

2017 SHOW GUIDE



KINGSTON

July 1-3

Canada Day
Weekend

150

Artists & Artisans

Live Music

First Nations Artists Pavilion

Craft Beer Tent

Artfest Kids

Outdoor Theatre

Gourmet Food

Word Art Mural

Poets @ Artfest III

Stilt Walking

and more!

Hours

Saturday, Sunday, Monday

10am-6pm

City Park

Kingston, ON

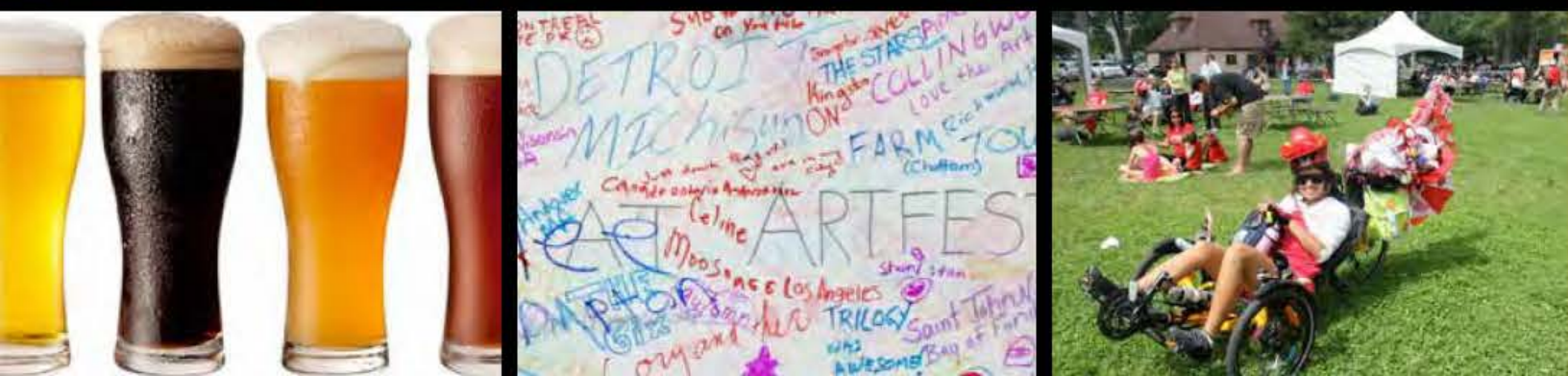
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Lots to See & Do at Artfest Kingston



Theatre Performance



Welcome to Artfest Kingston 2017



Artfest Celebrates- Imagine Canada: Explore our Future

Artfest Kingston takes place annually on Canada's birthday over the July 1st weekend. We are inviting you to join us this year in Kingston for a huge Canada Day celebration.

As Canada's first capital, the entire city is ready to party and celebrate! To commemorate the 150th anniversary of Confederation, we have designed many special activities for both local Canadians and our many friends from South of the Border. More than 150 juried artists and artisans from all over Ontario, Quebec and the East Coast will be exhibiting at the three-day show. The event is free for visitors and will take place July 1-3, 2017 in beautiful City Park, Kingston, Ontario.

The festival activities encompass multiple art and culture disciplines under the overall theme Imagine Canada: Explore our Future. A multitude of events and performances have been thoughtfully created to be hands-on

for all ages. The projects celebrate diversity and explore who we are today as Strong, Proud and Free - and who we might become as Canadians of the future. The result will be the creation of NEW original works of art, music, poetry, performance, sculpture, drumming performance, dance, and an 80ft Word Art chalkboard.

Professional artists will encourage the participants to Imagine Canada: Explore our Future and facilitate each creative discipline...The wide variety of activities will help build and unite a stronger community, create memorable experiences and leave lasting legacies of newly created art for future Canadian generations to enjoy.

Come to Artfest Kingston this Canada Day Weekend and assist in creating wonderful memories for the entire family. It's going to be a blast! Kingston itself has so much to offer for non-stop adventure and exploring: Fort Henry, The Pen Tours, Martello Alley, Thousand Islands Cruises, The Historic Downtown, brew pubs, huge Canada Day fireworks on July 1st, and award winning restaurants. See you there!

