL YET

Join us for a jam-packed year on the annual York Region Festival Trail! Featuring 40 festivals and events celebrating a vibrant and creative York Region, there's plenty to keep you and your families entertained. In this edition, we share fun ways to get outside and spend some quality family time. Read about the changing landscape of music, and learn how York Region's arts and culture scene has even kick-started career paths. It won't be long before you realize all the fantastic experiences awaiting you just north of the 6ix!

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Your Summer Bucket List

EXPERIENCE QUALITY FAMILY TIME FOR FREE

Use this handy checklist and cross off activities as you complete them!



Go to the playground

Volunteer with a local organization



Go to **FESTIVALS** and **EVENTS**
Many of them are free admission

Go foraging
(See page 5)

Sunday Funday at the Pride of Canada Carousel in Markham



Have a picnic in the park

Hit up your community's library to check out some books and free programming

Cool off at a splash pad

(little ones love Riverwalk Commons or Lake Wilcox)



Take a hike or go for a bike ride through local trails



Head to Lake Simcoe for a beach day

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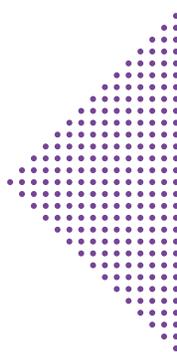
**DOWNTOWN
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Experience York Region

ITINERARY



WHAT CAN WE SAY ABOUT YORK REGION?

Well, we're a diverse bunch. Where else can you go that caters to varied tastes and lifestyles? No matter what you're in the mood for, it's all here in York Region! To prove it, we rounded up a few options for itineraries that will give you all the feels you crave, so you can take the pain out of planning and make the most out of your free time.



EXPERIENCE FUN

Kick-off your day of adventure with a healthy dose of adrenaline at [Canada's Wonderland](#), and brave their newest ride the Yukon Striker, the longest, fastest and tallest dive roller-coaster in the world. After all that blood-pumping action, stop by nearby Kleinburg and cool off with your favourite ice cream at [Old Firehall Confectionery](#). For your final stop, channel all of that excitement and energy and take it to the stands at a [York9 FC](#) home game at Alumni Field at York University. Chant and cheer on the newest addition to the Canadian Premier League!



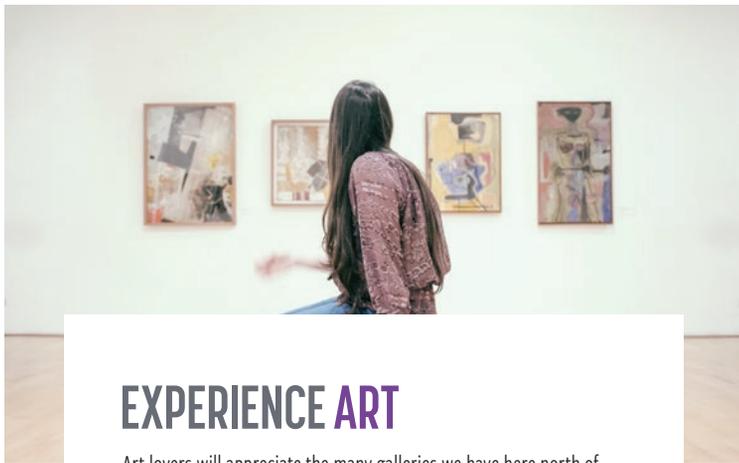
EXPERIENCE THE OUTDOORS

With the nearby sandy shores of Lake Simcoe, you don't have to travel very far for a beach day! Start by soaking in some rays at [De La Salle Beach](#) or [Sibbald Point Provincial Park](#) in Jacksons Point, and then spend the afternoon learning on the land at [Kortright Centre for Conservation](#). Join [TRCA](#) for a guided nature walk, lake paddle, tree planting event and more. Learn something new and enjoy time with friends or family by signing up for their programs. For dinner, enjoy delicious festival fare at one of 40 events on the [York Region Festival Trail](#), then close the evening with popcorn and a movie under the night sky at [Stardust Drive-In](#).



EXPERIENCE ROMANCE

Initiate one-on-one time with your date with a stroll through one of York Region's many historic [Main Streets](#), taking in the old world charm of many cafes and boutique shops. Next, explore the region's best kept secret and take your sweetheart wine tasting. Sample Ontario craft wine at [Willow Springs](#) or [Holland Marsh Wineries](#), before making your 6 o'clock dinner reservation at [Locale Aurora](#) or King City. Indulge in the tasteful balance of casual and fine dining, then cap off your romantic evening at the [Richmond Hill Dunlap Observatory](#). Make sure to book your tickets in advance, as this is a popular attraction!



