

Canadian Folk Festival Directory

We try to produce a listing of all festivals in Canada with significant traditional music content, with as much information on them as possible given our space constraints, but realistically we fall short of our goal. Some festivals we don't know about, some don't respond, some have personnel changes and we lose touch. We get information from other agencies, but these vary widely in the amount and kind of information they give us.

We would appreciate being given information on festivals which should be included and aren't. And if you have a flat-rate long distance phone plan, or Internet access and time on your hands, and want to help out, we'd be happy to hive off part of the task of maintaining this directory to enthusiastic volunteers. [JL]

ALBERTA

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

Alberta Arts Festivals Assn., 601 - 10136 100 St. NW, Edmonton, Alta. T5J 0P1; 1-888-878-3378; <artfests@compuserve.ab.ca>; <www.discoveralberta.com/artfests>

May 23 to 27, 2000
CALGARY INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL. In and around the Arts Centre, Calgary
E. Jane Mawby (Administrator), 205 8th Ave. SW, Calgary, Alta. T2G 0K9; (403) 294-7414 (bus.); 294-7425 (fax); admin@calgarychildfest.org; <www.calgarychildfest.org>
"An annual festival for families, celebrating international music, theatre, dance, puppetry, comedy and more." Annual since 1987.

December 8 to 10, 2000
CANADA'S COWBOY FESTIVAL. Telus Convention Centre, Calgary
Jill Skoane, c/o Telus Convention Centre, 120 9th Ave. SE, Calgary, Alta. T2G 0P3 (403) 261-8522 (bus.); 1-800-822-2697 (bus.); 261-8510 (Fax); <jills@calgary-convention.com>; <www.calgary-convention.com>
"A celebration of cowboy culture at its best through art, music, poetry and film. Canada's Cowboy Festival is an annual event heading into its sixth year, celebrating 100 Years of Western Heritage." Annual since 1995.

BRITISH COLUMBIA

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

February 25 to 27, 2000
RAINCOAST RUCKUS. Bonsor Recreation Centre, Burnaby
Cara Dennis (604) 464-5019 (res.); <cmdennis@uniserve.com>; <www.vcn.bc.ca/vcountry>
"An in-town weekend dance event featuring a form of country dance called contradance. Taught by a caller (as per square dancing), and done to live traditional fiddle music. Beginners, couples, singles, all are welcome; no membership required. Workshops are given in other dance forms, musical instruments, and related areas. Practitioners tend to transcend into ecstasy." Annual since 1996.

May 13, 2000
VICTORIA HIGHLAND GAMES. Royal Roads University, Victoria
Bill Johnson, c/o Victoria Highland Games Assn., 2281 Covington Place, Victoria, B.C. V8N 5R1
(250) 598-8961; 478-4036; 658-2876; 479-7515 (fax); <shaw.hutchings@home.com>

May 20, 2000
COMOX VALLEY HIGHLAND GAMES. Lewis Park, Courtenay
Comox Valley Highland Games Soc., Box 1285, Comox, BC V9N 7Z8 (250) 338-0363; 339-6444; 334-9747 (fax); <archives@island.net>

May 27, 2000
SONS OF SCOTLAND HIGHLAND GAMES. Cloverdale
Chris Main, (604) 435-0764

MANITOBA

Travel Manitoba, 700-155 Carleton St., Winnipeg, Man. R3C 3H8; 1-800-665-0040, ext. AC6; <htm://www.gov.mb.ca/Travel-Manitoba>

January 22, 2000
SQUARE DANCE JAMBOREE. Hamiota
(204) 764-2108

January 22, 2000
WINTER BLUES CONCERT. Oak Hammock Marsh
(204) 467-3300

February 11 to 20, 2000
FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR. St-Boniface
(204) 237-7672
"Western Canada's largest winter festival, based on the fur trade era, showcases historical and cultural treasures of the French-Canadian heritage, entertainment, international dog sled races, traditional cuisine."

February 18, 2000
WINNIPEG SCOTTISH FESTIVAL. Convention Centre, Winnipeg
Elaine Douglas (Coordinator), 577 McMeans Ave. E, Winnipeg, Man. R2C 0X8 (204) 224-0032 (fax); <edouglas@city.winnipeg.mb.ca>
"Piping, drumming, highland dance and pipe band competitions, workshops, cultural displays, evening ceilidh."

February 19 and 20, 2000
SELKIRK'S FESTIVAL ON THE RED. Red River, Selkirk
(204) 482-9571
Includes fiddling and jigging competitions.

May 13, 2000
VITRIWKA SPRING CONCERT. Ethelbert
(204) 742-3781
"Traditional Ukrainian costumes, dances performed by children 6 to 17 years of age, choral ensemble."