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Show Location

City Park Kingston is located at the corner of King St. East and Barrie Streets, a few blocks from City Hall and close to the Lake Ontario. The space is expansive with meandering paths and mature shade trees provide cooling shelter for all. There is a Splash Pad, Playground and public washrooms on site.

Show Hours 10am-6pm Daily

Parking

Parking is available in City Park, on the streets around the park and at the Courthouse. However, space is limited. We recommend using transit, Tour Trolley or ride your bike (Bike Valet Service is provided free on site at Bagot Street). We are just a 10 minute walk from downtown.

Food at Artfest

There is a wide range of food options on site at the show: Glocca Morra Grill, Two Nuts in a Food Truck, Bubba's, Juicy Kik, Tulips & Maple, Mapleton Organic Ice-cream, Wilton Cheese Factory, Snacks to Go, and Wandering Bean Coffee. Choose from a wide variety of delicious cultural cuisine. Plus chill out at the Craft Beer, Wine & Cider Tent.

Information Tent

The Artfest Information tent is located near the middle of the show. Just follow the signs. You will find knowledgeable staff and volunteers, show programs, *NEW reusable Artfest Shopping Bags, Lost & Found, K-Pass Promotion, Artfest Dollar Prize Pick up, parcel drop off and more.

Accessibility Services

Artfest Kingston is now a fully Accessible event. This is a new feature at the festival and includes: Washrooms; Accessibility Service Tent; A qualified AODA Manager; Large Print Show Program; Privacy Area; Service Animal rest area; Dedicated webpage & Browse ALOUD; On site equipment; dedicated parking and more. See page 14.

On Site Services

- ATM Machines at the food area & Information Tent.
- Washrooms
- First Aid Station
- Bike Valet Service
- Water Station Refills- bring container
- Rest Areas
- Seniors Rest Area Tent

Volunteer at Artfest!

Join our Artfest Kingston team as a volunteer. There are many opportunities available. Show off your skills and learn new ones. Artfest has many volunteer positions open. Help with show set up, the Information Tent, the Arts Programming Centre, Music Stage, Bike Valet Parking, the Food Area, and more. Please visit <http://www.artfestontario.com/volunteer/>

Fun Stuff

Face Painting
Barefoot Theatre Troupe Performances
Blue Canoe Theatre Cardboard Creations
Theatre Kingston Performances
Splash Pad for kids
80 ft. Word Art Chalk Board
Where are you From? Wall
Make a Wish for Canada!
Learn Stilt Walking
Dance Performance

Features at a Glance

150+ Artists Exhibiting
First Nations Artists Pavilion
Live Music Stage
Song Writing Workshop
Poets @ Artfest III
Children's Tree Art Mosaic Forest
Kids Art Workshops
Gourmet Food
Rotary Club Craft Beer & Wine Tent

Exploring 150 Years of Canadian Art

Canadian art and craft may best be described as a complex fusion of 150 years of influences. Exploration, courage, immigration, space, distance, and climate all contribute to the nuances of Canadian art history. Throw in the fact that Canada is a youngster compared to many other nations, and you quickly realize that our artistic vision is still growing and evolving.

Artists largely create work based on their experience and thirst for answers. Just as Canada's pioneers were fearless adventurers, it still takes 'fearless adventurers' to be an artist in Canada today. Fortunately our forefathers instilled this trait into our collective experience as Canadians. Canadian artists are driven to expand their creativity, and this country's vast physical landscape provides a sense of unlimited possibilities. We are a nation inspired by



imagination. Perhaps because we love to cozy up with a great book and escape into a world where any dream is possible: Our 'Land of the Free.'

Canadian landscape painting remains a visual cornerstone for much of Canadian art. Whether it is highly realistic or abstract, the landscape structure creates a sense of comfort. Artfest Kingston's exhibiting artist, Morgan Jones captures the imagination with his photographic mixed media artworks. Infused with humour and commentary, Morgan's imagery provokes mixed emotions in viewers of sentimentality, awkwardness and memories using the landscape as a backdrop.

Canada's plentiful natural materials inform Canadian art as well, particularly for three-



dimensional objects like sculpture, pottery, woodcraft, and glass. Rocks, clay, metal, wood, and sand are in abundance in our vast country- just steps outside the door. These are the timeless craft resources that artists use to continually innovate.

