

The Canadian Folk Festival Directory

1985

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Introduction

This Directory contains descriptions of almost 200 different festivals from all across Canada. It is testimony to the tremendous diversity and breadth of the folk arts in our country. Herein you will find bluegrass events, highland games, fiddle contests, multicultural celebrations, anglo festivals, jamborees and any number of other fine events that showcase various aspects of Canada's rich and varied folk music. A brief description of each event as well as the date, location and contact information is provided for each event. I hope that you are able to attend some of these great events and thereby support the tremendous amount of work and pride that has gone into putting them on.

This 1985 Canadian Folk Festival Directory is a joint project of the Canadian Folk Music Society and the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation. Les Siemieniuk, producer of CBC's national show "Simply Folk," has been very instrumental in getting the project underway and helping with the financial end of things.

This version of the Directory is not complete by any means. We've obtained some new listings for this year, but are still certain that there are many more which could have been included. If we have missed your favourite event, or you know of a new one we've missed, or have any information about other festivals that should be listed here, we ask you to contact us. Please address all correspondence to: The Canadian Folk Festival Directory, PO Box 4232, Station C, Calgary, Alberta T2T 5N1 — thanks very much.

Three sources have been particularly supportive and useful for the compilation of the Directory this year. *The Canadian Folk Arts Council* (263 Adelaide St. W., Toronto M5H 1Y2; (416)-977-8311 or 10, rue Notre Dame est, Suite 200, Montréal, PQ H2Y 1B7; (514) 861-0451) pub-

lish a "Directory of Heritage Arts Festivals" which lists a large number of events. We haven't listed all of the events they mention, mostly because of space considerations. They have a summer Directory coming out shortly which you might like to consult to get a more complete idea of events in multicultural communities. *The Canadian Bluegrass Review* publishes a directory of bluegrass and country music festivals that is quite complete. Most of the events mentioned in their April/May issue are listed in our Directory. However, they also publish an update in their June/July issue which you may wish to consult for more details. Subscriptions to the *Canadian Bluegrass Review* cost \$10.00/year and can be obtained by writing Box 143, Waterdown, Ontario L0R 2H0. Finally, the *federal Department of Tourism* has been most helpful in providing us with information about quite a few events. I'd like especially to thank T. E. Reid, Assistant Deputy Minister: Tourism, for his help in chasing down some particularly elusive events. He also provided us with contact information for provincial tourism offices which may prove useful to folks planning their holidays around music festivals. This information is provided at the beginning of each provincial section in the Directory. I'd like to thank all of these people, plus all of the others who provided information about various events, for their help in putting the 1985 Directory together.

In conclusion, I would like to mention that the vast majority of folk festivals in Canada are staffed by volunteers. It's quite amazing the extent to which these events are "labours of love." A list of all of these folks would fill a large phone book! Most are involved with little or no expectation of reward (maybe a T-shirt or a party), and are driven by a commitment to showcase their own special music to other communities. I heartily salute these people and offer heartfelt thanks for their dedication to the presentation of Canada's musics to Canadians.

Newfoundland and Labrador

Further information about events in Newfoundland and Labrador can be obtained from the Tourism Branch, Department of Development, Box 2016, St. John's, Newfoundland A1C 5R8. Toll free telephone numbers are: 112-800-563-6353 for calls from BC and 1-800-563-6353 for the rest of Canada except the Yukon and NWT.

Burin Peninsula Folk Festival

June 22-23; Burin, Newfoundland

Traditional singing, dancing and recitations.
PO Box 312, Burin, Nfld, A0E 1E0, (709) 596-7329.

Conception Bay Folk Festival (7th Annual)

June 29-June 30; Pike's Field & Lions Den, Carbonear, Newfoundland

Traditional Newfoundland, Irish, Scottish, English, Canadian and American traditional and contemporary folk music with some bluegrass.
PO Box 516, Carbonear, Newfoundland, A0A 1T0, (709) 596-3466.

Hangashore Folk Festival

July 6-7; Corner Brook, Newfoundland

Traditional Newfoundland entertainment.
Tourism: Dept. of Development, Box 2016, St. John's, Nfld, A1C 5R8, (800) 563-6353 (toll free except BC, Yukon and NWT).

Brimstone Head Folk Festival

July 12-13; Fogo Island

Featuring local traditional talent. Types of music will include traditional singing, folk, contemporary, Newfoundland songs and recitations.
P.O. Box 88, Fogo, Fogo Island, Newfoundland, A0G 2B0, (709) 266-2703.

Fish, Fun and Folk Festival

July 25-26; Twillingate, Newfoundland

Greatest variety of seafood dishes ever gathered in one place and lots of music.
Tourism: Dept. of Development, Box 2016, St. John's, Nfld, A1C 5R8, (800) 563-6353 (toll free except BC, Yukon and NWT).

Codroy Valley Folk Festival

July 27-28; Codroy Valley Sports Complex, Tompkins, Newfoundland

Scottish fiddle, bagpipe and accordeon music. Square

dancing, step dancing. Folk songs and storytelling.
RR 2, Box 11, Site B, Tompkins, Newfoundland, A0N 1J0, (709) 955-2094.

Labrador Heritage Folk Festival

July 27-28; Goose Bay, Labrador, Newfoundland

The aim of the festival is to preserve the culture and music of the Labrador peoples.
PO Box 719, Station B, Happy Valley/Goose Bay, Labrador, Newfoundland A0P 1E0, (709) 896-3764.

Basques Day Celebration

July 27; Red Bay, Newfoundland

Traditional entertainment, food and crafts.
Tourism: Dept. of Development, Box 2016, St. John's, Nfld, A1C 5R8, (800) 563-6353 (toll free except BC, Yukon and NWT).

St. John's Regatta Folk Festival

August 7; King George V Park, Quidi Vidi Lake, Newfoundland

Traditional music, recitations and dance.
29 Pennywell Road, St. John's, Newfoundland, A1C 2L1, (709) 726-7939.

Newfoundland and Labrador Annual Folk Festival

August 9-11; Bannerman Park, Military Road, St. John's, Newfoundland

Traditional music, recitation, song and dance.
29 Pennywell Road, St. John's, Newfoundland, A1C 2L1, (709) 726-7939; (709) 753-8177.

Une longue veille

August 3-4; Cape St. George

Traditional French Newfoundland entertainment.
Cape St. George, Newfoundland, A0N 1E0, (709) 644-2050.

Bakeapple Festival

August 15-18; Pinware Provincial Park

Folk entertainment, competitions, displays, food, crafts, and sightseeing.
Forteau, Labrador, Newfoundland, , (709) 931-2923.

Labrador Inuit Music Festival

last week of September; Hopedale, Labrador

A variety of music from the Inuit peoples.
Tourism: Dept. of Development, Box 2016, St. John's, Nfld, A1C 5R8, (800) 563-6353 (toll free except BC, Yukon and NWT).

Prince Edward Island

Further information is available from the Department of Finance and Tourism, Box 940, Charlottetown, PEI G0A 7M5. Toll free phone line for NB and NS is 1-800-565-7421 (available from mid-May to mid-September).