May 27 and 28, 2000
VESELKA UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL. Teulon
(204) 886-2679

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Northwest Territories Resources, Wildlife and Economic Development, Government of the Northwest Territories, Yellowknife, N.W.T. X1A 2L9; <nwttravel.nt.ca>
Exact dates are not always given, or are subject to change—calling the organizers to verify before heading for a Northern community is a good idea. We are assuming that cultural events in First Nations communities will include traditional music.

January 2, 1999
SUNRISE FESTIVAL. Inuvik
(867) 777-2607

Early March, 2000
KAMBA WINTER CARNIVAL. Hay River
(867) 874-6701

Early March, 2000
WOOD BUFFALO FROLIC. Fort Smith
(867) 872-2014

Mid-March, 2000
BEAVERTAIL JAMBOREE. Fort Simpson
(867) 695-3300

March 19, 2000
TREE OF PEACE ANNUAL TALENT SHOW. Yellowknife
(867) 873-2864

March 26 to 28, 2000
CARIBOU CARNIVAL. Yellowknife
(867) 873-4262

April, 2000
SPRING CARNIVAL. Tuktoyaktuk
(867) 573-3401

Early April, 2000
SPRING FLING. Norman Wells
(867) 587-2238

April 2 to 4, 2000
MAD TRAPPERS' JAMBOREE. Aklavik
Aklavik Gwich'in Band Council (867) 978-2351
"Celebrate spring on the Mackenzie Delta at our annual spring jamboree. Traditional Inuvialuit games."

April 3 to 5, 2000
MUSKRAT JAMBOREE. Inuvik
(867) 777-3813

Mid-April, 2000
BELUGA JAMBOREE. Tuktoyaktuk
(867) 977-2286

NUNAVUT

*Nunavut Tourism, P.O. Box 1450, Iqaluit, N.W.T. X0C 0H0
1-800-491-7910; <nunavutour@nunavut.com>; <www.nunavutour.nt.ca>*

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Mid-January 2000
RETURN OF THE SUN. Iqaluit
Leah Otak, Igloodik Inullariit Elders Society (867) 934-8836; 934-8792 (fax)

April 2000
NATTIK FROLICS. Kugluktuk
(867) 982-4471; 982-3060 (fax)

April 2000
PAKALLAK TIME. Rankin Inlet
Rick Denison (867) 645-2895; 645-2146 (fax)

Mid-April 2000
TOONIK TIME. Iqaluit
Dave St. Louis (867) 979-5617; 979-3712 (fax)

Easter weekend, 2000
KALVIK FROLICS. Umingmaktok.
Arctic Coast Visitors Centre (867) 983-2224; 983-2302 (fax); Peter Kapolak, Umingmaktok Hunters and rappers Organization <peterk@polar.net.ca>

Mid-May 2000
HAMLET DAYS. Baker Lake
(867) 793-2874; 793-2509 (fax)

May 2000
QAVVARRVIK CARNIVAL. Gjoa Haven
(867) 360-7151; 360-7009 (fax)

May long weekend, 2000
 OMINGMAK FROLICS. Cambridge Bay
 (867) 983-2337; 983-2193 (fax)

ONTARIO

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

Ontario Canada Tourism, 1-800-ONTARIO (668-2746);
 <www.ontario.com>

Ontario Council of Folk Festivals, P.O. Box 882,
 Peterborough, Ont. K9J 7A2

December 12 and 13, 1999
 CHRISTMAS FUN AT WOODLAND. Woodland Centre, Brantford
 Woodland Centre, 184 Mohawk St., Brantford, Ont. N3S 2X2
 (519) 759-2650; www.woodland-centre.on.ca>
 "An afternoon of special programming, with storytelling or a craft
 demonstration, and the Kanata dancers."

January 24, 2000
 ROBBIE BURNS DAY CELEBRATION. Mackenzie House, Toronto
 Janet Schwartz (Site Manager, Mackenzie House), c/o Heritage
 Toronto, 205 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont. M5B 1N2
 (416) 392-6915 (bus.); 392-0114 (fax);
 <info@torontohistory.on.ca>; <www.torontohistory.on.ca>
 "Dance, enjoy music, drink mulled cider, eat some Scottish foods and
 treats—including the infamous HAGGIS! This rollicking event will
 be in honour of the 240th birthday of the also infamous Scots poet,
 Robbie Burns. Music will fill the house—we'll have Scottish country
 dancing in the lecture room, a harpist playing in the parlour and
 bagpipes (parlour type) being played in the historic kitchen. The
 highlight of the day is when we pipe in the Haggis, and, after it is
 addressed, sharing it among our visitors." Annual since 1986.

February 20, 2000
 HERITAGE DAY FESTIVAL. Wellington County Museum,
 Fergus/Elora (519) 846-0916; <www.wcm.on.ca>
 "Multicultural celebration with entertainment, food and displays."

