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COBourg WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

5th Annual - June 29 & 30, 1991
Cobourg - shores of Lake Ontario
Info: 46 Ward Street
Port Hope, Ontario
L1A 1L5
416-885-6116

Cobourg is a 154-year-old town on the shores of Lake Ontario, a stone's throw from Port Hope and an hour plus, east of Toronto by car.

The venue is the central harborside, a border of rolling grass which belongs to Canadian National Railways and awaits only the next wave of economic prosperity to be developed. Until then, however, it serves as the site for a two-day annual festival of arts, crafts, music and song.

The event, now in its fifth year, will take place on the Canada Day weekend -- Saturday and Sunday, June 29 and 30.

Stages are set up for musicians at either end of a road that parallels the waterfront. Artisans, selected by a jury process, set up between the stage areas and a select group performs demonstrations throughout the day.

The event is free and features a Saturday night grand concert in the bandshell in nearby Victoria Park. This year’s mainliners will be The Harbord Trio, the Cindy Thompson Show and Fred J. Eaglesmith together with Willie P. Bennett.

Other musicians, a storyteller and special children's entertainers will appear in concerts and workshops during the two days on the smaller stages.

The festival is sponsored by the Town of Cobourg and the Ontario Arts Council but is entirely organized by volunteers, largely made up this year of members of a local folk music collective called Folk at the Forum.

For information about the festival or Folk at the Forum bookings at other times of the year, contact Ted Staunton at 46 Ward St., Port Hope, Ontario, L1A 1L5, or call (416)885-6116.

EARTH SONG FESTIVAL

June 30-July 2, 1991
Ethno cultural and traditional music
Info: 401 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
L8P 1K5
416-525-6644
the community together in celebration of the area's musicians and crafts people. That was in mid-July. A few weeks later, on August 20th and 21st, 1971, the first Northern Lights Folk Festival, as it was called, was held.

Twenty years later, we are still a community based family festival, in fact, we are the longest continuously running outdoor music festival in Canada. Over the years we have expanded, suffered growing pains, had financial successes, and cursed the rain and listened to lots of wonderful music, participated and celebrated in the visual Arts and Crafts, and became a family within the Sudbury community.

From a one stage, 2 day festival with free admission - the festival now offers a variety of music, workshops and entertainment on 6 stages for a reasonable fee of $45 for a weekend pass. A 1200 seat outdoor amphitheatre, built as a Sudbury Centennial project, offers a venue for performers to interpret poetry, music and song under the stars. A canvas cabaret with 'refreshments' caters to an energetic, dancing crowd. Both these stages run from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Friday evenings, the concerts start at 6:30 p.m. and wind down at 11 p.m. The daily program emphasises family events. Every year, the children's area includes a stage for performers, arts & crafts, and face painting. Two
The Home County Folk Festival has been presented in London’s beautiful downtown Victoria Park annually since 1974. After several years of floating dates (and some literally floating festivals!), experience and research into local weather patterns in Southwestern Ontario led the organizers to settle on the third weekend in July as the dates for the event. This year, the festival brings the park alive for the weekend of July 19-21.

Within three of four years of the founding of Home Country, some local craft artisans approached the organizers about participating. The Festival is now renowned for its craft component offering the wares of some 120 Canadian artisans and artists to festival goers. It is the largest summer craft show in Southwestern Ontario and, because of the high quality of the judging and the number of artisans who apply, the quality of crafts at Home Country is second to none.

Food also plays a significant role with 14 concessions allotted each year offering everything from carnival fare to gourmet meals and ethnic treats. Again, quality is the watchword for participation -- they may be french fries, but what french fries!!

Musically, the festival runs a concert stage each evening from 7 p.m. till about 11 (10:30 on Sunday) which features all the performers who are booked into the weekend. During the day on Saturday and Sunday, six stages run continuously from noon to supper time -- three are mini-concert and/or workshop stages; one is dedicated to special sets for children (in a children's activity area); another is an extremely popular participatory dance stage featuring many ethnic and traditional dance styles to observe, learn and practice; finally is the Open Stage where amateurs can perform 15 minute sets on a first come, first served basis (this treasure house of talent has seen many new performers jump from the open stage to the festival lineup the following year!)
HOME COUNTY FESTIVAL cont.

There are many things about Home County that are special but perhaps the two features which, combined, make it absolutely unique in Canada, are that admission to the public for the weekend is absolutely free (although we frequently and successfully “pass the hat”); and the whole event is run by volunteers overseen by the Home County Folk League, a non-profit, charitable corporation which itself is made up entirely of unpaid volunteers.

The Home County Folk Festival is one of London’s major summer events. Join us for a genuine good time and help us inaugurate the first year of the city’s new Victoria Park Bandshell which will be the venue for the evening concerts in 1991. We hope to see you all there!!

