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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 Niagara Falls, 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

Carrousel of the Nations  
Kingsville Open Streets  
Kingsville Migration Festival  
Dresden Night Market  
LaSalle Strawberry Festival  
City of Windsor Bright Lights  
Waterford Lions Pumpkinfest

## **RTO 2 - NIAGARA FALLS AND WINE COUNTRY TOURISM REGION**

Port Colborne 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  
Goderich Canada Day

## **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  
The Sound Waterfront Festival  
Kempfenfest  
Boots and Hearts Music Festival  
Lighthouse Blues Festival  
Mariposa  
Lucknow's Music in the Fields  
Paisley Blues 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

## **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

## **RTO 13 - NORTHERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION**

Fort William Historical Park - Anishinaabe Keeshigun  
International Plowing Match & Rural Expo  
Thunder Bay Live on the Waterfront  
Timmings 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.