EXPERIENCE ART

Art lovers will appreciate the many galleries we have here north of the 6ix, but a must-see for everyone is the famous Canadian works by Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven at the **McMichael Canadian Art Collection**. While you're there, make sure to stroll through the grounds to experience their enchanting Sculpture Garden. If you're in the mood for a performance, you'll be impressed by top quality programming available at the **Newmarket Old Town Hall**, **Richmond Hill Centre for Performing Arts**, and **19 on the Park** where their summer long open air concerts attract large audiences. When hunger hits, grab your crew and hit up the eclectic **Cornerhouse on Main** and find your vibe on one of three floors, each one offering cool selfie photo ops, in addition to a craft beer menu of 25 rotating taps.

DIY ALL NATURAL MOSQUITO REPELLENT



We Canadians take our summer very seriously, indulging in every opportunity to be outside, but one "buzz"-kill we can all relate to is the dreaded itchy aftermath. Mosquitos are not only a nuisance, but also carry threats of transmitting diseases like West Nile Virus and Lyme disease.

The problem with commercial bug repellents is that they generally contain harmful chemicals including DEET, which can be known to affect neurological function, especially in children. This summer, keep mosquitos away with this non-toxic formula from *Wellness Mama*.

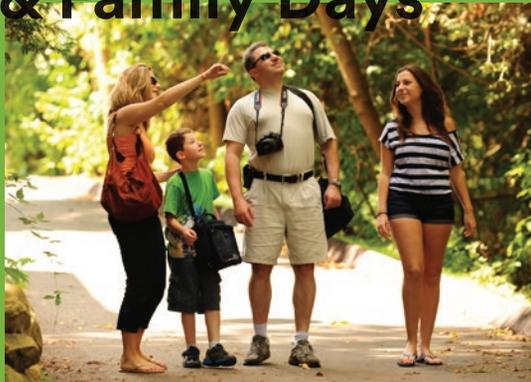
Ingredients

30 drops geranium essential oil
 30 drops citronella essential oil
 20 drops lemon eucalyptus essential oil
 20 drops lavender essential oil
 10 drops rosemary essential oil
 1 TBSP vodka or rubbing alcohol
 ½ cup natural witch hazel
 ½ cup water (or vinegar)

Instructions

Place essential oils in a glass spray bottle. Add vodka or alcohol and shake well to combine. Pour in witch hazel and shake to combine. Add water and shake again. Shake well before each use!

Summer Festivals & Family Days



Experience art, culture and nature in your own backyard

June 30 / Italian Day Festival

July 1 / Celebrate Canada Festival

August 11 / Folk Art Family Day

August 24 and 25 / En Plein Air Paint Out Weekend

Located in the charming village of Kleinburg, within the City of Vaughan.

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is an Agency of the Government of Ontario

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For details and gallery tickets: mcmichael.com

What can you forage

IN YORK REGION?



Foraging Rules

- You must be 100% certain of the plant you're picking.
- Do not overharvest, or pick rare species. Rule of thumb: Pick only 1 for every 20, or 5%.
- Clean before you eat.
- Do not pick on private properties or conservation areas.

Join the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and learn more about the natural world around you through their Adult Workshop program at The Kortright Centre for Conservation.

5 EDIBLE PLANTS FOR FORAGING

Dandelion
 Wood Sorrel
 Chamomile
 Fiddleheads (cooked)
 Wild Mint

For more information visit: www.kortright.org/whats-on/programs-for-adults/

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SWING TO THE MANY

Sounds of Jazz

Today's jazz audiences are as diverse as the music and the musicians who play it.

by Christie Day
Executive Director, TD Markham Jazz Festival

You might be among those who think of jazz as a fairly narrow genre, reserved for nerdy hipsters and nostalgic oldsters. Yet, jazz in 2019 is more relevant than ever. Seven Juno awards are dedicated to jazz, blues, R&B and related forms. Jazz-based studies at university and college music programs have increased. The vibrant Toronto jazz club scene offers performers venues to showcase their work most days of the week. And, music festivals featuring jazz are growing in popularity and funding.