Garrett Gilbert is a metal artist exhibiting at Artfest for his second year. He uses antique farm implements like shovels, pitchforks, handsaws, and wheelbarrows as the foundation for garden sculptures. His work explores personal histories and their relationship to material objects. Gilbert transforms these items using a cutting torch to carve out decorative patterns reminiscent of Victorian design.

As a nation built on immigration, the fusion of world cultures serves as inspiration for our artists. Their use of colour, texture, design, patterns, and functionality are influenced by 150 years of people traveling to live and work in Canada. Their art history and traditions are woven into the fusion of Canadian Art. Artfest clay artist Diane Sullivan is a perfect example of an artist who blends cultural and historic touches into her work to create bold distinctive ceramic sculptures and vessels.

Many contemporary Canadian artists explore

and attempt to define who Canadians are and celebrate our role on this planet. Canada's 150 birthday is a chance to get everyone thinking, talking, sharing ideas, and participating in activities that will help define a direction and clear vision for the future.

What will Canadian art look like over the next 50 years? It will be very interesting to see. What are your thoughts? At Artfest we have many interactive opportunities for your entire family to explore and define our bright future. Please join us and share your vision.

Artfest has invited all 150 of the exhibiting artists to design and create new products to commemorate Canada's 150 years of art & craft. They will be on display at a special exhibit at Artfest Kingston this year. Come in to cast your vote for your favourite innovation. Let your imagination run wild at Artfest!



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ArtfestKids

Artfest has fun, creative and educational events planned for – well, you all know the expression – “Kids of All Ages.”

Families, get ready. Drop in anytime to a range of activities during this year’s three-day Artfest July 1, 2 and 3rd. Join in our quest to Imagine Canada: Explore our Future.

Children’s Tree Art Mosaic

Children at Artfest will work on a collaborative project led by artists Heather Kushum Sheedy, Sabrina Parish and Karen Peperkorn. Kids will illustrate individual 4x4 inch art tiles that express their ideas about Imagine Canada. The art tiles will be assembled onto an onsite graphic art installation of 8ft 3-D trees depicting a forest and a healthy future Canada. They will also create props and a river with fish, waterbirds and boats.

80 ft Word Art Chalk Board Mural

Arthur II, the renowned Mural Artist from Ottawa, will guide visitors to make their Celebrate Canada 150th Word Art marks on the 80ft long x 8ft high surface using brightly-coloured chalks. Visitors will choose one word depicting the future of Canada to create decorative word art. Drawings will express what visitors imagine for the future of Canada. On day three, Arthur will add his own large scale word imagery taking inspiration from the content created during the first two days. He will then showcase his own creativity based on the chalk board verbiage that the visitors have left for his interpretation.

Drumming Workshop & Performance

Hosted by the Kingston Drum Circle, the public is invited to join in and try out a wide variety of drumming techniques. Yessica Rivera Belsham will work with drummers to fashion a NEW drumming rhythm sequence that reflects our festival theme - Imagine Canada: Explore our Future.

Dance

A NEW original choreographed Canadian Footsteps dance piece depicting the diversity of dance cultures across Canada will be created and performed by the Kingston School of Dance in both modern and ballet styles. Visitors will be invited to join in. This dance debut will be performed on Saturday afternoon by the ‘all ages’ dance troupe and participating visitors.

Face Painting

Get your best face on at the Kingston School of Art face-painting tent! Get artistic with self-designed butterflies, super heroes, crocodiles, Canadian critters and more. Donations most gratefully accepted.