Rob Brady
Home County Folk League

HILLSIDE FESTIVAL
July 26-28, 1991
Info: 21 Macdonell Street
Guelph, Ont.
N1H 2Z4
519-763-6396

BLUE SKIES FESTIVAL
August 2-4, 1991
Pefferlaw, Ontario
613-279-3260

FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS
16th Annual, August 9-11, 1991
Info: Creative Arts Inc.
401 Main Street West
Hamilton, Ontario
L8P 1K5
(416)525-6644
Fax (416)525-8292

1976 was the first annual Festival of Friends, and since then, it has become the country’s largest showcase for contemporary Canadian art and music. Creative Arts Inc., the festival producer, has always kept the theme of FRIENDS at the forefront of the event. The performers booked, workshops organized, and the exhibits displayed, are chosen to reflect our responsibility for our neighbors next door and around the world.

The event is organized by artists who believe that music is the international language, that art has no borders, and creativity no boundaries. International awareness of Third World problems, the elimination of totalitarian regimes, and the raising of consciousness over environmental concerns may seem trendy of late, but they are only a few of the issues that have been embraced by artists the world over. At the Festival of Friends, we know that artists united for positive change can make a difference.

1991 marks the 16th anniversary of the Festival of Friends. As we move the event into the nineties, we take pride in our past successes, but are keenly aware of the work to be done. Ours is a strong voice and we are determined to put it to good use. The 16th annual Festival of Friends and, indeed, many festivals to come will focus on the environment. In this regard, careful thought is being given to artists booked, sponsors solicited, and site exhibits.

Please join us this year and enjoy the music of the 70 musicians booked performing
FESTIVAL OF FRIENDS cont.

throughout the weekend on 4 different stages, and the 160 artisans on site selling their crafts which include pottery, stained glass, leather, art, wire puzzles, native works, sculpture and bonsai trees to name a few. Help us celebrate the Canadian Arts.

For further information please contact: Jayne Woods, Creative Arts Inc., 401 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 1K5.

ALL FOLKS FESTIVAL

2nd Annual, August 23-24, 1991
Info: 10 Runnymede Road
Kingston, Ontario
K7M 2A1
613-548-7401

SONGS OF SAIL

August 23-25, 1991
Info: Box 1800
Penetanguishene, Ont.
L0L 1P0

PETERBOROUGH FOLK FESTIVAL

August 25, 1991
Crary Park on Little Lake
Info: #4 Otonabee Place
Peterborough, Ont.
K9J 7P2
705-745-8936

FESTIVAL BY THE BAY

August 30-Sept.2, 1991
Sarnia, Ontario
Info: Box 134
100 Charlotte Street
Sarnia, Ontario
N7T 7H8
519-383-8472

and popcorn, you don't even have to leave the park. For those who prefer to bring their own you will find lots of space for your picnic.

People come from all over North America year after year to meet old friends and make new ones. Come and join us for three days of fun in the sun!

For further information please contact: Jayne Woods, Creative Arts Inc., 401 Main Street West, Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 1K5.

OWEN SOUND SUMMER FOLK FESTIVAL

16th Annual, August 16-18, 1991
Info: P.O. Box 521
Owen Sound, Ontario
N4K 5R1
519-371-2995

The Owen Sound Summerfolk Festival, located on the beautiful Georgian Bay shores at Kelso Beach Park, is held annually the third weekend of August. It features some of the finest traditional and contemporary folk performers in North America and abroad.

You can also see about 30 crafts people from far and near showing off their wares, pottery, glassware, clothing, jewelry, various wood crafts, and much more. You will be able to take your children to an area where you will find crafts, performers strutting their stuff and magic especially for the small fry.

When you feel that it is time to have a snack or lunch and even supper, there is a wide range of food to please the palate, from fried onions to quiche, ice cream...
FESTIVAL BY THE BAY cont.

Festival By The Bay in Sarnia-Clearwater, Ontario will be holding its second annual arts and entertainment festival over the Labour Day weekend (August 30, 31, Sept. 1, 2, 1991).

This festival, organized by the Centre for Entertainment and the Environment, will include a wide range of performers from fields as diverse as classical music, theatre, dance, crafts, big band and folk music. Daytime entertainment is free of charge with the opportunity for free-will donations. Evening shows will require tickets with price yet to be arranged. Some of the evening performers still to be confirmed include: Artie Shaw's Big Band with Billy Eckstein, Inkspots, Tommy Hunter and Eric Nagler.

Saturday afternoon from 12-6 p.m. will constitute the folk portion of the event. Interest in folk music in Sarnia has been increasing in recent years due to the availability of a House Concert series organized by Bev and Gord Walking. This has led to a larger element of folk at this year's event. Performers will include: Garnet Rogers, Harbord Trio, Kate Jarrett and John Hart, local singer/song writer Michael Barr, and J. Gordon Thompson. This portion of the festival will be open to the public free of charge though donations will be welcomed. For further information on the festival, please contact the Centre for Entertainment and the Environment at (519) 383-8472 or fax 383-8042, P.O. Box 134, 100 Charlotte Street, Sarnia, Ontario, N7T 7H8.

MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL

31st Annual, September 6-8, 1991
Ontario Place, Toronto
Info: 786 Dundas Street East
Toronto, Ontario
M4M 1R1
416-763-4183

WYLMARSH FESTIVAL

September 14 & 15, 1991
Info: Box 100
Midland, Ontario
L4R 4K6

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