

Ottawa (and Area) Folk Directory

This directory is a basic outline of folk festivals and clubs active in Ottawa and the surrounding area. Unless specified, all the events and activities are open to the public. In some cases, though, it is best to call ahead and reserve, as some locales have limited space. If you know of any other events or groups to add to the directory, please forward them to: Sheila White, 76 Onslow Crescent, Ottawa, Ont. K1S 1G1; phone (613) 237-3389.

Blue Skies Festival, Clarendon, Ont. (July-August) (folk/jazz/rock; outdoor)

Blue Skies Festival, General Delivery, Clarendon, Ont. K0H 1J0; (613) 279-3260

Canadian-Croatian Folklore, Ottawa, Ont. (May) (traditional music and dance)

Darko Beg, 48 Southport Drive, Ottawa, Ont. K1T 3G8; (613) 823-6106

Comhaltas Ceoltóiri Eireann, Ottawa, Ont. (ongoing — ceilis held the third Saturday of every month traditional Irish music and dance)

Tom McSwiggan, 3107 Southmore Drive East, Ottawa, Ont. K1V 6Z6; (613) 733-4719

Cultures Canada, Ottawa, Ont. (July-September) (folk dances and various performances celebrating multiculturalism)

(613) 239-5000

Donny Gilchrist Festival, Ottawa, Ont. (fall?) (Ottawa Valley fiddle and step dancing)
(confirmation and details unavailable)

Feis, Ottawa, Ont. (May) (traditional Irish dance competition)

Sue Healy (613) 825-9230

- Festival Franco-ontarien**, Ottawa, Ont. (June) (celebrating francophone artisans and musicians)
Clermont Bouchard, C.P. 287, succ. A, Ottawa, Ont. K1N 8V2; (613) 230-0056; FAX: (613) 230-0781
- Greek Summer Festival**, Ottawa, Ont. (August) (traditional Greek music and dance)
Eva Maglaras, 1315 Prince of Wales Drive, Ottawa, Ont. K2C 1N2; (613) 225-8016
- Homelands Regional Multicultural Folk Arts Council**, Ottawa, Ont. (May)
P.O. Box 4645, Station East, Ottawa, Ont. K1S 5H8; messages: (613) 235-7333
- Italian Week**, Ottawa, Ont. (June) (concerts and competitions)
Reverend Pagano, 184 Rochester St., Ottawa, Ont. K1R 7M6; (613) 232-4422; further info: (613) 731-4466
- Lebanese Cultural Week**, Ottawa, Ont. (November) (traditional music, concerts, dances)
Tony Yazbek, P.O. Box 7001, Station Vanier, Ottawa, Ont. K1L 8E2; (613) 561-5153; FAX: (613) 561-6858
- Manotick Fringe Festival**, Manotick, Ont. (June) (Celtic, jazz, blues, R & R)
John Whitbread (613) 692-0548
- Mississippi River Days**, Carleton Place, Ont. (July) (country and western music)
Nancy Johnston (613) 257-8049
- Odawa Pow Wow**, Ottawa, Ont. (May) (Native drumming and dancing)
Simone Charette, 396 MacLaren St., Ottawa, Ont. K2P 0M8; (613) 238-8591
- Oktoberfest**, Ottawa, Ont. (October) (German music and dance)
Mrs. Koch, Mapleleaf Almrausch Club, P.O. Box 8794, Ottawa, Ont. K1G 3J1;
(613) 822-0737
- Old Sod Folk Music Society**, Ottawa, Ont. (ongoing) (concerts featuring musicians from Canada, Ireland and the British Isles; monthly country dances)
Val or Ian Robb, 285 Spencer St., Ottawa, Ont. K1Y 2R1; (613) 729-8432, (613) 722-0482
- Rasputin's Folk Club**, Ottawa, Ont. (ongoing) (folk music, Celtic, bluegrass, jazz, open stage; jam sessions and concerts)
Dean Verger, 696 Bronson Ave., Ottawa, Ont. K1S 4G2; (613) 230-5102
- Royal Scottish Country Dance Society**, Ottawa Branch, Ottawa, Ont. (ongoing) (instruction and lessons)
Phil Campbell (613) 226-5102
- Salute to the Valley**, Arnprior, Ont. (July)
Glen Arthuur (613) 623-7301

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Stewart Park Festival, Perth, Ont. (July) (various performances)

Christina Fraser (613) 264-1190

Upper Canada Village Folk Festival, Upper Canada Village, Morrisburg, Ont. (July) (traditional music)

(613) 543-3704

Judith Cohen