

# Canadian Folk Festival Directory

As a space-saving measure, we are no longer listing events which are obviously concert series or one-time concerts, even where they call themselves "festivals." Check the sources at the beginning of each province's listing for information on these sorts of happenings, or further information on festivals we've listed.

As always, please help us make this directory as complete and accurate as possible. Festivals sometimes have address or personnel changes, and we lose touch; if you know of existing festivals that we're not in contact with, or new events that we don't know about yet, please send us a mailing address for them (unfortunately we don't have a budget for numerous long distance phone calls) and any other information you may have. Help us spread the word!

## 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@compusmart.ab.ca>  
<www.discoveralberta.com/artfests>*

February 6 to 8, 1998  
CANADA'S COWBOY FESTIVAL. Convention Centre, Calgary  
Annual since 1995  
Karen Massicotte, 120 9th Ave. SE, Calgary, Alta. T2G 0P3

Bus.: (403) 261-6556; Fax: 261-8510  
"Canada's Cowboy Festival is a celebration of the authentic Western lifestyle through art, poetry, music, literature and film."

## MANITOBA

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

February 13 to 22, 1997  
FESTIVAL DU VOYAGEUR. St-Boniface/Winnipeg

Annual since 1969  
Normand Gousseau, 768 Taché Ave., Winnipeg, Man. R2H 2C4  
Bus.: (204) 237-7692; Fax: 233-7576;  
E-mail: <voyageur@festivalvoyageur.mb.ca>  
Website: <http://www.festivalvoyageur.mb.ca>

"Celebrates the voyageur and fur trade era; activities include more than 400 shows, international snow sculpture competition and exhibit, arts and crafts, beard growing, fiddling and jigging contest, historic fort and interpretation, and the Grand Rendez-Vous on the Boulevard, a winter street party hosting more than 15,000 people."

## ONTARIO

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

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

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

January 1, 1998  
**HOGMANAY (SCOTTISH NEW YEAR)**. Hutchinson House  
 Museum, Peterborough  
 (705) 743-9710  
 Includes pipe and fiddle music and Highland dance.

January 25, 1998  
**ROBBIE BURNS DAY**. Mackenzie House, Toronto  
 (416) 392-6915  
 Traditional Scottish ceilidh with Scottish dancing.

February 1998 (weekends)  
**KUUMBA: JAMBALAYA JUMP UP!** Harbourfront Centre,  
 Toronto  
 (416) 973-3000  
 Part of African Heritage Month, this festival features southern Mardi  
 Gras, Caribbean and African traditions in music, dance, costumes,  
 food and film.

February 6 and 7, 1997  
**LUNAR CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS.**

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

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

December 6, 1997  
**LA P'TITE VEILLÉE À TERREBONNE**. Centre Agora,  
 Terrebonne  
 Armand Doucet (514) 471-9805; Jean Normand 625-0642

December 7, 1997  
**JOURNÉE FOLKLORIQUE**. Salle Cornet, Delisle  
 Adrien Desbiens (418) 668-7627

December 13, 1997  
**VEILLÉE DU SUD-OUEST**. Centre social et sportif, Ste-Marthe  
 Noëlia Desrochers (514) 456-3375; Denise Bélanger 459-4210

December 13, 1997  
**FOLKOTHÈQUE**. Lachine (514) 634-7526; Fax: 634-7526

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

January 3 and 4, 1998  
**ANDY DE JARLIS WINTER FIDDLE AND PIANO CAMP**.  
 University of Victoria, Victoria, B.C.  
 Francene Watson, 3945 Lexington Ave., Victoria, B.C. V8N 5C1  
 Phone/Fax (250) 721-1120;  
 email: <fkaw@uvic.ca>; website: <http://web.uvic.ca/~fkaw>  
 Registration \$140; on-campus accommodation available; old-time  
 dance Saturday night.

Harbourfront, Toronto  
 (416) 973-3000  
 Includes folk dancing.

February 21 to March 1, 1998  
**LISTEN UP! FESTIVAL OF STORYTELLING**. Harbourfront,  
 Toronto  
 Annual since 1979  
 (416) 656-2445

February 22, 1998  
**COUNTRY NOTE CLOGGERS FESTIVAL**. Caboto Club, Windsor  
 Annual since 1989  
 (519) 978-02030  
 Instructors from U.S. and Canada, participation and performances.

February 26 to March 1, 1998  
**WINTER CARNIVAL**. Kapuskasing  
 (705) 335-3860  
 Includes fiddle contest.