Kids’ Art Camps



July and August

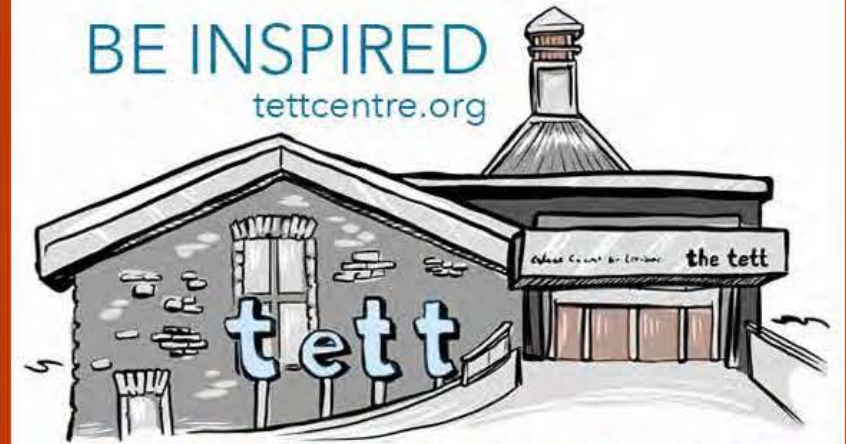


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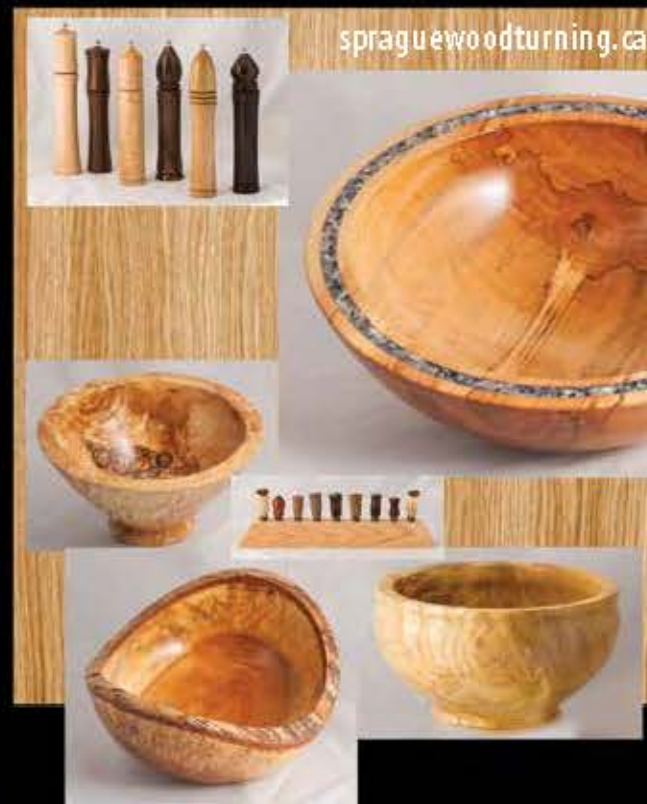


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10 **New Feature for 2017: First Nations Artists Pavilion**

Artfest Kingston wanted to make a significant addition to its arts programming to mark this momentous 150 year milestone in our Canadian journey. We decided that it would be most fitting to celebrate the art and culture of our First Nations. This promises to be just the beginning of a feature that will grow and evolve each year.

Our First Nations Pavilion will showcase three professional Indigenous artists. They will also serve in a mentoring role for six Indigenous youth artists (age 18-29). Additionally, we will feature First Nations cultural programming that will include storytelling, traditional craft demonstrations and workshops, dance performance, drumming etc.

Organizing and recruiting for the Pavilion will be led by Jay Bell Redbird and his partner Halina Stopyra. Jay is a very accomplished First Nations artist born in Ottawa, now living in the Toronto Area, and a member of the Wikwemikong unceded reserve.

Jay says of his work: "I paint from my heart and soul, viewing Aboriginal people through their life ways, as they once lived, and as they strive



to continue to live as loving, caring and peaceful people. The teachings and stories I learn flow to the canvas expressing ideas and images through my detailed woodlands style of art. A style that I connect with as part of my history passed down from generation to generation. I paint legends and dreams, which bring to life the animal spirits and all of Creation. My lines do not lead a life of prejudice they follow the red road, mino bimaadziwin as I

do, following the teachings of the Three Fires Midewiwin Society."

Halina specializes in commissioned paintings, which are personalized expressions of her clients' unique inner spirits. She starts with a free, in-depth consultation in which she listens to your story, connecting ruling planet, archetype, symbols, ideal natural settings, colours, and elements. Her portraits are frequently rendered on doors (as a doorway represents a passage or transformation) and Halina's personalized portraits offer those represented a reminder that transformation is always there, just beneath the surface, ready to take flight.



There are 134 First Nations in the Province of Ontario and 634 recognized First Nations in Canada. Data from the National Household Survey show that 1,400,685 people had an Aboriginal identity in 2011, representing 4.3% of the total Canadian population. The Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte in the Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory are the closest to Kingston with just over 8,000 members.