February 4 to 13, 2000
 KUUMBA—A CELEBRATION OF AFRICAN HERITAGE
 MONTH. Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
 (416) 973-3000; <www.harbourfront.on.ca>
 "Festivities during African Heritage Month include music, dance,
 film, storytelling, a comedy cabaret, and more."

February 21 and 27, 2000
 LISTEN UP!—TORONTO FESTIVAL OF STORYTELLING.
 Harbourfront Centre, Toronto
 (416) 656-2445
 "A two-day festival filled with workshops, storytelling sets for all
 ages, music and concerts; afternoon programs are free, morning
 workshops and evening concerts ticketed." Annual since 1979.

March 11 and 12, 1999
 WARKWORTH MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL. Sandy Flat Sugar
 Bush, Warkworth (705) 924-2057
 Includes old time fiddle music.

March 26, 2000
 ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM CELTIC CELEBRATION. Royal
 Ontario Museum, Toronto
 Ian G. McGregor, 100 Queen's Park, Toronto, Ont. M5S 2C6
 (416) 586-5797

April 2, 2000
 SPRING MAGIC. Fulton's Pancake House and Sugarbush,
 Pakenham (613) 256-3867; <www.fultonsfarm.com>
 Includes old time fiddle music.

April 2 to 6
 FIDDLE AND STEP. Town Hall Heritage Theatre, Wingham
 (519) 357-4082
 "The best fiddlers and stepdancers, a toe-tapping, energetic show, in
 conjunction with the Belmore Maple Syrup Festival."

April 7 to 9, 2000
 TORONTO SPRING THAW. Eastminster United Church, Toronto
 Tom Caldwell (Toronto Country Dancers), 17 Langwith Ct.,
 Brampton, Ont. L6Y 1Z9 (905) 456-1532 (res.);
 <zydeco@dancing.org>; <sca.uwaterloo.ca/nzca>
 "Three days of participatory events—contra dance, square dance,
 couples dancing and music-making. No partners needed, beginners
 welcome." Annual since 1995.

April 9, 2000
 SPRING MAGIC. Fulton's Pancake House and Sugarbush,
 Pakenham. See April 2.

April 28 and 29, 1999
 MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL. Memorial Centre, Brockville
 (613) 345-0920
 "A variety of entertainment, crafts, demonstrations and foods from
 around the world."

April 30, 2000
 MUSIC DAY. Whetung Ojibwa Centre, Curve Lake
 (705) 657-3661; <www.whetung.com>
 "Live performances by First Nations musicians, large selection of
 CDs and tapes of aboriginal, nature and classical music can be
 sampled."

May 13 and 14, 2000
 COUNTY CELTIC WEEKEND. County Fairgrounds, Picton
 Roger St. Jean (Secretary), P.O. Box 2499, Picton, Ont. K0K 2T0
 (613) 476-6043; 476-4369 (fax); <www.pec.on.ca/celtic >
 Annual since 1996.

May 20, 2000
 WHITBY FOLK FESTIVAL. Courthouse Theatre, Whitby
 Holmes Hooke, c/o 998 Ronlea Ave., Oshawa, Ont. L1H 2X6
 <vitsprk@icomm.ca>; <www.icomm.ca/vitsprk >
 "One-day indoor festival." Annual since 1997.

May 26 to 28, 2000
 ODAWA POW WOW. Ottawa-Nepean Tent & Trailer Park, Nepean
 Mark Meekis, 12 Stirling Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1P 1P8
 (613) 722-3811 (bus.); 722-4667 (fax); <simonec@odawa.on.ca >;
 <www.odawa.on.ca >
 "Native dancers from across North America come together in
 celebration. Drumming, Native arts and crafts, Native foods."
 Annual since 1976.

QUEBEC

Tourism Québec, 1010, rue Ste-Catherine Ouest, bureau
 430, Montréal, QC H3B 1G2
 Conseil québécois du patrimoine vivant, c.p. 1442, Québec,
 QC G1K 7G7

February 10 to 20, 2000
 CARNAVAL SOUVENIR. Chicoutimi
 Includes folk dancing.

March 11 and 12, 2000
 MONTREAL CELTIC FESTIVAL. Spectrum, Montreal
 Montreal Spectrum, 318 St. Catherine West, Montréal, QC H2X
 2A1 (514) 790-1245; 861-5851; <apatrick@total.net>
 Annual since 1992.