February 27 to March 1, 1998  
**WINTER CARNIVAL**. Tweed  
 Includes old-time fiddle music.

March 14 and 15, 1998  
**MAPLE SUGAR FESTIVAL**. Sandy Flat Sugar Bush, Warkworth  
 (705) 924-2057  
 Includes square dancing, clogging and old-time fiddle music.

March 15, 22 and 29, April 5, 1998  
**SPRING MAGIC**. Pakenham  
 (613) 256-3867  
 Includes old-time fiddle music.

April 26, 1998  
**MUSIC DAY**. Whetung Ojibway Centre Art Gallery, Curve Lake  
 (705) 657-3661  
 Includes contemporary and traditional Native music.

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

*P.E.I. boasts many concert series and ceilidhs; consult the above  
 address for information.*

December 7, 1997 (tentative) **CELTIC CHRISTMAS**. Harbourfront  
 Jubilee Theatre, Summerside (902) 436-5377

## QUEBEC

December 14, 1997  
**JOURNÉE FOLKLORIQUE**. Salle communautaire, Ste-Jeanne  
 d'Arc  
 Daniel Lefebvre (418) 275-4488

December 14, 1997  
**JOURNÉE FOLKLORIQUE**. Centre socio-culturel, St-Ambroise  
 Monique Chiasson (418) 548-4476

December 14 and 29, 1997  
**DANSES TRADITIONNELLES DU QUÉBEC**. St-Hubert  
 (514) 676-6704, 442-2998

December 20, 1997  
**LES VEILLÉES DU PLATEAU**. Montreal  
 Louise De Grandbois (514) 273-0880; Fax: 273-9727

December 26, 1997  
**SOIRÉE FOLKLORIQUE**. Salle des Chevaliers de Colomb,  
 Charlebourg; Jean-Paul Landry (418) 667-8458

December 26, 1997  
**RENCONTRE DES MUSICIENS**. Restaurant La Briochetterie,  
 St-Félicité  
 Joseph Pelletier (418) 359-2426

December 27, 1997  
**SOIRÉE MENSUELLE**.  
 Centre culturel, St-Hermas (Mirabel)  
 René Comptois (514) 258-2725

## YUKON TERRITORY

February 1998 **FROSTBITE MUSIC FESTIVAL**. Whitehorse

## CAMPS AND COURSES

February 27-28 and March 1, 1998  
**MUSIC AT MEADOWLAWN**. Bowen Island, B.C.  
 Twice yearly since 1995  
 Lois Meyers-Carter, Box K-13, Bowen Island, B.C. V0N 1G0  
 Res.: (604) 947-2440; Fax: 947-2449  
 Email: <cartmey@netcom.ca>  
 "Music at Meadowlawn" is a weekend of warm hospitality, good  
 food, lively music and great instruction from a master fiddler noted

for mastery of a particular genre. Registration is limited to 24.  
 Tuition includes billeting and all meals. Fees: \$125Cdn, \$110US;  
 early bird rates available. Billeting available for 16: B&B fees \$65  
 to \$120Cdn."

October 1998  
**MUSIC AT MEADOWLAWN**. Bowen Island, B.C. See February  
 above.



*A few days later, [Richard] Johnston phoned [Tim] Rogers to say that he had arranged an album audition for Rogers with Arpad Joo, conductor of the Calgary Philharmonic. Within two days, Rogers, along with fellow Calgary singer Barry Luft, were singing songs like Wilf Carter's "Hobo's Song to the Mounties" to Joo, who sat, head back, eyes closed, his face a mask of silent concentration. "Zero affect," as Rogers later put it. After four numbers, Joo sat up, beaming, and said he loved the songs and would recommend them to Joe Seifel, owner of a small record company bearing his name that specialized in classical music. [The resulting album, Songs of the Iron Trail, is currently available on cassette; inquire with the Society's Mail Order Service.]*

*I. Sheldon Posen Bulletin 19.2 (June/June 1985)*



*Or the time he [Stan Rogers] and I had invented the term "clench-brad" to describe a nonexistent but expensive strengthening mechanism which I had, of course, used in the repair of his 12-string neck the first time Air Canada broke it. (It was one way of fattening out the bill to teach the airline a lesson. Since neither of us were ever compensated a penny for the airline's folly, I have no fear of revealing our "fib.")*

*Grit Laskin Bulletin 17.4 (October/Octobre 1983)*