Notable artists include John Hill and David Robert Maracle in Tyendinaga, Peter Hawke Hill in Kingston and Sarah Cram Miller in Trenton.

By featuring a number of First Nations artists, Artfest Kingston seeks to create a larger awareness of Indigenous art and artists. We also feel that through the mentoring program we can do our part in the future development of professional First Nations artists.



Jay Bell Redbird



Rotary Club Beer Tent

Last year Artfest introduced a new Craft Beer and Wine social centre. This year we are excited to announce that we have forged a partnership with three Rotary Clubs of Kingston: Kingston Waterfront, Kingston-Frontenac and Rotary Club of Kingston who will operate the beer tent.

This is a definite Win-Win situation. Artfest and its fans benefit from the Rotary Clubs' expertise in operating social functions (with alcohol) and the combined Rotary Club raises money for all its wonderful community services.

The beer tent will be located right beside the live Music Stage and the aromatic food area (just follow your nose!) There will be seating both within the tent as well as outside. We will offer great local craft beer and wine. Our suppliers are still being finalized so you will have to come to the show to find out who they will be. But we guarantee your taste buds will be pleased. Join us for a cold libation on a hot summer's day.

Come and raise a glass - or two - to toast Canada's sesquicentennial. Just another reason that you can't miss Artfest!

Artfest Music

What is Artfest planning for the music stage this year? We wanted to dedicate the 2017 music program to Canada's Birthday. Dave & Hazel Wipper will perform and host a song writing workshop in the afternoons from 1pm-3pm daily. Their task is to create a new song for Canada's 150th birthday. We need your help! So join in.

There will be a nice mix of live music all weekend. Come and join us July 1-3 for three days of awesome tunes: 12pm-6pm daily. Baker Street Station returns for Canada Day July 1st. Sunday listen to Erika Lam on and Thorn & Roses. Monday groove to Soul Stack. Stay tuned...the full line up will be announced shortly on our website www.artfestkingston.com



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12 Canada's FIRST Capital – The Limestone City

It is always good to be 'the first' at anything – that means you get to set some standards. And being Canada's first capital help set the future tone for the City of Kingston. Visionary, leadership, innovation, pride, courage, risk taking, adventure, and commitment are some of the words (and traits!) that come to mind.

When you trace back and follow the City of Kingston's fascinating journey, you discover that all of the above have been key to its success. Above all, it has been the personalities of people that led the way. Many of them were controversial, daring, committed while others were (many thought) 'just plain crazy'. There were plenty of naysayers. Being a leader and taking risks can be a lonely and challenging experience. But in the end, very rewarding. It often becomes part of how we define ourselves as Kingstonians. Being FIRST.

Let's take a look at what being FIRST has meant for the beautiful City of Kingston:

Formerly a 17th Century French trading post (Fort Cataragui, and then Fort Frontenac) Kingston was named the first capital of the Province of Canada on February 10, 1841. Though it was the capital for only a short time, Kingston was established as a main contributor in the formation of Confederation in 1867. (Note: the capital was moved to Montreal because the leaders feared that Kingston was located too close to the border and would be vulnerable for attack from the United States.) Sir John A. Macdonald, a Kingston resident, was the visionary who spearheaded the process and eventually became Canada's first Prime Minister. Often controversial and facing many challenges, Sir J.A. pulled us all together and shaped this land that is Canada, now 150 years old. (Fun fact: Kingston became known as "The Limestone City" in 1840. A fire destroyed most of the downtown so the city fathers of the day re-built the core with limestone from the surrounding quarries.)

Kingston is a magnet for artists with its picturesque waterfront location and beautiful surrounding scenery. This has led to many start-ups in the Arts and Culture sector. Creative people often have an abundance of

energy that can flow with far reaching effects. As a result, Kingston hosts many festivals during the year: including Artfest Kingston; the Kingston WritersFest; Limestone City Blues Festival; the Kingston Canadian Film Festival; the Kingston Buskers' Rendezvous; Kingston Jazz Festival; Reelout Film Festival; Feb Fest; the Wolfe Island Music Festival; the Día de los Muertos Kingston Festival and many more. All of these events grew from a single idea that one or more visionaries saw, created and moved forward.