April 25 to 30, 2000
 MUSIQUE MULTI-MONTRÉAL, LE FESTIVAL DES MUSIQUES
 ET DU MONDE/MUSIC MULTI-MONTREAL 2000, THE
 WORLD MUSIC FESTIVAL. Montreal
 Anne-Marie Deslongchamps, c/o Musique Multi-Montréal, 2005,
 Victor-Doré St., Unit 208, Montréal, QC H3M 1S4
 (514) 856-3787; 856-3340 (fax); <mmmail@cam.org >;
 <www.musiquemultimontreal.com >

"Since 1991, Musique Multi-Montréal, Le Festival des Musiques et
 du Monde, offers a world music showcase. Out of hundreds of
 applicants, about 30 are selected to participate and share the stage
 during thematic evenings. Soloists and groups from all origin join
 Quebec's celebrities. Together, they create original pieces and songs
 as well as unforgettable moments.
 "Produit dans une formule showcase depuis 1991, Musique Multi-
 Montréal, le Festival des Musiques et du Monde, présente des
 spectacles thématiques mettant en scène une trentaine de découvertes
 sélectionnées parmi une centaine de formations auditionnées. Réunis
 autour de porte-parole reconnus pour leur apport à la vie artistique
 québécoise, des artistes de toute origine s'allient pour créer des
 oeuvres inédites et des moments inoubliables." Annual since 1991.

SASKATCHEWAN

Saskatchewan Cultural Exchange Society, 2431 8th Ave.,
 Regina, Sask. S4R 5J7
 Tourism Saskatchewan, 500-1900 Albert St., Regina, Sask.
 S4P 4L9; 1-800-667-7191; <travel.info@sasktourism.com >;
 <www.sasktourism.com/ev >

February 4 to 6, 2000
 MID-WINTER CELTIC FESTIVAL. Royal Canadian Legion,
 Regina
 Iain MacDonald, Box 132, Avonlea, Sask. S0H 0C0
 (306) 868-2125 (res.); 787-0497 (bus.); 306-868-2126 (fax);
 <iainmacd@sk.sympatico.ca >;
 <www.gpfn.sk.ca/culture/arts/pipeband/celtic2.html >
 "The Mid-Winter Celtic Festival is a two-day festival that
 incorporates a number of events, including a Celtic pub night
 (Friday), music and dance performances and workshops, a craft fair
 and community display, whisky tasting and other demonstrations. The
 2000 event features a fiddling workshop. The festival concludes with
 the Mid-Winter Ceilidh, a performance and participation evening
 featuring top acts in Celtic music, along with the host band, the City
 of Regina Pipe Band." Annual since 1992.

February 12 to 27, 2000
 PRINCE ALBERT WINTER FESTIVAL. Prince Albert
 (306) 764-7595
 Includes fiddlers' championship, February 25 and 26.

February 20, 2000
 A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A FUR TRADING POST. Last Mountain
 House Provincial Historic Park, Craven
 (306) 787-2700
 Includes traditional First Nations activities.

February 25 to 27, 2000
 DENARE BEACH WINTER FESTIVAL. Denare Beach
 (306) 362-2170
 Includes jiggling.

March 2 to 4, 2000
 MID-WINTER BLUES FESTIVAL. Regina
 (306) 757-9436; 352-3382

May 20 and 21, 2000
 REGINA HIGHLAND GAMES, Regina
 Regina Highland Festival Assn., P.O. Box 3205, Regina, S4P 3H1
 (306) 868-2125 (res.); 306-868-2126 (fax);
 <iainmacd@sk.sympatico.ca >;
 <www.gpfn.sk.ca/culture/arts/highland/index.html >
 "The Regina Highland Games offers piping, drumming and dancing
 contests, Celtic music performances, and demonstrations throughout
 the day. Annual since 1996.

May 27, 2000
 MOOSE JAW HIGHLAND GAMES. Crescent Park, Moose Jaw
 (306) 565-2938; 692-9355; 565-8928 (fax)

YUKON TERRITORY

Yukon Tourism, Box 2703, Whitehorse, Y.T. Y1A 2C6

February 18 to 20, 2000
 FROSTBITE MUSIC FESTIVAL. Yukon Arts Centre and Yukon
 College, Whitehorse
 Karen McCann, c/o Frostbite Music Society, 211 Hanson St.,
 Whitehorse, Y.T. Y1A 1Y3
 (867) 668-4921 (bus.); 667-2518 (fax);
 <frostbite@polarcom.com >; <www.frostbite.net >
 "The COOLEST Festival North of 60, representing many musical
 styles and genres, with a little 'something for everyone.'" Annual
 since 1979.

CAMPS AND COURSES

Beginning of October, 2000
 CHEHALIS DANCE CAMP. Camp Elphinstone, near Gibsons
 Landing, B.C. Shelagh Maguire (604) 944-3056 (res.);
 <shelagm@direct.ca >; <www.vcn.bc.ca/vcountry >
 "An out-of-town weekend dance camp, featuring a form of country
 dance called contradance. Taught by a caller (as per square dancing),
 and done to live traditional fiddle music. Beginners, couples, singles,
 all are welcome; no membership required. Workshops are given in
 other dance forms, musical instruments, and related areas. Practi-
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