Canadian Heritage Festival

June 28-July 7; Charlottetown, PEI

Folk singing, dancing, music, traditional costumes and story telling.

Multicultural Directorate, Secretary of State,
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0M5, (819) 994-2046.

Gateway Port Days

June 29-July 3; Borden, PEI

Folk dancing, singing and other activities.
PO Box 22, Borden, PEI, C0B 1X0.

Rollo Bay Open Air Scottish Concert

mid-July; Rollo Bay, PEI

The biggest and best Scottish festival on the island.
PO Box 645, Souris, Prince Edward Island,
C0A 2B0, (902) 687-2584.

Summerside Lobster Carnival and Livestock Exhibition

late July; Summerside, PEI

Step dancing, fiddling championships, parade and midway.
Dept. of Finance and Tourism, Box 940,
Charlottetown, PEI G0A 7M5, (902) 892-2457.

Tyne Valley Oyster Festival

early August; Tyne Valley, PEI

Canadian oyster shucking championships, step dancing, fiddling contests, seafood suppers, midway and variety concerts.

Dept. of Finance and Tourism, Box 940,
Charlottetown, PEI G0A 7M5, (902) 892-2457.

Old Home Week

early August; Charlottetown, PEI

Fiddling contests, step dancing, harness racing, horse show, livestock exhibition, midway, vaudeville concerts and a gala parade.

Dept. of Finance and Tourism, Box 940,
Charlottetown, PEI G0A 7M5, (902) 892-2457.

Eldon Gathering of the Clans

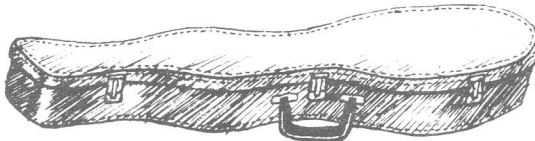
early August; Eldon, PEI

Highland games, outdoor Scottish concert, dancing, singing, fiddling, piping, and various sporting events.
Dept. of Finance and Tourism, Box 940,
Charlottetown, PEI G0A 7M5, (902) 892-2457.

Festival acadien d'Egmont Bay

late August; Abrem's Village, PEI

Acadien soiree, fiddling and step dancing, blessing of the fleet and livestock exhibition.
Dept. of Finance and Tourism, Box 940,
Charlottetown, PEI G0A 7M5, (902) 892-2457.



Nova Scotia

Further information about events in Nova Scotia (particularly Cape Breton where there are a number of festivals we have been unable to track down) can be obtained by writing: Nova Scotia Department of Tourism, Box 456, Halifax, NS B3J 2R5. Toll free telephone numbers are: 1-800-565-7140 (Ontario); 1-800-565-7166 (Manitoba west to BC); 1-800-565-7180 (Québec and Newfoundland); 1-800-565-7105 (NB, NS and PEI).

Nova Scotia Tattoo

late June; Halifax

The biggest show of its kind in Canada. Combines military and civilian performers in singing, dancing and marching.

NS Dept. of Tourism, Box 456, Halifax, NS B3J 2R5,
(800) 565-7140 (Ontario); (800) 565-7166 (West);
(800) 565-7180 (PQ and Nfld); (800) 565-7105 (PEI,
NB & NS) - all toll free!.

Celebration '85

June 22-23; Halifax, Nova Scotia

Traditional singing, dancing, story telling and cooking.
5516 Spring Garden Road, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3J 1G6.

Nova Scotia

Gathering of the Clans

June 28-July 2; Pugwash, Nova Scotia

A clan gathering plus fisherman's regatta. As the season's first Highland festival it features lobster dinners, pipe bands and Highland dancing.

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L'Esprit de Wedgeport

29 juin au 1 juillet; Wedgeport NS

Le but est de preserver et developper l'heritage acadien. PO Box 332, Lower Wedgeport, Cte. de Yarmouth, Nova Scotia B0W 2B0, (902) 663-2827.

Festival acadien de Wedgeport

June 29-July 1; Wedgeport

Outdoor concert of local talent, free admission. Lower Wedgeport, Yarmouth Co., N.S., B0W 2B0, (902) 663-2827.

Pictou Lobster Carnival

July 11-14; Pictou, Nova Scotia

Harbour swim, lobster dinners, Queen's pageant, massed pipe band, midway and parades.

NS Dept. of Tourism, Box 456, Halifax, NS B3J 2R5, (800) 565-7140 (Ontario); (800) 565-7166 (West); (800) 565-7180 (PQ and Nfld); (800) 565-7105 (PEI, NB & NS) - all toll free!.

Antigonish Highland Games

July 12-14; Antigonish, Nova Scotia

Scottish singing, fiddling, piping, dancing, stepdancing pipe bands.

174 Main Street, Antigonish, Nova Scotia, B2G 2G3, (902) 863-4275.

Maritime Old Time Fiddling Contest

July 12-13; Prince Andrew High School Auditorium, Dartmouth, Nova Scotia

Fiddle competition in three categories; open class; 60 and over class; under 16 class. Money prizes and trophies; guest entertainment.

PO Box 3037, Dartmouth East, Nova Scotia, B2W 4Y3, (902) 423-4190.

Lunenburg Crafts Festival

July 13-14; Lunenburg, Nova Scotia

Showcase for provincial craftspeople, sidewalk sales, fish chowder, beer garden and outdoor concert.

NS Dept. of Tourism, Box 456, Halifax, NS B3J 2R5, (800) 565-7140 (Ontario); (800) 565-7166 (West); (800) 565-7180 (PQ and Nfld); (800) 565-7105 (PEI, NB & NS) - all toll free!.

Maritime Old Time Jamboree

July 14; Beazley Sport Field, Caledonia Road

Features individual and group fiddling, piping, Scottish and step dancing, singing etc. An outdoor musical variety show.

P.O. Box 3037, Dartmouth East, Dartmouth, N.S., B2W 4Y3, (902) 434-4190.

Festival acadien à Ste. Anne du Ruisseau

July 19-21; Ste-Anne-du-Ruisseau, Yarmouth Co. Nova Scotia

Les Lymeux de la Baie on Sunday, afternoon. Two dances (opening and closing) on Friday night and Sunday night, music not yet decided.

Site 22, Box 2, RR2, Tusket, Yarmouth, Co., Nova Scotia, B0W 3M0, (902) 648-2017.

Big Pond Concert

July 21; MacIntyre's Farm, Big Pond, Nova Scotia

Cape Breton traditional celtic fiddle, piano and pipe music. Traditional stepdancing and highland dancing.

RR1 Sydney Forks, Nova Scotia, B0A 1W0, (902) 828-2373.

Nova Scotia Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Festival

July 26-28; Beech Brook Campground, Ardoise

Mostly bluegrass with one or two oldtime acoustic acts. Last summer several sets of our festival concerts were used on CBC Radio Ocean Limited programs.