With Queen's University leading innovative education and providing more than 7,000 jobs for Kingstonians, it is a mecca for developing leaders. Creativity is the core to a vibrant city and so many creative minds from Queen's make things happen. From new energy solutions to medical discoveries to executive business leadership, again, Kingston can take pride in being FIRST.

CFB Kingston is home to the Royal Military College of Canada, which was established in 1876 and is the only federal institution in Canada with degree-granting powers in the arts, science and engineering. Over 9,500 Military residents live on the base. Another FIRST.

What would the world sound like without the Tragically Hip, Bryan Adams, Steppenwolf, The Arrogant Worms, Sarah Harmer, Andy Pool, Bedouin Soundclash, David Usher, Moist, The Headstones, The Inbreds, The Lovin' Spoonful, and Ryan Malcolm. A 'hotbed' of musical frontrunners that all spawned from Kingston. Musical FIRST.

In product development, Tri-Art is a shining example of innovation. Steve Ginsburg, April Tracy and Chris Bogstad invented new formulas for artists paints in Canada. They got their start in the mid 1990's in the back



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room of a family owned art store, school and gallery known as Art Noise. Art Noise is now open again in downtown Kingston. Being FIRST.

For Artfest Kingston, now in its sixth year, starting the festival was a huge risk and an annual massive undertaking – since it is a very large show. But it certainly has been a successful and worthwhile adventure. Artfest continues to attract outstanding artists to the city who create highly innovative art and handcrafted products. As well, the organizers are proud to present a variety of interactive activities for families visiting Artfest. No other festival in the region will have an 80 ft Word Art Chalk Board; Poets@ Artfest Anthology Book Launch; First Nations Pavilion; Canada Live Music Stage; Canadian Song Writing Workshop; Children's Mosaic Tree Project; Gourmet Food sampling; or a now fully Accessible festival. Artfest is THE place to be on Canada Day weekend to celebrate our 150th birthday. Be There. Be Proud. Be FIRST.

Artists: Inspired by Canada's Landscape

Canada's vast and beautiful landscape is revered highly around the world, hence the 18,000,000 people (in 2015) who came to visit and explore our country, according to Statistics Canada. From the East to the West coast the vistas are truly breathtaking. Artists of all genres get their core inspiration from our rugged country. Their interpretations can result in anything from high realism to abstract art. Artfest has many exhibiting artists who passionately embrace the Canadian landscape as their muse. Edina Racz from White Lotus Design makes stunning silver jewellery inspired our natural settings. Hiking through forests, viewing



Natures Images by Dave Gordon

the outdoors. Dave felt a strong attraction to nature, particularly to fields, ponds and woodlots near his parents' home in Weston, ON. His travels introduced him to the wonders of nature and a sense of being at peace in the countryside. At the time, Dave did not understand the attraction, but the feeling ultimately led him to landscape painting. Rural scenes are still his calling, focusing on nature scenes, farm houses and barns. His paintings capture the essence of light reflected on our beautiful landscapes.

You can't really talk about landscape without considering traditional barns. Though once a staple in our daily lives, alas, they are becoming very difficult to find – especially in good repair. Artist Matt Jones (along with his siblings) grew up on a small heritage farm in Saint George, Ontario, working with both livestock and in the family apple orchard.



White Lotus Design

shapes in cloud formations and looking at river patterns as it carved its way through rock and sand – all these influences shaped and inspired her unique jewellery designs.

Watercolourist Dave Gordon was privileged, as are many Canadians, to grow up exploring

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Years later, after moving to Burford, Ontario and raising a family of his own, one of the family barns collapsed in the ice storms of 2015. Matt started experimenting with the barn wood, creating and designing coat racks and eventually barn board flags for gifts.

After some encouragement from his daughters, Matt started M. Jones Creations in November of 2015. He is passionate about reviving old materials in a way that enhances the character and preserves the history of the wood.



M. Jones Creations

The first step is removing the hundreds of square nails from each board. The wood is then scrubbed and sanitized before being made into barn board flags, coat racks, and some specialized furniture. Each piece is hand-painted with proper barn paint before being sealed with a polyurethane spray. All wall-mounted pieces come ready-to-hang. The result is a rustic piece of history, perfect for a cottage, backyard or den.

