MIDSUMMER FESTIVAL

8th Annual, June 21-23, 1991
Multiple styles; Arts & Crafts; Food;
Kids area
Info: Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society
Box 2209
Smithers, B.C.
V0J 2N0
604-846-9331

The Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society is the sponsoring body for Midsummer Festival. Our primary purpose, as a non-profit society, is to attract and promote amateur and semi-professional musicians of the B.C. northwest with Midsummer Festival as the focal point of the year.

Midsummer Festival is a summer solstice celebration that began in 1984 as a small folk festival. It has now evolved into a larger, multi-faceted music festival that incorporates many activities within a weekend of family oriented fun and festivities. In actual numbers we are still a small gathering with weekend attendance averaging 800 to 1200 folks.

Musicians from throughout the province and especially the northwest region provide a range of music with traditional folk from many backgrounds complimenting blues, jazz, gospel, bluegrass and much more. There are main stage performances with evening concerts and open air dancing. Friday, June 21st is dance-band oriented with Saturday evening specifically devoted to concert type performances. Sunday is family day, featuring children’s performers and entertainment with a late afternoon finale concert closing the weekend.

There are a variety of informational and ‘just plain fun’ workshops throughout both full days and also a variety of concerts featuring individual artists. Each year we hire guest performers and are pleased that for our 8th festival we will be featuring Shari Ulrich, John Allan Cameron and the latest Albertan energy in the form of Bill Bourne and Alan MacLeod.

There is an element of the Renaissance fairs with craftspeople and artisans displaying their creations and food vendors will tempt your taste buds with delicious treats. The children’s area will be a centre of attraction with its arts and crafts, special performers, puppeteers and face painting. There’s sure to be something that appeals to your personal tastes all weekend long!

Midsummer Festival takes place at the Smithers Fall Fair Grounds thus providing comfortable camping areas, with basic amenities and lots of open space for young and old alike. There is a camping fee of $5 per space.

At this time we are still accepting performer and craft and food applications so if you would like more information please con-
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tact us through our mailing address. The deadline for applications is May 15th, 1991, so please keep this in mind.

The Bulkley Valley Arts Council and the Canada Council Touring Office, as well as local businesses and organizations, have provided grants and services in support of our past festivals and are greatly appreciated.

So if you’re suffering from the winter blues, prepare yourself for a great weekend of music, fun and celebration and join us for the 8th annual Midsummer Festival!!!

Stephanie Smart
Festival ‘91 Co-ordinator
(604)846-9331

SALTSPRING FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

July 4-28, 1991 (Thurs. through Sun. Multiple Styles: Arts and Crafts:

Info: Saltspring Festival of the Arts
Box 1425
Ganges, B.C.
VOS 1SO
604-537-4167

HARRISON FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS

July 6-14, 1991
Multiple styles; Arts & Crafts; kids area,

Info: Harrison Festival of the Arts
Box 399
Harrison Hot Springs,
B.C.
V0M 1K0
604-796-3664

for 1991, at the Harrison Festival of the Arts in the resort of Harrison Hot Springs, B.C., July 6-14. For nine days visitors will enjoy African roots music featuring groups from Ghana, Guinea and South Africa and view traditional and contemporary African art exhibits. There is daily entertainment of art shows, exhibits, workshops, lectures and theatre. Special events this year include a Children’s Day (July 10), Educational Symposium (July 13 & 14) and a Juried Art Market (July 6 & 7, 13 & 14). Over 300 international, national and local artists take part in this multicultural Festival. For more information, call Karen Racine (604)796-3664.

AFRICA is a vibrant and exciting theme

VANCOUVER FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL

14th Annual, July 19-21, 1991
Jericho Beach Park
Multiple styles; Arts & Crafts; Kids area; food
Info: Vancouver Folk Music Festival
3271 Main Street
Vancouver, B.C.
V5V 3M6
604-879-2931

-6 Daytime stages (Saturday and Sunday)
-3 Evening concerts (Friday, Saturday and Sunday)
-Little Folks Area with special children’s programming and activities
-Food area featuring food as varied as the music
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Plans are well under way for the 14th Annual Vancouver Folk Music Festival, July 19, 20 and 21, 1991. Programs already in advanced stages of development, include traditional and contemporary music from Thailand, a Young Traditions from the U.K. program featuring the Young Tradition Award winners of the past three years, Native North American contemporary songwriters, black American music from the most traditional to Chicago blues, a collection of brass bands, a survey of traditional music from various countries found in Toronto, and lots more, from the return of Nicaragua's Guardabarranco to the first Vancouver appearance of Toronto's Grievous Angels to a 20th anniversary reconvening of Stringband.

For more information or to get on the mailing list, contact the Vancouver Folk Music Festival, 3271 Main Street, Vancouver, B.C., V5V 3M6, (604)879-2931.

MISSION FOLK FESTIVAL

Fraser River Heritage Park
Info: Mission Folk Festival
Box 3125
Mission, B.C.
V2V 4J3
604-826-5937

A fabulously festive weekend of music, food, dance, workshops, crafts, children's activities and more.

Begins Friday, July 27 with an evening concert featuring five performances and runs until Sunday, July 29.

Don't miss this year's festivities!

ISLANDS FOLK FESTIVAL

July 19-21, 1991
Multiple styles
Providence Farm - 1873 Tzouhalem Rd., Duncan, B.C.
Info: Cowichan Folk Guild