Downeast Bluegrass & Oldtime Music Society, Lantz, N.S., B0N 1R0, (902) 883-2439.

Highland Village Day

August 3; Hector's Point, Iona, Nova Scotia

Traditional Scottish, fiddling, step dancing, piano playing, piping, Gaelic and English songs (amateur as opposed to professional).

PO Box 58, Iona, Nova Scotia, B0A 1L0, (902) 622-2330.

Pipers' Picnic

August 3; Earltown, Nova Scotia

Piping, highland dancing, old time fiddling.

20 MacIntosh Avenue, Truro, Nova Scotia, B2N 4L6,
(902) 895-8425.

Nova Scotia Gaelic Mod (47th Annual)

August 5-10; Gaelic College, St. Ann's, Cape Breton

Scottish and Cape Breton music and dance exhibitions;
Competitions in Gaelic song, highland dancing, bagpipe
music and pipe bands.

P.O. Box 9, Baddeck, Nova Scotia, B0E 1B0,
(902) 295-2877.

Le Festival acadien "Chez-Nous A Pombcoup"

du 5 au 11 aout 1985; Pubnico-Quest, N.S.

Musique traditionnelle et contemporaine autous du theme
"La pêche et la mer dans la vie des acadiens."

C.P. 113, West Pubnico, N.S., B0W 3S0, (902) 762-2910.

Le Festival de l'Escaouette

August 11-18; Cheticamp

Coffee House with music focused mainly on Acadian
folk songs; Outdoor concert and dance high-lighting a
group from Quebec, La Bottine Souriante.

P.O. Box 430, Cheticamp, Nova Scotia, B0E 1H0,
(902) 224-2642/2612.

Triple "D" Bluegrass and Oldtime Music Festival

August 16-18; Black Rock Kings County, Nova Scotia

To promote bluegrass and oldtime country music and to
give aspiring new talent a chance to perform before large
audiences.

RR3 Waterville, Kings County, Nova Scotia, B0P 1V0,
(902) 538-3542.

Down East Old Time Fiddling Contest

August 16-18; Sackville Arena

Fiddling music depicting Scottish and traditional fid-
dling music. Top fiddlers in the maritimes participate.
Box 25, Lower Sackville, NS, B4C 2S8, (902) 865-3248.

Joseph Howe Festival

September 14-21; Halifax, Nova Scotia

Concerts, Bluenose schooner races, sailing regatta, whaler
pulling competition, theatre festival, craft market, inter-
national town crier's championships, costume promenade,
sports events, pancake breakfast.

NS Dept. of Tourism, Box 456, Halifax, NS B3J 2R5,
(800) 565-7140 (Ontario); (800) 565-7166 (West);
(800) 565-7180 (PQ and Nfld)

New Brunswick

Further information is available by writing Tourism New
Brunswick, Box 12345, Fredericton, NB E3B 5C3. Toll
free telephone number is 1-800-561-0123 for all of Canada.

Salmon Festival

late June; Campbellton, NB

Salmon dinners, entertainment, beer garden, sports events.
Tourism New Brunswick, Box 12345, Fredericton, NB
E3B 5C3, (800) 561-0123 (toll free from all of Canada).

Fredericton Summerfest

June 27-July 1; Fredericton NB

Traditional singing and dancing.

PO Box 130, Fredericton, NB, E3B 4Y7, (506) 452-9462.

Miramichi Fiddling Jamboree (12th Annual)

June 28; Pines Lodge, Newcastle, New Brunswick

Fiddling contest, prizes, trophies, awards. Stepdancing
and comedy.

510 Sunnyside Avenue, Newcastle, New Brunswick,
E1U 2G4, (506) 622-2450.

Lions Club and Carleton County Strawberry and Bluegrass Festival

July 6-7; Connell Park

Bluegrass music. Attendance 5000 people.

c/o Walter Tompkins, Woodstock, New Brunswick,
E0J 2B0, (506) 328-3726.

Provincial Fisheries Festival

mid July; Shippagan, NB

Parade, lots of song and dance associated with the fish
filleting competition and festival.

Tourism New Brunswick, Box 12345, Fredericton, NB
E3B 5C3, (800) 561-0123 (toll free from all of Canada).

Loyalist Days

mid July; Saint John, NB

Costume parades, music, entertainment, and re-enactment
of the landing of the Loyalists.

Tourism New Brunswick, Box 12345, Fredericton, NB
E3B 5C3, (800) 561-0123 (toll free from all of Canada).

New Brunswick

Miramichi Folk Song Festival (28th)

August 5-7; Lord Beaverbrook Town Hall, Newcastle, New Brunswick

Authentic folk music of the Miramichi, with special quests each evening - plus stepdancers, fiddlers, harmonicas. We are unique in our province.

P.O. Box 13, Newcastle, New Brunswick, E1V 3M2, (506) 622-2194.

Festival acadien au Caraquet

mid August; Caraquet, NB

Music, drama, cultural activities and Acadien cuisine. CP 2, Caraquet, NB, E0B 1K0, (506) 727-2637.

Mactaquac Craft Festival

August 31-September 1; Mactaquac Provincial Park, NB

New Brunswick entertainers - singing groups, dances, bands, fiddler, jazz trio.

PO Box 1231, Fredericton, NB, E3B 5C8, (506) 455-8564.

Quebec

Further information, particularly about a large number of small town fairs and festivals which we've been unable to locate, is available from Tourisme Quebec, CP 20,000, Quebec, Quebec G1K 7X2. For Montréal and vicinity the phone number is 873-2016. Toll free numbers are: 1-800-361-5405 for all of Québec (except Montréal) and 1-800-361-6490 for all of Ontario (except area code 807) and the Maritimes.

Les Iles en ville

June-July; Montreal, PQ

Traditional singing, dancing, costume and crafts. CP 1416, Succ. Desjardins, Montréal, PQ, H5B 1H3, (514) 281-8736 or 768-8881.

World Jewish Song Festival

June; Montréal, PQ

A celebration of Jewish song, dance, costume and more. 5025, rue Plamondon, Montréal, PQ, H3W 1E9, (514) 342-9627.

Festival international du spectacle pour l'enfance et la jeunesse

7 au 16 Juin; Vieux - Port de Montréal

A great variety of entertainments.

Case Postale: 1374, Succursale Place d'armes, Montreal, Quebec, H2Y 2K5, (514) 844-9358.

Festival de la parenté

June 29-July 8; Petite-Vallee

Ten days of traditional singing, dancing, cooking, costumes, storytelling, crafts and much more.

Petite-Vallee, cte de Gaspé, Quebec G0E 1Y0, (418) 393-2119 or 2083.

Blueberry Festival

August 3-11; Mistassini, PQ

Entertainment, music, dancing combined with tasting of the local cuisine.

Tourisme Quebec, CP 20,000, Quebec, Quebec G1K 7X2..

Festival d'été de Québec

July 4-14; Dans le vieux Québec

Musique populaire (populaire chanson, populaire jazz et populaire relève) - Danse - Musique et danse traditionnelles - Musique classique - Théâtre - Animation - Théâtre pour enfants.