As an organizer of the TD Markham Jazz Festival for the last six of its 22 years, I've seen both the artists and our audiences evolve in age, taste and knowledge. In fact, we conduct in-depth surveys every year to gauge who attends and why. In 2018, nearly a quarter of attendees were 25 to 45 years old, with close to half self-identifying as a group other than Caucasian. Many travelled to Markham from the GTA and beyond.

Most notable, more than half said they attended because they are jazz lovers – a 50% increase from a decade earlier.

“We know we attract people ages 18 to 80, so we program for the widest possible variety of styles,” explains Sarah Kim Turnbull, Artistic Director of the TD Markham Jazz Festival.

Creative programming means taking risks. In 2017, we presented Busty and the Bass, an electro-soul and hip hop band from Montreal; the crowd was ecstatic. In 2018, audiences could choose to hear Russian band Dobranotch playing Gypsy and Balkan music, Juno-nominated vocalist Barbra Lica, and drummer Sarah Thawer, among many acts.

Artists from other genres have found new life touring and recording in a jazz-infused style. You might not think of Grammy and Juno winner David Clayton-Thomas (of Blood, Sweat & Tears fame) as a jazz singer, yet he wowed our audience in 2017 with updates of classic tunes as well as newer songs.

What will you find this year? Plan your festival route, stay tuned and stay open!



Photo by Rob Hyland

“My job is to give people great choices and help them experience something new, something they haven't heard or don't think of as jazz.”



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YORK REGION
ARTS AWARDS

OCTOBER 24TH, 2019

Kick-starting Careers Through Festivals and Events

by Karen Awadalla

Festivals often get branded as seasonal experiences that offer food, fun and entertainment. While they may offer these typical staples, they also provide creative opportunity, which is quite possibly the richest and most understated reward. What many people don't realize when they support local festivals and events is that they are taking part of a much greater purpose in nurturing local talents pursuing a career in the Arts. Most recently, York Region residents felt a wave of hometown pride when Markham's own Mena Massoud was cast as the lead in the much anticipated remake of Disney's Aladdin. So why stop there?

From pre-production to show time, festivals provide a wide range of exposure to different creative industries including dance, theatre, music and film. The Vaughan International Film Festival (VFF) and Newmarket National 10 Minute Play Festival (NNPF) are just two examples of York Region based events whose aim is to provide opportunity to participating artists, in addition to putting on a good show. Mark Pagliaroli, VFF's Director of Marketing and Education, says their focus is not on the glitz and glam of Hollywood, but rather to impart practical skills and knowledge of what it takes to be successful in the film industry.

"Our panel discussions, networking after parties, and awards show are all meant to be a stepping stone, a place where artists can connect with industry professionals and possibly pave their way to a successful career."

VFF alumni have dubbed them "the festival for the filmmaker", and that's something Pagliaroli says they take pride in.

"Our screenings give them constructive criticism and confidence in their work, our seminars educate them by providing the interaction with professionals, and our awards show celebrates them for their achievements," said Pagliaroli. "It's the only festival of its kind in York Region!"



Tristan Claxton, Harrison Smith in the Newmarket National Play Festival production of Boyfish, by Robert Hamilton. Directed by Emma McGreeghan. Photo by Jason Wighton (2018)

Similarly for NNPF, their mandate is to provide emerging and veteran playwrights, directors, actors, and production teams, a national platform to express diverse perspectives through a unique format of presenting six 10-minute plays in one hour. Artistic Director, Michael Halfin says there are certain challenges that artists must adapt to in this fast paced setting.

Given only 10 minutes to perform, actors must develop their characters and story lines in a very limited time, allowing them to demonstrate their range.

Halfin founded the festival in 2017 as an idea and talent incubator showcasing a wide range of themes and stories to reflect regional perspectives in the community. It wasn't long before the festival made an impact on director Chelsey Fawcett's career, ultimately landing her a Managing Director position in Toronto.

"Attending a festival such as the NNPF, which only premieres new Canadian works, allows us to encounter the voices that define who we are, while offering artists the growth opportunities that sustain Canadian culture and entertainment," said Fawcett.

As for VFF, their testimonials speak for themselves. Antonio Ienco, Director of Sponsorship and Events, says the festival has helped filmmakers land full-time jobs and develop feature films, but they are also proud to provide the next generation of artists with an opportunity to apply for scholarships, submit their works and attend industry workshops.

"A young student who participated in our 2015 Special FX Makeup workshop was granted an internship with the instructor for a TV show," Ienco recalls.

