

Canadian Folk Festival Directory

ALBERTA

Dept. of Economic Development & Tourism, 307 Legislature Bldg.
Edmonton Alta. T5K 2B6

September 4 to 8, 1996

SPRUCE MEADOWS MASTERS TOURNAMENT. Spruce

Meadows, Calgary.

Annual since 1976

Curtis Reid, c/o Spruce Meadows, RR#9, Calgary, Alta. T2J 5G5

Bus.: (403) 974-4261; Fax: 974-4266

*This event is host to the Festival of Nations, with performers from

11 countries and hundreds of exhibits, activities and food services. In the Masters, the world's best compete in show jumping for over \$1,000,000 in prize money."

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Tourism British Columbia, 1117 Wharf St., Victoria, B.C. V8W 2Z2; 1-800-663-6000

Note that as of October 19, 1996, the area code for of British Columbia except the Vancouver area will change to "250"; the Vancouver region will remain at "604".

August 30 to September 1, 1996

CHILLIWACK BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL. Achelitz Thresherman's Park, Chilliwack

Annual since 1988

Rad Hudson, 5405 Peach Rd., Sardis, B.C. V2R 4P7

(604) 858-3000; Fax: 792-2640

Banjo and flatpicking championships. Free corn roast.

August 30 to September 2, 1996

ALPINE FOLK DANCE FESTIVAL. Platzl, Kimberley
(604) 427-3666

August 31 and September 1, 1996

COWBOY FESTIVAL. O'Keefe Historic Ranch, Vernon

Annual since 1993

(604) 542-7868

August 31 and September 1, 1996

FERNIE FOLK FESTIVAL. Island Lake, Fernie

First annual

(604) 423-3700, 1-888-422-8754

August 31 and September 1, 1996

SUNSHINE FOLKFEST. Palm Beach, Powell River

(604) 485-4207

September 1996 (date unspecified)

NATIVE AWARENESS DAYS. Friendship Centre, Fort St. John

(604) 785-8566

September 13 to 16, 1996

SALTWATER. Sidney

Tony Latimer (Artistic Director), (604) 656-9539

The first annual Maritime Arts and music Festival, on the waterfront at Sidney, B.C. A maritime folk celebration of fiddle tunes, sea ballads, dance and performing arts, with large and small stages, and a trade fair throughout the site

September 14 and 15, 1996

CHINESE MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL. Grouse Mountain, North Vancouver

(604) 984-0661

October 1996 (date unspecified)

STORY TELLING FESTIVAL. Rockwood Centre, Sechelt

Annual since 1993

(604) 885-2522

October 1996 (date unspecified)

OKTOBERFEST. Williams Lake

(604) 392-5025

October 1996 (date unspecified)

OKTOBERFEST. Legion Hall, Mackenzie

(604) 997-3900

October 3 and 4, 1996

OKTOBERFEST. Coliseum, Prince George

(604) 562-1215

October 12 and 13, 1996

OKTOBERFEST. Platzl, Kimberley

(604) 427-3666

November 23 and 24, 1996

MEDIEVAL MARKET. Williams Lake Junior Elementary School, Williams Lake

(604) 392-3630

December 1996 (date unspecified)

NATIVE WINTER FEASTS. Friendship Centre, Fort St. John

(604) 785-8566

MANITOBA

Travel Manitoba, 700 - 155 Carleton St., Winnipeg, Man. R3C 3H8

September 8, 1996

RENDEZVOUS DAYS. Fort Dauphin Museum, Dauphin
(204) 638-6630

Includes music, traditional voyageur games, demonstrations and foods.

September 12 to 21, 1996

OKTOBERFEST. Convention Centre, Winnipeg

Annual since 1978

Terry O'Reilly, 375 York Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R3C 3J3

Bus.: (204) 957-4516; Fax: 943-0310

"The largest indoor Canadian festival, featuring the finest in Bavarian delicacies, and domestic and imported beverages. Includes bands

dance troupes and nightly parades."

September 21, 1996
FESTIVAL OF THE EQUINOX. Stonewall
 (204) 467-2913
 Medieval festival including music, dancing, costumes and foods.

October 11 to 13, 1996
MIAMI FUN & FIDDLE FESTIVAL. Miami

Tourism New Brunswick, Dept. 339, P.O. Box 12345, Fredericton,
 N.B. E3B 5C3; Email: nbtourism@gov.nb.ca; Website:
 http://www.gov.nb.ca.tourism/

Tourism Nova Scotia, P.O. Box 130, Halifax, N.S. B3J 2M7;
 1-800-565-0000

September 7, 1996
CORN BOIL AND CEILIDH. Cole Harbour

Ministry of Culture, Tourism & Recreation, 77 Bloor St. W,
 Toronto, Ont. M7A 2R9

August 31 to September 1, 1996
COLLINGWOOD CELTIC CONTINUUM. Bygone Days Farm,
 Collingwood

Department of Economic Development and Tourism, 4th Floor,
 Shaw Building, Box 2000, Charlottetown, P.E.I. C1A 7N8

It appears that in P.E.I. the distinctions between festivals, concert
 series, and ongoing events get blurred somewhat. We have opted to
 fall on the side of inclusion even though time and space considera-
 tions preclude a similar treatment for other provinces which might
 merit it.