26, rue St-Pierre, Québec (Qc), G1K 8A3, (418) 692-4540.

Festival Mondial de Drummondville

July 5-15; Drummondville, Quebec

Traditional and international music.

405 rue St-Jean, Drummondville, Quebec, J2B 5L7, (819) 472-1184.

Hank Williams Memorial Picnic (8th Annual)

August 18; Wigwam Beach, Caughnawaga

Oldtime country music - circa 1945-1955. Played on the musical instruments of the times - No drums or electric bass.

1421 Gohier St., St. Laurent, Quebec, H4L 3K2, (514) 748-7251.

St.-Tite Western Festival

September 6-15; St. Tite, PQ

Races, rodeo, parades and entertainment.

Tourisme Quebec, CP 20,000, Quebec, Quebec G1K 7X2..

Ontario

Further information is available from Ontario Travel, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E5. Phone number in the Toronto area is (416) 965-4008. Toll free numbers are: 1-800-268-3735 for English language inquiries from all of Canada except NWT and Yukon and 1-800-268-3736 for French inquiries from all of Canada except NWT and Yukon.

Choo Chili Cookoff and Canadian Championships

May 24-26; Heydenshore-on-the-lake, Whitby, Ontario

Friday 6:00PM - 1:00AM country music welcome - with Terry Sumption; 8:00PM - 1:00AM Saturday - Choo Chili Fiddle Contest to 5:00PM - Country-Texas-Canadian hoedown/ Sunday-Choo Country Talent Search finals 1:00PM to 6:00PM.

97 McMaster Avenue, Ajax, Ontario, L1S 2E6.
(416) 683-4131.

Folklore '85

June 7-9; Kingston, Ontario

Folklore is a multicultural community festival held annually in Kingston. It features the songs, music, dance and visual arts of many different nationalities.

PO Box 932, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 4X8.
(613) 546-4623.

Bluegrass Canada

June 7-9; Courtcliffe Park, Carlisle, Ontario

Top Canadian and U.S. bluegrass performers from 12 to 11 PM each day.

PO Box 120, Carlisle, Ontario, L0R 1H0.
(416) 689-4421.

Back 40 Bluegrass Festival

June 14-15; Pittock Conservation Area, Woodstock, Ontario

All-Canadian bluegrass bands - Whiskey Jack, Dixie Flyers and ten other groups.

127 Keats Drive, Woodstock, Ontario, N4S 8C1.
(519) 539-5815.

Ontario Fiddlers Contest

June 14-15; Hensall Community Centre

Oldtime fiddling and step dance competition.

Box 262, Hensall, Ontario, N0M 1X0, (519) 262-2813.

Twin Cedars Bluegrass Jamboree

June 14-16; Twin Cedars Park, Marble Lake, Cloyne, Ontario

Lots of fine bluegrass entertainment.

19 Sunset Drive, Belleville, Ontario, (613) 962-7417.

Northern Lights Festival Boreal

mid-June; Bell Park, Paris Street, Sudbury, Ontario

The festival focusses on music and crafts that are representative of the mid-north region. This allows for considerable flexibility and variety in programming and produces a distinctly "bilingual" festival.

Box 1236, Station B, Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 4S7,
(705) 674-5512.

Fiesta '85

June 14-23; Various locations in Oshawa

Over 40 theme Pavilions offering food, drink, stage shows, boutiques, public dancing, mammoth parade and 6 hour folk festival concert Civic Auditorium - Sunday June 16 - all for a three dollar passport.

Oshawa Folk Arts Council, Box 342, Oshawa, Ontario, L1H 7L3, (416) 725-1624.

Apple Country Bluegrass Jamboree

June 21-23; Colborne, Ontario

Bluegrass and old country.

Box 669, Colborne, Ontario, K0K 1S0, (416) 355-3312.

Dundalk's Canadian Open Square and Step Dancing Competition (28th Annual)

June 21-22; Dundalk Arena & Community Centre, Dundalk, Ontario

Competition for Elementary Schools, Amateur & Canadian Open Square Dancing and Old Time Traditional, Group, Tiny Tot, Junior and Canadian Open Step Dancing.
30 Mill Street; Box 173, Dundalk, Ontario, N0C 1B0,
(519) 923-2919.

Northwind Folk Festival

June 21-23; Toronto Island, Toronto, Ontario

In 1985 the focus is on an urban sound, including both contemporary as well as traditional styles. Many local acts and women performers including: Heather Bishop, K. D. Laing, Mose Scarlett, also: Walt Michael and Co., Boys of the Lough, Jethro Burns.

24 Ryerson Avenue, Suite 301, Toronto, Ontario,
(416) 598-1995.

Ontario

Southwest Ontario Annual Fiddle Contest

June 21-22; Petrolia Arena, Petrolia, Ontario

This is a fiddle contest ONLY.

Box 307, Petrolia, Ontario, N0N 1R0, (519) 882-1085.

Summer Solstice Festival

June 22-23; Current River Park, Thunder Bay, Ontario

Canadian Folk.

Box 2984, Thunder Bay, Ontario, P7B 5G5.
(807) 345-7482.

Metro Toronto International Caravan

late June; Toronto, Ontario

An assortment of pavilions representing a diversity of cultures from all across Canada.

263 Adelaide Street West, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 1Y2,
(416) 977-0466.

Canadian Multicultural Festival - Guelph

June 25-30; St. Georges Square

Continuous live entertainment from noon until 11PM each day, symbolic of the ethno-cultural communities and the community as a whole - Dance, song and instrumental presentations.

PO Box 1536, Guelph, Ontario, N1H 6N9,
(519) 836-2222.

Music Festival and Friends

June 27-29; Optimist Riverside Park, Goderich, Ontario

Bluegrass, folk, country, popular, rhythm and blues.

PO Box 522, Goderich, Ontario, N7A 4C7,
(519) 524-4261.

Canada Canoe Festival/Festival canadien du canot

June 27-July 2; National Capital Commission

The Canada Canoe Festival's musical presentations focus on traditional and contemporary Canadian folk music, dancing, from both the English and French cultures as well as on music from Canada's native people.

161 Laurier Avenue West, Ottawa, Ontario, K1P 6J6,
(613) 992-3323.

Canada Week

June 28-July 1; Harbourfront, Toronto, Ontario

Festival highlights Canadian musicians including folk and blues artists.

417 Queen's Quay West, Toronto, Ontario, M2U 1A2,
(416) 364-7127.

Trout Creek Bluegrass Festival

June 28-30; Trout Creek Community Centre, Ontario

The festival is based on 8 bluegrass bands highlighted by Mac Wiseman and all proceeds go to Trout Creek Community Centre to help look after community centre and ball diamond.

P.O. Box 35, Trout Creek, Ontario, P0H 2L0,
(705) 723-5227.

The Great Rendez-vous Pageant

June 29-July 1; Thunder Bay, Ontario

Traditional singing, dancing, cooking, costume and crafts.
Vickers Heights P.O., Thunder Bay, Ontario, P0T 2Z0,
(807) 577-8461.