By accessing opportunities or even volunteering at local festivals, budding artists and curious minds alike are given a taste of careers they may want to pursue, all while gaining mentorship and expanding their professional networks. Community festivals and events exist to serve the community in more ways beyond food, fun and entertainment, but also for cultural enrichment and creative expression that we can all take pride in.

Showcasing the best in short films, the Vaughan International Film Festival takes place May 13-17, 2019, with host venues spread across the City of Vaughan. For more information visit: www.vaughanfilmfestival.com.

A truly original theatre experience, check out the Newmarket National 10 Minute Play Festival July 22-28, 2019. For more information visit: www.nationalplayfestival.ca.

Support these and other amazing festivals on the York Region Festival Trail!

Experience

This year, map out your route and visit as many as 40 festivals and events along the York Region Festival Trail! Bring your friends and family and enjoy cultural displays, artistic excellence and an endless amount of fun. From live music to theatre, rollercoasters to ribs, there's something for everyone to enjoy!

Follow along the festival trail and share your experiences with us using the hashtag [#YRFestivalTrail](#)



MAP OUT YOUR SUMMER

Download the free York Region Festival Trail App and create your own itinerary!



TIP
You can pull out this centre spread poster and hang it on your fridge!

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MAY 13 - 17

2 THEATRE ONTARIO FESTIVAL

MAY 15 - 19

3 COSMO MUSICFEST & EXPO

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JUNE 1 - 2

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JUNE 8

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JUNE 14 - 16

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JUNE 15 - 3PM

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JUNE 22

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SEPTEMBER 28 - 29

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OCTOBER 4 - 6

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OCTOBER 12 - 14

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OCTOBER 19 - 20

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NOVEMBER 29

40 OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS PARADE AND MARKET

DECEMBER 6-8, 14-15, 21

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MAY

VAUGHAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

May 13 - 17, 2019

Cineplex Vaughan Cinemas | www.vaughanfilmfestival.com

Vaughan International Film Festival (VFF) is a unique 5-day event that proudly showcases both local and international talent. VFF provides an ideal platform for indie filmmakers and presents audiences with multi-genre short films, industry workshops & seminars, and elaborate red carpet awards show.



THEATRE ONTARIO FESTIVAL

May 15 - 19, 2019

Curtain Club Theatre | www.theatreontariofestival.ca

Theatre Ontario Festival 2019 happens May 15 - 19, 2019 at the Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts. This traveling festival is an annual celebration showcasing award winning theatre from across Ontario. Don't miss it! The honorary festival chair is Canadian icon R.H. Thomson. Visit theatreontariofestival.ca for information and festival tickets.



JUNE

COSMO MUSICFEST & EXPO

June 1, 2019

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

June 1 - 2, 2019

Main Street Unionville | www.unionvillefestival.com

It's Festival #50 for York Region's largest street fest! Enjoy the famous Festival Parade, heritage train rides, craft market, live music, FunZone, Crazy Kraft race, spectacular fireworks, Family Fun Day, BeFit, Funky 5K and so much more! Shop, sip and eat at Unionville's unique establishments. A perfect start to summer!



ART IN THE PARK

June 8, 2019

Stouffville Memorial Park | www.townofws.ca/artinthepark

Head to Whitchurch-Stouffville Memorial Park to celebrate arts and culture in this 5th annual juried art show and sale. Enjoy great food and music as you wander the park to revel in the talent of artists from across Southern Ontario. Presented by Stouffville Toyota.



MARKHAM VILLAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

June 14 - 15, 2019

Main Street Markham | www.markhamfestival.com

There will be four stages of entertainment, Salsa stage on Friday and a Bob Marley Tribute on Saturday, craft and food vendors, farmers' market and more! Morgan Park will have carnival rides on Thursday and Friday evening and Saturday. The Petting Zoo will be back on Saturday, and new this year: School of Rock on Friday and Saturday.



THE BURGER FEST

June 14-16, 2019

1 Commerce St, Vaughan | www.theburgerfest.ca

The Burger Fest brings together the best burger joints making slider sized versions of their signature burgers. New this year is a Craft Beer (and other beverages!) Market to pair and sample! Enjoy live entertainment and family friendly activities all weekend long. Check out www.theburgerfest.ca for the full vendor and entertainment lineup!