September 1 to October 16, 1996
MACKINNON FAMILY GALA OUTDOOR SCOTTISH FIDDLE

Conseil québécois du patrimoine vivant, c.p. 1442, Québec, P.Q.
 G1K 7G7

August 30 to September 2, 1996
**CARREFOUR MONDIAL DE L'ACCORDÉON DE
 MONTMAGNY.** Montmagny
 (418) 248-9196

September 1996
RÈVES D'AUTOMNE. Baie St-Paul

October 25 to 27, 1996
WOMENFRIENDS MUSIC CAMP '96. Camp Alexandra, Crescent
 Beach; Penny Sidor, Womenfriends Music, 311 - 1771 East Georgia

Annual since 1973
 George C. Jackson, RR#2, Miami, Man. R0G 1H0
 Res.: (204) 435-2272
 "Our event starts Friday evening with a show and dance. Saturday
 and Sunday are full days of competition, with old time dances in the
 evenings. Food available in the building. Trailer parking in the same
 yard, with electric hookups."

NEW BRUNSWICK

September 6 to 8, 1996
CHARLO FALL FAIR. Charlo
 Claude Landry, Village of Charlo, P.O. Box 60, Charlo, N.B. E0B
 1M0
 (506) 826-9891

NOVA SCOTIA

September 7 and 8, 1996
HELEN CREIGHTON FOLKLORE FESTIVAL. Citadel Hill,
 Halifax
 Annual since 1990
 Clary Croft, P.O. Box 236, Dartmouth, N.S. B2Y 3Y3
 "A celebration of folkways from the Maritimes. Includes
 tradition-bearers and contemporary participants in song, dance, crafts
 and folklore."

ONTARIO

Collingwood Celtic Continuum, RR#1, Collingwood, Ont. L9Y 3Y9
 (705) 444-7750

September 14 and 15, 1996
WYE MARSH FESTIVAL. Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Midland
 Annual since 1985

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

AND DANCE FESTIVAL. MacKinnon Homestead Grounds,
 Richmond
 Annual since 1982
 The Linus C. MacKinnon Family, c/o Cecelia MacKinnon,
 Richmond, P.E.I. C0B 1Y0
 Res. & Bus.: (902) 854-2245
 "Scottish concerts running 2:00-4:00 p.m., featuring Scottish
 fiddling, bagpiping, stepdancing, singing, piano, accordion and
 guitar; also offering: canteen, souvenirs, surprises, spring water,
 shrine, P.E.I. strawberry/raspberry/rhubarb ice cream dishes, family
 environment free of alcohol, drugs and profanity. Indoors if weather

QUEBEC

(418) 435-5150, ext. 2372

September 28, 1996
SOIRÉES DE DANSES AU DOMAINE MAIZERETS. Domaine
 Maizerets, Québec
 Centre de valorisation du patrimoine vivant, 310, boul. Langelier,
 bureau 241, Québec, QC G1K 5N3
 Bus.: (418) 647-1598; Fax: 647-4439

CANADA CAMPS

St., Vancouver B.C. V5L 2B3; (604) 251-4715
 A gathering for women of all ages, stages and styles. Playing,
 singing, performing, creating, jamming, dancing, workshopping,

October 27, 1996
RATHWELL FIDDLING CONTEST. Rathwell
 Annual since 1952
 (204) 749-2107

September 10 to 15, 1996
HARVEST JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL. Fredericton
 Brent Staeben, P.O. Box 20139, Fredericton, N.B. E3B 6Y8
 (506) 454-2583; Fax: 457-1815

October 3 to 6, 1996
OKTOBERFEST IN LUNENBURG. Lunenburg

October 11 and 12, 1996
DIANA RESORT OKTOBERFEST. West Bay

October 11 and 12, 1996
FEIS MHABU. Mabou

Seмена Jeffery, Box 100, Midland, Ont. L4R 4K6
 Bus.: (705) 526-7809; Fax: 526-3294

"The Wye Marsh Festival, an environmental celebration, has a wide
 variety of events going all weekend long, including live folk music,
 Canadian Wildlife Carving Championships, art, conservation and
 environmental exhibits, and crafts. The two-day event is in a
 beautiful setting and is full of activities for everyone."

inclusion.

September 1, 2 and 4: Heather on the Hill Scottish Concerts
 September 8, 9 and 11: 20th Anniversary Scottish Concerts
 September 15, 16 and 18: "Let's Have a Ceilidh" Scottish
 Concerts

September 22, 23 and 25: Harvest Home Scottish Concerts
 September 29 and 30 and October 2: "The Kilt is Our
 Delight" Scottish Concerts
 October 6, 7 and 9: St. Andrew Scottish Concerts
 October 13, 14 and 16: Auld Lang Syne Scottish Concerts

October 9 to 14, 1996
**FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL DES ARTS TRADITIONNELS:
 L'HÉRITAGE IRLANDAIS D'AMÉRIQUE.** Québec and area
 Centre de valorisation du patrimoine vivant, 310, boul. Langelier,
 bureau 241, Québec, QC G1K 5N3
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storytelling, discussing or simply walking on the beach or relaxing in
 the hot tub. The agenda is loose; the participants create the activities.
 No drugs, alcohol or pets; smoking outside only.



Another occasion for merry-making was the box social; the fund raiser that always preceded the Christmas concert. One hundred percent of the kind-hearted bachelors of the community turned out to insure a bountiful Christmas for the children. The auctioneer had a field day with the bachelors as these good-natured gentlemen vied for the pretty young school marm. If she had a boyfriend, they showed him no mercy. But if he was smart and wise to their game, he would bid on several other boxes to confuse them, encouraging the bachelors to bid up, thus increasing the total funds raised for the concert as well as providing part of the evening's entertainment.

Helen Boyd. Wheatfields and Wildflowers (Rycroft, Alberta)