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2025 TOP 100 FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO ANNOUNCED

Provincial organization recognizes Ontario's Best Festivals

Kitchener, Ontario (February 26, 2025) Festivals and Events Ontario (FEO) is proud to announce the 2025 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 2024 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 2025 Top 100 Awards were given out on Wednesday, February 26th during FEO's Annual Conference "SYNERGY" in Kitchener, Ontario.

FEO would like to congratulate the 2025 Top 100 Ontario Festivals & Events:

RTO 1 - SOUTHWEST ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Amherstburg Open Air Weekends
Amherstburg River Lights Winter Festival
Amherstburg TRUEfest
Amherstburg Uncommon Festival
Bright Lights Windsor
Chatham Retrofest

Eat and Drink Norfolk
Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show
Oxford Renaissance Festival

RTO 2 - NIAGARA FALLS AND WINE COUNTRY TOURISM REGION

Balls Falls Thanksgiving Festival
Niagara Falls Winter Festival of Lights
Niagara Grape and Wine Festival
Niagara Jazz Festival
Pelham Summer Chill Series
Port Colborne Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival
Welland Concerts on the Canal

RTO 3 - HAMILTON, HALTON AND BRANT TOURISM REGION

Burlington Sound of Music Festival
Brantford International Villages Cultural Festival
Dundas Cactus Festival
Hamilton Day
Hamilton Winterfest
Re-Enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek
St. George AppleFest
Winona Peach Festival

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

Cambridge Winterfest
Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Goderich Salt and Harvest Festival
Huron Multicultural Festival
Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest
Oktoberfest Bingemans Kool Haus
Riverfest Elora
Sunlife Waterloo Busker Carnival
The Mount Forest Fireworks Festival

RTO 5 - GREATER TORONTO AREA TOURISM REGION

Canadian International Airshow
Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)
Carassauga Festival of Cultures
Celebrate Toronto
Festival of South Asia
Mississauga Italfest
Muslimfest
PanAmerican Food and Music Festival
Pumpkinfest Toronto
SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival
Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival
TD Salsa in Toronto Festival
Toronto Waterfront 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
Caledon Day
Easter Fun Fest Markham
Georgina Field to Table
Markham Canada Day
Markham Jazzlicious
Markham-Milliken Children's Festival
Markham Museum Applefest
Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival
Oshawa Canada Day
Oshawa Convergence Music and Art Festival
Oshawa Indigenous Cultural Celebration
Oshawa Kars on King
Oshawa Peony Festival
Pickering Cultural Fusion
Whitby Brooklin Harvest Festival

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

Barrie Canada Day on the Move
Barrie Downtown Countdown
Barrie Game On! After Dark
Barrie Winterfest
Carnival Barrie
Clearview Small Halls Festival
Collingwood Art Crawl
Collingwood Fashion Week
Collingwood Sidelaunch Days
Kempfenfest
Kincardine Lighthouse Blues Festival
Lucknow's Music in the Fields
Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival Midland
Pumpkinferno Discovery Harbour
Sainte-Marie Among the Hurons – First Light Festival
Salsa at Blue Mountain
Trail Tunes – Collingwood, Clearview and Wasaga Beach

RTO 8 - KAWARTHA AND NORTHUMBERLAND TOURISM REGION

Brighton Applefest
Buckhorn Festival of the Arts
International Plowing Match
Port Hope Arts Festival
Port Hope Candlelight Festival

RTO 9 - SOUTHEASTERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Quinte West Hops on the Water
Quinte West Pop Ups
Quinte West The Great Summer Carnival

RTO 10 - OTTAWA AND COUNTRYSIDE TOURISM REGION

Ottawa Children's Festival
Ottawa Jazz Festival

RTO 11 - HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TO THE OTTAWA VALLEY TOURISM REGION

Bancroft Rockhound Gemboree
Hike Haliburton Festival
Tweed & Company Theatre Season

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

Festival of the Sound

RTO 13 - NORTHERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Dryden Fall Fest
Fort William Historical Park - Anishinaabe Keeshigun
Sioux Lookout Blueberry Festival
Thunder Bay Live on the Waterfront
Thunder Bay Teddy Bear Picnic
Thunder Bay Quest Tech and Gaming

The "SYNERGY" 2025 Festivals & Events Ontario Conference was held in Kitchener, Ontario from February 24-26, 2025.

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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