YORK PRIDE FESTIVAL

June 15th 2019

www.yorkpridefest.com

PRIDE ON RIVERWALK

11:00AM - 11:00PM | Riverwalk Commons, Newmarket

Jump in for the ultimate day of enjoyment, with a dazzling array of entertainment, tasty food and much more. Get on your feet to the beat of colourful artists including stunning drag queens, jaw-dropping fire acts, plus a grand finale of lighting up the sky, bursting confetti and dancing together! #FamilyFriendlyFun

YORK PRIDE PARADE

3:00PM | Main Street Newmarket

Don't miss the most colourful extravaganza that brings York Region together and shines a spotlight on 2SLGBTQ lives, culture and creativity. Experience upbeat floats, 1000+ PROUD participants and the friendliest welcome on Main Street Newmarket. See the colour, feel the life and be a part of the glitz and glam. #FamilyFriendlyFun



FOOD TRUCK FRENZY

June 20, 2019

Stouffville Memorial Park

www.townofws.ca/foodtruckfrenzy

Experience Food Trucks from across the GTA in Stouffville's own Memorial Park. Enjoy bands and entertainment as you sample dishes from over 20 different vendors.



MUSIC IN THE STREETS

June 22, 2019

Uptown Keswick Business Area, The Queensway South and Simcoe Ave., Keswick | www.connorsmusic.ca

Music in the Streets is a FREE community festival geared towards creating a performance opportunity for the up and coming musicians of Georgina. Originally started as an unconventional "recital" for the students of Connors Music, it has now grown into a full day event with kid's activities, food vendors, BBQ, street vendors, face painting, and MORE!



TD FCCM TASTE OF ASIA FESTIVAL

June 28 - 30, 2019



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Kennedy Rd & Steeles Ave E., Markham | www.taste-of-asia.ca

The largest Asian Festival in Canada is 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

June 28 - July 1, 2019



Stouffville Memorial Park | www.strawberryfestival.ca

The Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival is a free family event that features The Festival Market with 200 crafters and vendors, lots of live music, the Hometown Country BBQ & Corn Roast, tons of kids activities, a carnival, Canada Day fireworks, and of course, lots of strawberries.

JULY



MARKHAM ROTARY RIBFEST

July 5-7, 2019



179 Enterprise Blvd, Markham | markhamribfest.com
The Rotary Club of Markham Sunrise proudly presents the 16th annual Markham Rotary Ribfest as a charity fundraising event to support local charities and organizations. This year, the charity of choice is the Dr. Bear Program for children ages 4 - 12 who are about to undergo surgery at the Markham Stouffville Hospital.

VAUGHAN PIZZA FEST

July 12 - 14, 2019



1 Commerce St, Vaughan
www.vaughanpizzafest.com

The Vaughan Pizzafest is back for its fourth year, bringing you the best pizzerias and entertainment for an amazing weekend of Pizza, Music and Beer. They'll be hosting 15+ pizzerias, and featuring top level entertainment along with family friendly activities all weekend long. Check out www.vaughanpizzafest.com for the full vendor and entertainment lineup!

RICHMOND HILL RIBFEST

July 26 - 28, 2019



Richmond Green Park, Richmond Hill
www.richmondhill.ca/ribfest

It's appetizing, entertaining and it's happening again in Richmond Hill! Ribfest is a three-day outdoor festival 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, midway and a beer garden. This festival is one you won't want to miss!



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FESTIVAL ON HIGH

July 20, 2019



High Street, Sutton West | www.suttonbia.com

The 7th Annual Festival on High Street takes place from 10 am to 3 pm. Enjoy live music and set the kids loose on inflatables and activities. They'll love getting their faces painted for free, and you'll love bargain hunting along a street-long sidewalk sale and vendor market. See the town on free horse-drawn wagon rides, starting 11 am.

NEWMARKET NATIONAL 10 MINUTE PLAY FESTIVAL 2019

July 22 - 28, 2019



460 Botsford St, Old Town Hall, Newmarket
www.nationalplayfestival.ca

This week-long professional theatre festival, sponsored by BMW Newmarket, celebrates Canada's diverse voices and regional perspectives. Featuring 24 new and original 10-minute plays presented in 4 "pods" of 6 plays in 60 minutes. Enjoy FREE activities: playwright readings, actor-director talkbacks, walking tours, art exhibit, and special "Festilicious" dining plus shopping offers.

GEORGINA COUNTRYFEST

July 27, 2019



26479 Civic Centre Rd, The ROC, Georgina
www.georginacountryfest.ca

Georgina CountryFest has 9 country acts hitting the stage all day on July 27th at the ROC in Georgina. Check out over 50 vendors, including Brock Street Brewery Beer Garden and Jose Cuervo Margarita bar. There will be slo-pitch, horseshoes, kids' games, face and pottery painting, still walkers, and much more!