It's Your Festival

June 29-July 1; Hamilton, Ontario

Traditional dancing, singing, cooking, costume, carfts and much more.

Hamilton Folk Arts Heritage Council, PO Box 2040,
Hamilton, Ont L8N 3T4, (416) 526-0092.

Pickin' in the Pines

June 30; Palace Gardens Park, Formosa, Ontario

Bluegrass and country music festival, including a "kids' concert" on a second stage.

PO Box 434, Walkerton, Ontario, N0G 2V0,
(519) 367-2641.

Multicultural Canada Day Festival

June 30-July 1; Victoria Park

Music, dances from the Multicultural heritage of Kitchener-Waterloo. (Food booths and arts and crafts of various ethnic origin will be displayed.)

22 Charles St. West, Kitchener, Ontario, N2G 1H4,
(519) 745-2531.

Canada Day

July 1; Lakeside

Heritage and multicultural. Stratford and area folk arts council.

289 Cobourg Street, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 3G6,
(519) 273-3706.

Killaloe Craft and Community Fair

July 2-4; Killaloe and Barry's Bay,
Barry's Bay, Ontario

Stimulating music menu - pop, country, jazz and more. A family centered cultural weekend, crafts, childrens activities, workshops and more!!

PO Box 69, Killaloe, Ontario, K0J 2A0,
(613) 757-2997/2546.



Canadian Open Country Singing Contest (11th annual)

July 4-6; Talbot Street Arena, Simcoe, Ontario

11 Adams Ave, Simcoe, Ontario, N3Y 4P4,
(519) 426-9382.

International Villages Festival

July 6-13; Festhalls throughout Brantford

Enjoy eight days of ethnic music, dancing and food. It's like travelling around the world without having to leave the country.

288 Murray Street, Brantford, Ontario, N3S 5T1,
(519) 753-9830.

Angus Lions Bluegrass Festival (3rd annual)

July 6-7; Lions Hall, Angus, Ontario
(10 miles west of Barrie)

Lots of concerts plus a 5 string banjo open competition.
RR 2, Collingwood, Ontario, L9Y 3Z1, (705) 445-5794.

Denbigh Bluegrass "n" Country

July 12-14; Denbigh, Ontario

We have a weekend festival featuring some of the best bluegrass and country bands found in Canada. The festival site is in a beautiful country setting with free camping. We try to promote a wholesome family show.

RR1, Cloyne, Ontario, K0H 1K0,
(613) 333-2955/333-2970.

Pinnacle Hill Festival

July 18-21; Renfrew, Ontario

Old time country, bluegrass music. Doc Watson, Mac Wiseman, Seldom Scene and Norman Blake.

Box 356, Renfrew, Ontario, K7V 4A4, (613) 432-4381.

Home County Folk Festival

July 19-21; Victoria Park, London, Ontario

Wide range of folk music areas, geographically, and temporally.

Box 306, Station B, London, Ontario, N6A 4W1,
(519) 673-0334.

Waterford Bluegrass and Country Festival

July 19-21; Rainbow Park, Waterford, Ontario

Country and bluegrass bands from Canada and USA -both traditional and modern bluegrass, country and country rock.

6 Lansing Sq., Willowdale, Ontario, M2J 1T5,
(416) 499-5068.

Caribana '85

late July; Toronto, Ontario

Dance, cruises, children's carnival, family picnic on Toronto Islands and lots of music.

Ontario Travel, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E5,
(800) 268-3735 (English); (800) 268-3736 (French).

Quinte Summer Music

July 25-August 4; Picton, Prince Edward County,
Belleville, and Hastings County

PO Box 500, Picton, Ontario, K0K 2T0, (613) 476-6580.

Ontario

"Ontario Open" Fiddle and Stepdancing Contests

July 26-27; Community Centre, Bobcaygeon, Ontario

For the 16th year we draw many of the best fiddlers and stepdancers in the country competing for the Ontario Open.

PO Box 119, Bobcaygeon, Ontario, K0M 1A0,
(705) 738-3569.

Mariposa Folk Festival

July 26-28; Molson Park, Barrie, Ontario

Folk arts festival featuring arts, music, dance, food, storytelling, children's activities, concerts, workshops, demonstrations, instructions, focus on participation activities. Special feature this, our 25 year!

525 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M5A 3W4,
(416) 363-4009.

Palmer Rapids Bluegrass Festival

July 26-28; RR 2, Palmer Rapids, Ontario

24 hours of bluegrass music by 10 top Canadian bands, plus campfire pickin' after concerts. Free camping on beautiful site on banks of Madawaska River - swimming, fishing, etc.

Box 1132, Station F, Toronto, Ontario, M4Y 2T8,
(613) 758-2396.

Tobermory Family Festival

July 26-28; Uncle Claude's Tent and Trailer Camp, Tobermory, Ontario

Bluegrass, country and western.

RR1, Tobermory, Ontario, N0H 2R0, (519) 596-2689.

River Valley Bluegrass Festival

August 2-5; River Valley, Ontario
(25 miles NW of Sturgeon Falls)

Family orientated bluegrass music festival - setting on a piece of property with both the Temagami and Sturgeon Rivers - A holiday setting.

P.O. Box 697, Station A, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3Y5,
(416) 634-5286.

Clarendon Blue Skies Festival

August 3-4; Clarendon, Ontario

"Eclectic"; ranging from folk to bluegrass, classical to jazz and rock and roll.

c/o Oskar Graf, Clarendon, Ontario, K0H 2P0,
(416) 279-2610.

Sudbury Ukrainian Summer Festival

August 3-5; Ukrainian Campgrounds "Zaporizhia",
Richard Lake

An extravaganza of Ukrainian song and dance featuring the Dnipro Choir, the Veselka Dance Ensemble and The Black Sea Cossacks plus other guest performers. Also featured are cultural exhibits, ethnic food and a wide variety of outdoor activities.

U.N.F. Hall, 130 Frood Rd., Sudbury, Ontario, P3E 4P2, (705) 673-0890.

Glengarry Highland Games

August 3; Maxville, Ontario

Largest Highland gathering in North America.

Ontario Travel, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E5,

(800) 268-3735 (English); (800) 268-3736 (French).

Pickin' in the Pines

August 4; Palace Gardens Park, Formosa, Ontario

Bluegrass, country and fiddle music on main stage. Fiddling, stepdancing, open sing on second stage.

PO Box 434, Walkerton, Ontario, N0G 2V0,
(519) 367-2641.

Mariposa in the Woods

August 7-11; Woodland Trails Conference Centre
and Camp, Aurora, Ontario

In residence, small group workshops, classes, concerts, dancing, and singarounds; instruction in a variety of instruments, including guitar, fiddle, harmonica, banjo, mandolin, tin whistle percussion, etc.; 8-10 artists in residence, usually Canadian and American; good food! Instruction and workshops in dance, step dance, singing, storytelling.

