

Canadian Folk Festival Directory

We try to get information directly from festivals where possible. However, where we don't have a mailing address, or where festivals don't respond to our queries, we're dependent on other agencies such as provincial tourist bureaus. The sort of information these agencies provide varies from province to province (as well as from year to year within a single province). So if there is a perceived imbalance between our coverage of one province and another, this is the likely explanation.

Readers who help us get in touch with festivals which are not listed here, or who provide mailing addresses for festivals for which we don't have that information, will earn our undying gratitude.

MANITOBA

December 1 to 3, 1995

CHRISTKINDLMARKT. Union Station (CN), Winnipeg.

Annual since 1986

Alexandra Pfeiffer, c/o German-Canadian Congress, 203 - 90 Garry Street, Winnipeg R3C 4H1

Bus.: (204) 989-8300; Fax: 989-8304

"German Christmas Market showcasing heritage and traditions of German-Canadians, including sale of traditional Christmas/Advent items, displays of cultural/community groups and performances by musical and theatre groups and bands from the German-language community."

January 27, 1996

MANITOBA HIGHLAND DANCERS' ASSOCIATION DANCE COMPETITION. Winnipeg.

(204) 888-0060

February 9 to 18, 1996

FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR. Forks National Historic Area, Winnipeg.

Normand Gousseau, C.P. 10, 768 ave Taché, St-Boniface R2H 2C4.

(204) 237-7692; Fax: 233-7576

Celebrates the voyageur and the fur trade era; activities include more than 400 shows, international snow sculpture competition and exhibit, arts and

crafts, beard growing, fiddling and jigging contest, Native entertainment, historic fur trade encampment at the Forks, and the "Grand Rendez-Vous", a street party hosting more than 14,000 people.

March 16 and 17, 1995

HIGHLAND DANCE CHAMPIONSHIP. Winnipeg.

(204) 888-0060

April 27, 1996

FESTIVAL DE LA CHANSON FRANÇAISE. Pantages Playhouse Theatre, Winnipeg.

(204) 233-7423

May 19, 1996

DONOR'S DAY IN MAY. Town of Wasył Megrych Pioneer Homestead, Gilbert Plains.

(204) 548-2063

Ukrainian dancing and cultural events.

May 25 and 26, 1996

VESELKA UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL. Teulon.

(204) 467-9318

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

July 1 and 2, 1996

MIDWAY LAKE FESTIVAL. Fort McPherson.

Annual since 1985

Richard Wilson, Tetlit Gwich'in Council, Box 86, Fort McPherson X0E 0J0. (403) 952-2330

"Enjoy superb performances by big-name musical artists from southern and northern Canada, as you take in the view of the majestic Richardson Mountains from the shores of Midway Lake (located 30 km southwest of Fort McPherson on the Dempster Highway). Call in advance to confirm dates."

July 21 to 23, 1996

FOLK ON THE ROCKS. Yellowknife.

"A combination of performers from many different musical and performance backgrounds include Inuit and Dene folk singers, the famous Inuit throat singers, Inuit and Dene drummers and dancers, and famous folksingers from southern Canada and the US. A variety of happenings include demonstrations and displays of arts and crafts, workshops for artists so they can get together and perform or experiment with music, a songwriting workshop and a children's stage where activities keep the young busy."

ONTARIO

January 7, February 4, March 3

OLD TYME JAMBOREE. Community Centre, Grand Valley.

(519) 941-0698

Old time music and dancing.

January 21, 1996

ROBBIE BURNS CEILIDH. Civic Museum, Guelph.

(519) 836-1221

Celebration of Scottish heritage, dance, music, poetry and song.

January 27, 1996

ROBBIE BURNS NIGHT. Harry Lumley Bayshore Community Centre, Owen Sound.

(519) 376-8533

Annual

Highland dancing with world champion dancers and pipers.

February 3 and 4, 1996

ANNUAL POW WOW. St. Clair College Gymnasium, Windsor.

Annual since 1993

(519) 948-8365

Aboriginal dancing, singing, crafts and food.

February 3, 4, 10 and 11, 1996

KUUMBA: AFRICAN HERITAGE MONTH. Harbourfront, Toronto.

Kuumba, meaning "creativity", is a series of dance, theatre and musical performances, public forums, workshops, storytelling and historical displays. Most events are free.

February 17 and 18, 1996

LUNAR CHINESE NEW YEAR'S FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS. Harbourfront, Toronto.

(416) 973-3000

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A festival showcasing traditional and contemporary performances by some of Toronto's finest Chinese singers, musicians, dancers, actors, storytellers and artisans.

February 18, 1996

HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL. Wellington County Museum and Archives, Fergus.

(519) 846-0916

Multicultural folk festival, food entertainment and displays representing various cultural groups.

February 23 to 25, 1996

TORONTO FESTIVAL OF STORYTELLING. York Quay Centre, Toronto.

Annual since 1978

(416) 924-8625

75 storytellers from across Canada, family storytelling, concerts, workshops.

February 24, 1996

SOIRÉE TRADITIONELLE. Welland.

(905) 735-9174

Traditional French Canadian soirée, square and step dances, jigs and reels.

March 17, 1996

IRISH GAELIC TEA. Myrtleville House Museum, Brantford.

(519) 752-3216

Gaelic performances by traditional Irish musicians, Irish foods and tea, horse wagon rides.

April 21, 1996

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION. Ojibway Park, Windsor.

(519) 973-1116

Music, performing artists and displays.

May 25 to 27, 1996

ODAWA POW WOW. 411 Corkstown Rd., Nepean.

Annual since 1976

Simone Charette, 396 MacLaren Street, Ottawa K2P 0M8

Bus.: (613) 238-8591; Fax: 238-6106

"Native dancers from across North America compete for prize money
Drumming, Native arts and crafts, Native foods."