UNIONVILLE EXOTIC CAR SHOW

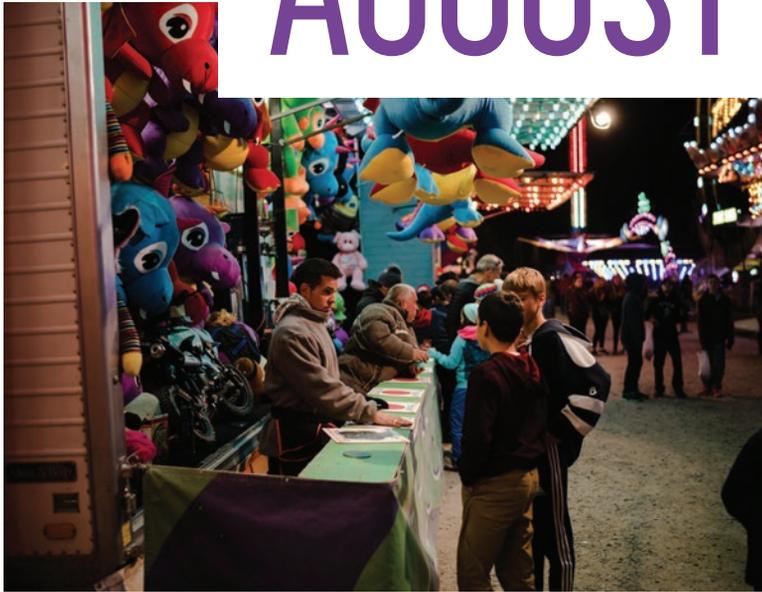
July 28th, 2019



Main Street Unionville | www.unionvilleinfo.com
Held on beautiful historic Main Street Unionville, over 100 exotic cars will line the street for all to see. Lots of great raffles and prizes to be won, amazing shopping to be had, and of course, AMAZING cars to be seen. All proceeds will go to help Children's Mental Health Services in York Region.



AUGUST



PEFFERLAW PICNIC

August 5, 2019

Pete's Ln, Pefferlaw Lions Community Hall, Pefferlaw | www.lake-simcoe.ca/PAR
Experience this family event with inflatables, interactive family games, educational displays, petting zoo, contests, and antique car show with over 20 cars registered. This free event is sponsored in part by local service clubs, local business owners, and with funding from the Town of Georgina. The theme is family participation that all ages can enjoy.



SUTTON FAIR AND HORSE SHOW

August 8 - 11, 2019

Sutton Fairgrounds, 3 Fairpark Lane, Sutton
www.suttonfair.com
The Sutton Fair and Horse Show is a four day family event, hosting live music, truck and tractor pulls, demo derbies, horse and livestock shows, kids games, a full midway and beer tent.



STOUFFVILLE COUNTRY RIBFEST

August 9 - 11, 2019

Stouffville Memorial Park
www.stouffvillecountryribfest.com
You don't want to miss this fun-filled family weekend! Stouffville Country Ribfest brings Memorial Park to life with ribs, food, beverages, vendor market, live music, Kids' Zone and more! Presented by Houston Ford.



TAPESTRY OF TASTE

August 9 - 11, 2019



19000 Leslie Street, Sharon
www.eastgwillimbury.ca/tot
Presented by DUCA. The Town of East Gwillimbury in partnership with Sharon Temple introduces Tapestry of Taste- EG International Food and Craft Beer Festival. The festival is focused on inclusivity and designed to bring together communities while showcasing multiculturalism and celebrating the town's heritage.

RICHMOND HILL ROTARY CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

August 10, 2019



Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts
www.rotarybeertasting.com
The Rotary Club of Richmond Hill's seventh annual Craft Beer Tasting Festival to raise funds for charities supported by Rotary. Headlining the entertainment will be Green River Revival, the great CCR Tribute Band. Sample from ten superb local Ontario Craft Beer Brewers, eat awesome food, and support a worthy cause! #RHBeer2019

PAINTED PERCH FESTIVAL

August 16, 2019



21093 Dalton Rd, Jackson's Point
www.jacksonspointbia.com
The Painted Perch Festival is a celebration of perch fishing which brings residents and visitors into the core to enjoy music, games, food, vendors, and local shops - while showcasing the talents of local artists, young and old, in multiple mediums. Vote for your favorite fish. You decide the winners! Go for the art, stay for the fun!