525 Adelaide Street East, Toronto, Ontario, M5A 3W4,
(416) 363-4009.

Canadian Fiddling Championships

August 9-10; Sport's Complex, Shelburne, Ontario

35th Annual contest.

Box 27, Shelburne, Ontario, L0N 1S0, (519) 925-2830.

Festival of Friends

August 9-1; Gage Park, Hamilton, Ontario

Canadian performers with emphasis on contemporary, original singer-songwriters. Almost all styles except hard rock presented.

21 Augusta Street, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 1P6,
(416) 525-6644.

Algonquin Bluegrass Festival (2nd annual)

August 9-11; Dave Wainman Ranch 7 miles east of Huntsville, Ontario

A three day event with open stage and jam sessions as well as concerts featuring the Dixie Flyers, Blackstrap, Grassworks, Haywire, McDonald Bluegrass and Blackwell Sideroad.

RR 4, Huntsville, Ontario, P0A 1K0, (705) 635-1116.

Fergus Highland Games

August 10; Fergus, Ontario

Massed pipe bands, dancers and North American Open Heavy Highland sporting events.

Ontario Travel, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E5.

(800) 268-3735 (English); (800) 268-3736 (French).

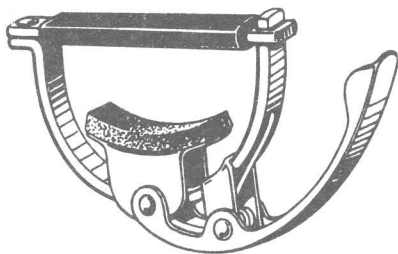
Summerfolk '85

August 16-18; Kelso Beach, Owen Sound, Ontario

Summerfolk will celebrate it's 10th Anniversary. A large variety of traditional and folk music from North and South America and Great Britain is offered throughout the weekend.

PO Box 521, Owen Sound, Ontario, N4K 5R1.

(519) 371-2995.



Tottenham Bluegrass Festival (2nd annual)

August 16-18; Tottenham Conservation Area, Tottenham, Ontario

Lots of great concerts plus barbeque and corn roast, gospel show on Sunday, concessions and a supervised children's area.

Box 195, Tottenham, Ontario, (416) 936-2008.

Harmonica Contest

August 17; Palmerston and District Community Centre

Harmonica contest starting at 12:00 Noon. Pork barbeque at 5:00PM and playoffs at 7:00. Following playoffs is a Dance from 9:00PM to 1:00AM.

Box 277, Palmerston Canadian Legion, Palmerston, Ontario.

Niagara District Bluegrass Festival

August 23-26; Sandy Bayou Park, Cayuga, Ontario

Bluegrass, Canadian talent - featuring all acoustic instruments - for the enjoyment and education of young and old (family oriented).

2182 Queensway Drive, Burlington, Ontario, L7R 3T1, (416) 637-9791.

Old Tyme Jamboree (15th Annual)

August 23-24; Drayton, Ontario

Fiddle and Step dancing contest.

R Moorefield, Moorefield, Ontario, N0G 2K0, (519) 638-2991.

Lion's Head and District Bluegrass and Country Music Festival

August 24; Lion's Head Community Centre, Ontario

Concert from 3PM to 9PM, dance 9PM to 1AM. Bruce County Grass, Richard Knecktal, Spring Water Band, Pete and Ross, Hobo Junction.

General Delivery, Lion's Head, Ontario, N0H 1W0, (519) 793-3470.

Toronto Morris Ale

August 30-September 2; Toronto, Ontario

(throughout the city)

Morris dancers, up to a hundred in number, roaming the streets and parks of Toronto, looking for an audience to entertain.

292 Brunswick Avenue, Toronto, Ontario, M5S 2N7, (416) 927-9349.

Pembroke Old Time Fiddling and Stepdancing Contest

August 30-31; Pembroke Memorial Centre

Old time fiddling and stepdancing contest - 10th year - approximately five thousand dollars in prize money - carried live by CBC last year radio.

P.O. Box 35, Pembroke, Ontario, K8A 6X1, (613) 732-4656.

Niagara Grape and Wine Festival

late September; St. Catherines, Ontario

Celebration of grape harvest, bands, parades, wine and cheese parties, ethnic dancing and tours of vineyards. Ontario Travel, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E5,

(800) 268-3735 (English); (800) 268-3736 (French).

Ontario

Kavalkade - Ethnic Clubs 30

September 27-29; London, Ontario

Ethnic music - from 30 different countries.
1 Christie St., London, Ontario, N6A 3Y7.
(519) 432-5666.

Oktoberfest

early October; Kitchener/Waterloo, Ontario

German bands, parades, beer gardens, dancing - all in Canada's oldest German settlement.

*Ontario Travel, Queen's Park, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2E5.
(800) 268-3735 (English); (800) 268-3736 (French).*

Victorian Amusements

*October 20-November 17 (Sunday afternoons);
Gibson House Museum*

Recreation of Victorian musical pastimes. Different theme each time.

*5172 Yonge Street, North York, Ontario. M2N 5P6.
(416) 225-0146.*

Storytellers' Halloween

October 27; Gibson House Museum

Recitations and musical traditions of Hallowe'en by candlelight in the historic house.

*5172 Yonge Street, North York, Ontario, M2N 5P6.
(416) 225-0146.*

Glengarry '85

November 2; National Arts Center

Scottish music festival features pipers, fiddlers, singers and highland dancers.

6 Foothills Drive, Ottawa, Ontario. (519) 997-0422.

Winter Festival of Friends

*December 5-8; Hamilton Convention Centre,
Hamilton, Ontario*

Singles/duos/trios, light entertainment/Canadian singer, songwriters, recording artists.

*21 Augusta Street, Hamilton, Ontario, L8N 1P6.
(416) 525-6644.*

Hogmanay

December 28-29; Gibson House Museum

Recreation of Scottish New Year in dance, music, recitations, and other traditions.

*5172 Yonge Street, North York, Ontario, M2N 5P6.
(416) 225-0146.*

Manitoba

For more information write Travel Manitoba, Department 5022, 7-155 Carlton Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3C 0V8. In the Winnipeg area phone (204) 945-665-3777. Toll free phone number for the rest of Canada is 1-800-665-0040.

Winnipeg International Children's Festival

May 28-June 1; Kildonan Park, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Children's music. Fred Penner, Bob Schneider, Raffi, Sharon, Lois and Bram.

*5-222 Osborne Street South, Winnipeg, Manitoba,
R3L 1Z3. (204) 475-3336.*

Thompson Folk Festival

June 22; Recreation Grounds, Thompson, Manitoba

12 hour festival featuring local and professional artists plus arts and crafts village. Focus is on the north and the pleasure of living there.

*PO Box 766, Thompson, Manitoba, R8N 1N6,
(204) 677-2989.*

Selkirk Highland Gathering

June 30; Selkirk, Manitoba

Scottish dancing, piping and drumming.

*Travel Manitoba, 7-155 Charlton Street, Winnipeg, Man
R3C 0V8, (800) 665-0040 (toll free).*

Winnipeg Folk Festival

July 11-14; Birds Hill Provincial Park, Winnipeg, Manitoba

An eclectic acoustic music event, featuring, 10 workshop stages (Fri/Sat/Sun), 4 evening concerts (Thurs/Fri/Sat/Sun), Special Kids Area, Hand Made Village and Food Area. More than 100 acts, local, regional, national and international artists.

*8-222 Osborne Street South, Winnipeg, Manitoba,
R3L 1Z3, (204) 453-2985.*

Flin Flon/Creighton Folk Festival

July 20; Phantom Lake, Manitoba

Includes a mixture of bluegrass, blues, and international folk ballads. Performers from across Canada and U.S. The Phantom Lake site is as pretty as they come and has camping, swimming and golfing facilities.

*413 Kingsway Blvd., Flin Flon, Manitoba, R8A 0L7,
(204) 687-6039/687-4150.*

Manitoba's Thresherman's Reunion and Stampede and the Central Canada's Fiddlers' Festival

July 24-27; Austin, Manitoba

Parade, stooking and sheaf-tying competition, threshing displays, evening rodeo events, fiddlers' festival and midway.

Travel Manitoba, 7-155 Charlton Street, Winnipeg, Man R3C 0V8, (800) 665-0040 (toll free).

Boggy Creek's Call of the Wild Mountain Music Festival

July 26-28; Duck Mountain West Slope

To enhance by bringing to focus the more traditional and cultural aspect of bluegrass country (mountain music). To draw public attention to and generate new interests in Canadian folk or bluegrass traditional arts.

PO Box 117, Benito, Manitoba, R0L 0C0, (204) 935-2212.

Canada's National Ukrainian Festival

August 1-4; Dauphin, Manitoba

Ukrainian song and dance and amateur talent competition, breads, embroidery, various, etc., pysanky contest.

119 Main Street South, Dauphin, Manitoba, R7N 1K4, (204) 638-5645.

Icelandic Festival of Manitoba

August 3-5; Gimli, Manitoba

Includes pancake breakfast, lake cruises, sailing displays, road races, dragway competitions, folk festivals, sing-song and dances.

Travel Manitoba, 7-155 Charlton Street, Winnipeg, Man R3C 0V8, (800) 665-0040 (toll free).

Folklorama '85

August 11-17; Winnipeg, Manitoba

More than 35 pavilions celebrate the spirit and tradition of their ethnocultural heritage as they feature performances of spirited songs and folk dances from around the world.

Box 229, 375 York Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba, R3C 3J3, (204) 944-9793.

Opasquia Indian Days

3rd week of August; The Pas, Manitoba

Canoe races, flower packing, native events.

PO Box 2010, The Pas, Manitoba, R9A 1K1, (204) 623-5483 Ext 30.

Saskatchewan

Further details about these events, plus some others, are available by writing Tourism Saskatchewan, 2103 11 Avenue, Regina, Saskatchewan S4P 3V7. Toll free phone lines are: 1-800-667-3674 (from Saskatchewan) and 1-800-667-5822 for the rest of Canada.

Mosaic - Regina's Rainbow of Cultures

June 5-7, 1986; City of Regina (various locations throughout the city)

A multicultural extravaganza with at least 20 pavillions, featuring their ethnic music, dance and song, as well as ethnic crafts, cultural displays and cuisine.

PO Box 1691, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 3C6, (306) 584-4888.

Mosaic - Regina's Rainbow of Cultures

June 6-8; City of Regina (various locations throughout the city)

A multicultural extravaganza with at least 20 pavillions, featuring their ethnic music, dance and song, as well as ethnic crafts, cultural displays and cuisine.

PO Box 1691, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 3C6, (306) 584-4888.

Regina Folk Festival (17th Annual)

June 14-16; University of Regina (new campus) Education Bldg.

Mostly Canadian artists, 2nd year of emphasis on women's music, usual blend of styles and types of music. 4th year of Childrens Spring Fair.

Box 1203, Regina, Saskatchewan, S4P 3B4, (306) 522-1917.

Carrot River Fiddling Contest

July 12-13; Public School Auditorium, Carrot River, Saskatchewan

Old time fiddling contest. Five thousand dollars in prizes. Guest artist Ed Gyurki. Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and Evening.

Box 487, Carrot River, Saskatchewan, S0E 0L0, (306) 768-3819.

Back to Batoche Days

July 18-28; Batoche, Saskatchewan

A festival of Metis culture commemorating the 1885 Northwest Rebellion - features an international pow-wow. *Tourism Saskatchewan, 2103 11 Avenue, Regina, Sask. S4P 3V7, (403) 873-7200.*

Saskatchewan

Big Valley Jamboree

July 19-21; Craven, Saskatchewan

Canada's largest country music festival with star performers from the USA and Canada, set in the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley north of Regina.

Tourism Saskatchewan, 2103 11 Avenue, Regina, Sask. S4P 3V7, (306) 293-0157.

Grove Country Music Picnic

August 3-5; Ruddell, Saskatchewan

A country music weekend specializing in, but not limited to, Canadian artists and musicians.

Box 54, Ruddell, Saskatchewan, S0M 2S0, (306) 937-2194.

Tugaske Folk Festival

August 17; Tugaske Community Centre.

Tugaske, Saskatchewan

This year the focus is on children. The programme will include contemporary folk, blues, jazz, gospel, bluegrass, children's dance, and theatre groups - almost everything but opera and classical!

Box 4, Tugaske, Saskatchewan, S0H 4B0, (306) 759-2268.

Folkfest '85

August 22-24; Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

25 ethnic/cultural groups providing local (in some cases, national and international) entertainers, musicians, and craftsmen.

233 Avenue C South, Saskatoon, Sask, S7M 1N3..

Motif '85

early September; Western Development Museum, Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan

Motif is an annual event that consists of ethnic food, arts and crafts, singing and dancing and a social at night. To date has been a one day event.

PO Box 1751, Moose Jaw, Sask. S6H 7K8, (306) 693-5629/692-0581.

Tapestrama

October 19-20; Prince Albert

Music of various cultures, dances of various cultures.
PO Box 264, Canwood, Sask. S0J 0K0, (306) 468-2323.

Alberta

For more information contact Travel Alberta, Capitol Square - 14th Floor, 10065 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta T5J 0H4. For local inquiries call (403) 427-4321. Toll free lines are: 1-800-222-6501 for Alberta; 112-800-661-8888 for BC and rural Saskatchewan; 1-800-661-8888 for the rest of Canada.

North Country Fair (7th Annual)

June 21-23; Spruce Point Park, Jossard, Alberta

Pied Pear, Bim, Diamond Joe White, Morgan Davis, Ferron, Connie Kaldor, K.D. Lang, David Burgin are some of performers in past.

#8 8114-103 St., Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 4B1, (403) 433-6754/433-7882 (work).

Ukrainian Pysanka Festival '85

July 5-7; Vegreville, Alberta

Three fun filled days of colour, frolics, music, dancing, talent competitions, folk art food in the Ukrainian Culture.
Box 908, Vegreville, Alberta, T0B 4L0, (403) 632-2777.