TD MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL

August 16 - 18



Main Street Unionville | www.markhamjazzfestival.com
This must-attend, free music event showcases 40+ professional jazz, blues and related performances on three main stages, in pubs and Markham-area restaurants, and on the street in the magical setting of historic Unionville. Enjoy one-of-a-kind shopping, dining, art, wine and beer garden, walking tours, amazing music and more!

August 9, 10, & 11

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SEPTEMBER

MARKHAM AUTO CLASSIC

September 8, 2019



Main Street Markham | www.mainstreetmarkham.com
 The Markham Auto Classic features over 200 classic cars, trucks and motorcycles! Among the classic vehicles that line Historic Main Street Markham, experience live music, food and craft vendors. All proceeds support the Centre for Dreams; a local charity that provides care and daily activities for adults living with learning disabilities.

UPTOWN KESWICK HARVEST FESTIVAL

September 14, 2019



The Queensway South and Simcoe Ave.
www.fb.com/uptownkeswickBIA

Prepare for a fun day for the whole family! Choose from the many fun activities, including shopping at from local vendors, a Farmers Market, face painting, bouncy castles, horse drawn wagon rides, and more!
 Hosted by Uptown Keswick BIA.

CHIPPEWAS OF GEORGINA ISLAND POW WOW

September 28 - 29, 2019

Sibbald Point Provincial Park, 26071 Park Rd.
www.georginaisland.com
 Experience a traditional POW WOW in the beautiful landscape of Georgina. Experience drumming, dancing, hoop dance demonstrations and First Nations owned and operated food and craft vendors.



GEORGINA STUDIO TOUR

September 28 - 29, 2019



Various Locations in Georgina | www.georginastudiotour.com
 On this 2-day self-guided FREE tour is your opportunity to visit homes and studios that for the rest of the year are available by appointment only. Take an art adventure amidst the spectacular autumn colours in one of York Region's most picturesque settings through Georgina's lakeside communities on Lake Simcoe.



HALLOWEEN HAUNT

Select Nights | Fall 2019



Canada's Wonderland | www.canadaswonderland.com/haunt
 Halloween Haunt at Canada's Wonderland is the largest Halloween event in the Greater Toronto Area, transforming the theme park into a scream park with hundreds of monsters, terrifying attractions and live shows. Face your fears on the rides at night, and brave the park's collection of haunted mazes and scare zones. Not recommended for children under 13.

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www.georginacountryfest.ca

OCTOBER



MARKHAM FAIR

October 3-6, 2019



Markham Fairgrounds | www.markhamfair.ca

Markham Fair is an annual event, about to celebrate their 175th year! The community is brought together to enjoy various entertainment such as demo derby, tractor pull, midway rides, displays of farm animals and over 100 retail vendors. Get out and help them celebrate this landmark year from October 3rd to 6th, 2019.

GILMORE GIRLS FAN FEST

October 4 - 6, 2019



Main Street Unionville | www.gilmoregirlsfanfest.com

Gilmore Girls Fan Fest is a three-day event happening in Unionville, October 4-6, 2019, bringing together fans from around the world. The festival attracts cast and crew from the show, allowing attendees to attend and participate in nearly 50 events throughout the weekend. Tickets are available at www.gilmoregirlsfanfest.com.

HOLLAND MARSH SOUPFEST

October 5, 2019



18997 Dufferin Street, Ansnorveldt | www.soupfest.ca

Are you a soup lover? If so, this is the place you need to be! Join other soup lovers at the Holland Marsh Soupfest to sip and savour over 20 delicious soups prepared by some of the finest chefs and home cooks from around the province, using fresh and local ingredients.

WOODBIDGE FALL FAIR

October 12 - 14, 2019



100 Porter Avenue, Woodbridge | www.woodbridgefair.ca

Join in some old-fashioned fun at 172nd 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!

RICHMOND HILL ART & STUDIO TOUR

October 19 - 20, 2019



www.richmondhill.ca/studiotour

Experience the joy of original artwork on this self-guided tour! The Art & Studio Tour is Richmond Hill's main art event of the year. Professional and emerging artists open their studios or exhibit at local community spaces to showcase their work. This tour attracts visitors to meet local artists, learn about their creative processes and share their works of art.