Klondike Days

July 18-27; Edmonton, Alberta

Midway, parade, street dances, horse racing, sporting events, King of the Klondike competition. Residents dress and act the manner of Gold Rush days.

Travel Alberta, 10065 Jasper Avenue, Edmonton, Alta T5J 0H4, (800) 661-8888 (except Alberta); (800) 222-6501 (Alberta); (112-800) 661-888 (BC and rural Saskatchewan) - all toll free!!.

Medicine Hat Highland Games

July 20; Medicine Hat Cultural Centre

Highland dancing, pipeband competition, individual piping and drumming competitions.

1101 Martin Avenue N.W., Medicine Hat, AB, T1A 7C5, (403) 527-2636/529-6080.

Jasper Folk Festival

August 3; Jasper, Alberta

A one day festival that's part of the centennial celebration for Parks Canada.

Box 2200, Jasper, Alta., T0E 1E0.

Canmore Heritage Day Fair

August 5; Centennial Park

One day outdoor festival presenting a broad range of high profile "folk" performers at the international and national level. Children's entertainment, films, craft and food booths in a family oriented fair-type atmosphere. PO Box 998, Canmore, Alberta, T0L 0M0, (403) 678-2524.

Calgary Folk Festival

August 9-11; Prince's Island Park, Calgary, Alberta

Almost totally Canadian with emphasis on Multi-cultural Music. Family and general audience appeal plus "name" acts for enthusiasts.

50 - 635 - 6th Avenue S.W., Calgary, Alberta, T2P 0T5, (403) 263-4262.

Edmonton Folk Music Festival (6th Annual)

August 9-11; Gallagher Park, Edmonton, Alberta

A wide variety of the finest regional, national and international performers featured on 4 daytime stages, a special children's stage, two "acoustic tents" and Mainstage. PO Box 4130, Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 4T2, (403) 433-4763.

Home on the Fringe

August 17-25; Old Strathcona, Edmonton, Alberta

Some live concerts and musical street performances, but focus is on live theatre.

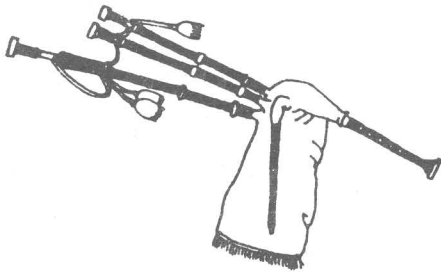
10329-83 Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, T6E 2C6, (403) 432-1553.

Teachers' Concerts

early December;

Performers consist of teachers and students from our Fall Continuing Education course sessions - a relaxed fun atmosphere.

Calgary Board of Education, 515 - Macleod Tr.S.E., Calgary, Alberta, (403) 294-8288.



British Columbia

For more information contact Tourism British Columbia, 1117 Wharf Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2Z2. Phone numbers are (604) 387-6417 and 387-1624 (not toll free).

Midsummer Festival

June 21-23; Smithers, B.C.

Strong emphasis on local musicians, i.e., Northwestern BC. There will be some professionals this year, craft fair, childrens program, and a song contest for songs with NWBC content.

Box 2209, Smithers, BC, V0J 2N0, (604) 847-2066.

Folkfest - International Village

June 24-July 1; Centennial Square

One week celebration of Victoria's multicultural heritage. 11 till dusk. with music, dance, food, arts and crafts, artists in action, traditions, films, live presentations and much more.

P.O.Box 324, Victoria, B.C., V8W 2N2, (604) 388/4152.

Folkfest

June 24-July 1; Victoria, BC

Traditional singing, dancing, cooking, costumes, crafts and much more.

PO Box 234, Victoria BC, V8W 2N2, (604) 388-4728.

Peace Country Bluegrass - Country Music Festival

June 28-30; Bend River Ranch, near Chetwynd, BC

Wholesome family entertainment, 3 days of "Finger Pickin Good" music.

Box 684, Chetwynd, BC, V0C 1J0, (604) 788-2471.

Coombs Old Time Fiddling Contest and Jamboree (3rd annual)

July 6-7; Coombs Park and Rodeo Grounds

The purpose is to promote interest in traditional "old time" fiddle music, as well as old time dances.

Box 2363, Parksville, B.C., V0R 2S0, (604) 752-6635.

Mission Pow Wow

mid july; Mission, BC

Native dancing, crafts and food.

Tourism BC, 1117 Wharf Street, Victoria, BC V8W 2Z2, (604) 387-6417.

Vancouver Folk Music Festival (8th annual)

July 19-21; Jericho Beach Park, Vancouver, British Columbia

An eclectic mix of traditional and contemporary folk music with an emphasis on international and a growing program of spoken word.

3271 Main Street, Vancouver, British Columbia, V5V 3M6, (604) 879-2931.

Coombs Country Summer Bluegrass Festival (8th annual)

August 2-4; Coombs Park and Rodeo Grounds

Promoting acoustic bluegrass and old time music.

Box 194, Coombs, Vancouver, British Columbia, V0R 1M0, (604) 248-5142.



Yukon

For more information and details about the various events in the Yukon contact Tourism Yukon, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6. The phone number is (403) 667-5340 (not toll free).

Whitehorse Highland Games (8th annual)

June 22; Whitehorse, Yukon

Competitors from Alaska, Yukon, Northwest Territories, BC and Alberta participate in band, piping and running competitions as well as traditional games.

Tourism Yukon, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Yukon Y1A 2C6, (403) 667-5340.

Dawson City Music Festival

June 29-July 1; Dawson City, Yukon Territory

Aspire to have the same range as Alan McPhee's "Eclectic Circus!" Moving from a "Folk Festival" to a "Music Festival" expanding our range and calibre of musicians. Box 456, Dawson City, Yukon Territory, Y0B 1G0, (403) 993-5225.

Northwest Territories

Information about other events in the Northwest Territories is available by writing Travel Arctic, Box 1320, Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2L9. The phone number is (403) 873-7200 (not toll free).

Folk on the Rocks

June 21-23; Yellowknife, NWT

An open-air event during the longest summer days featuring Indian and Dene performers — throat singers, drum dancers, fiddlers — as well as other folk artists from the North West Territories, the Yukon, southern Canada and the USA. Craft displays including native handwork and art and workshops for folk artists round out an exciting weekend.

Box 326, Yellowknife, NWT, X1A 2N3, (403) 920-2058.

Western Arctic Northern Games

July; Inuvik, NWT

Inuit and Dene traditional sports, dances, drumming, craft displays, bannock baking and animal skinning contests.

Travel Arctic, Box 1320, Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2L9, (403) 873-7200.

Fall Fair

August 31-September 1; Yellowknife, NWT

Whopping vegetables grow in the long hours of the northern summer sun and gardeners compete for prizes — includes jiggling and fiddling contests.

Travel Arctic, Box 1320, Yellowknife, NWT X1A 2L9, (403) 873-7200.

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