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Contest closes
July 5th, 2019



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WINTERFEST

Select Dates this November & December



Canada's Wonderland | canadaswonderland.com/winterfest

WinterFest offers a new season of holiday fun at Canada's Wonderland where guests will be treated to an immersive holiday experience taking place in late November & December. During WinterFest, the park will be transformed into an enchanted winter wonderland complete with uniquely themed areas, millions of spectacular lights, ice-skating, live entertainment, savoury treats, family activities and more!

MARKHAM FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

November 29, 2019



Main Street Markham | www.mainstreetmarkham.com

Kick off the festive season at the Festival of Lights. Enjoy live music, food and craft vendors, and a visit with Santa Claus. Celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with a tree lighting and fireworks finale. Bundle up for a fun night with the entire family.

OLDE TYME CHRISTMAS PARADE AND MARKET

December 6-8, 14-15, 21, 2019



Main Street Unionville | www.unionvilleinfo.com

More than 40 bands and floats kick off the Christmas Season in the Olde Tyme Candlelight Christmas Parade. Watch the tree lighting at the Bandstand and visit Santa in the hut. Celebrate the joy of Christmas with a traditional, yet unique Christmas Market on Main Street Unionville. Enjoy the amazing lights and decorations!

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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: DIA
NUMBER OF YEARS ACTIVE: 12
GENRE OF MUSIC: World Pop



BAND NAME: Evan Farrell
NUMBER OF YEARS ACTIVE: 2
GENRE OF MUSIC: Country

WHAT'S ON YOUR CURRENT PLAYLIST?

I have a lot of reggae and dancehall, music from the Middle East, Latin America and central Europe (I love Roma music). Most of the songs I listen to are in languages other than English but I do enjoy my 80s rock once in a while!

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE VENUES TO PERFORM IN YORK REGION?

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts, the many outdoor festivals York Region has (Canada Day, Taste of the Hill, Markham Jazz, etc), and original event showcases that I host (stay tuned!)

DO YOU HAVE A PRE-GIG TRADITION? IF SO, DO TELL:

EAT, relax and make sure I'm hydrated.. I love food and can't sing on an empty stomach.

WHAT'S IT LIKE MANAGING MULTIPLE OPINIONS, STYLES OR IDEAS?

As an indie artist, it's exciting to be in control over most of what I do. I'm very lucky to have the most amazing team. They're always honest and open about their opinions and ideas, sometimes not in-line with mine - and that's amazing! Being around "yes people" doesn't help with growth and development, and I like being challenged!

HOW DO YOU RESOLVE CREATIVE DIFFERENCES AND AVOID A MELTDOWN?

Creativity is sensitive and subjective, but when it comes down to creative differences, it's always important to LISTEN more than SPEAK. Listening makes all the difference when it comes to UNDERSTANDING the other, and through understanding is where calm and bright solutions develop.. It's amazing to see the magic that comes from it.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

- Taste of Little Italy (June 15)
- Ti Amerò: Una Notte Italiana (June 28)

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES:

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-  [diamusiconline](https://www.facebook.com/diamusiconline)
-  [Dia Music Official](https://www.youtube.com/DiaMusicOfficial)

WHAT'S ON YOUR CURRENT PLAYLIST?

Anything Country. I've grown up listening to everything from Conway Twitty to Florida Georgia Line. As long as it's Country music it's on my playlist.

WHAT ARE YOUR FAVOURITE VENUES TO PERFORM IN YORK REGION?

I really like to play the smaller venues out there. There is something so nice about playing in a smaller room where you can really make a connection with the audience and when they're really listening it's something special.

DO YOU HAVE A PRE-GIG TRADITION? IF SO, DO TELL:

I don't really have a pre-gig tradition but I just try to get into a relaxed mindset so I'm nice and loose on stage.

WHAT'S IT LIKE MANAGING MULTIPLE OPINIONS, STYLES OR IDEAS?

It's difficult but I think the biggest thing is to keep in mind who you are. You can compromise on some things like songwriting or band arrangements but if someone is trying to change the way you act, the way you look, or anything like that then you need to learn to draw the line and stay true to yourself.

HOW DO YOU RESOLVE CREATIVE DIFFERENCES AND AVOID A MELTDOWN?

Compromise is a huge thing in songwriting. There also might be someone you just don't write well with. Finding the right people to work with and being able to compromise on certain lines, chord changes, etc. is critical in a creative process.

UPCOMING SHOWS:

- Georgina Country Fest (July 27)
- Burlington Performing Arts Center (October)

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA HANDLES:

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