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Accessibility at Artfest Kingston

Artfest Kingston will celebrate Canada's 150th birthday as an all access event for people with disabilities. We have taken steps to ensure that everyone who attends can experience the vendors booths, concerts and workshops that make up the festival. To guide us along, we have engaged the services of Vanessa MacDonald, our Accessibility Coordinator, who has worked to ensure the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) is fully implemented. The AODA outlines how all facilities, services and activities are accessible and barrier free. The goal of Artfest Kingston is to exceed AODA expectations and make the festival as enjoyable as possible.

Artfest Kingston staff and volunteers will be trained in support requirements for people with disabilities, and will be familiar with the newly developed Artfest Kingston Accessibility Policy. This policy is available on our website (www.artfestontario.com) in brochure format, enhanced visual format, and in our Artfest Kingston Event Manual. The Artfest Kingston website includes BrowseAloud software for those preferring verbal information, and a high contrast reading option for enhanced reading.

Artfest Kingston takes place in the beautiful City Park, accessible by Kingston transit and a few blocks from Kingston's downtown. City Park is an ideal venue with mature-tree shade and the cool breeze of Lake Ontario

to combat the heat. City Park's wide paved pathways make navigation of mobility devices and service animals easy.

During the festival there will be four information tents located at the City Park entrances. These information sites will include rest areas to prepare for the day's events and volunteers to provide festival programs (available in large print format) and the Artfest Kingston Accessibility Policy brochure.



In the centre of the festival will be a large site map to show visitors how to get around. Coloured symbols spray-painted on pathways and signs at varying heights will also identify where to find support services and activities. Art activities are located just off the pathways in large tents with sheets of plywood for stability.

Volunteers wearing identifiable vests and 'Ask Me' buttons will be seen throughout the festival and will be ready to answer any questions. We are also building partnerships with Kingston's disability community to utilize their expertise to increase accessibility features. Artfest Kingston will seek the feedback from the disability community to make sure the festival continues to reflect what the community requires.

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There will be an Accessible Services Area Tent designated for use people with disabilities and those requiring dedicated services (such as nursing mothers). This area will be identified on the map in our marketing material and signposted throughout the festival. The Accessible Services Area Tent will be located at the centre of the festival and accessible from all paths. In the Accessible Services Area Tent will be a list of supports available, large print menus of food vendor items, volunteers to arrange for food and craft purchases, a curtained area for changing and tube feeding, electrical outlets for recharging battery devices, and a calming area to regroup. Visit our website (artfestontario.com) for complete details.

Service animals will have a shaded area and watering station alongside the Accessible Services Area Tent, as well as twelve watering stations throughout the festival. These areas will be indicated by Animal Water signs using graphic symbols and words in large print. An additional six accessible rest areas will be available around the festival, providing tables, chairs, shade, and animal watering stations.

Artfest Kingston strives to be a festival that everyone can enjoy. This investment in enhancing our accessible services will take us further down that path.

Poets @ Artfest III

Join us for three delightful days of sharing heartfelt creative poetry presented by 70 poets, some seasoned while others are freshly served. Readings will take place throughout the weekend in the Poets @ Artfest Tent and will include local performers plus poets from as far east as Montreal, north to Ottawa, west to Toronto and Peterborough... and everywhere in between.

A free writing workshop beginning at 9:00 AM on July 1st, facilitated by host Bruce Kauffman, has been designed to get your words flowing freely. We encourage both the curious and the interested to sign up and have some fun. Space may be limited so contact Bruce if you are interested.

(bruce.kauffman@hotmail.com with Poets @ Artfest in the subject line.)

There will be daily open mic opportunities for aspiring poets to share their compositions with an appreciative audience. The spacious poetry tent offers a place to browse through a selection of books, chapbooks and zines.

* **NEW** this year is the Canada's 150th: A Poetic Anthology of 100 Pages. A selection of poetic works curated by Bruce Kauffman and published to commemorate Canada. Canadian Poets from all over have crafted their thoughts about Who we are, Where we are and Where we need to be going. The book will be available to purchase at the festival. Please join us for some literary love at Poets@Artfest III. The complete schedule is available at www.artfestkingston.com/poets-artfest-ii



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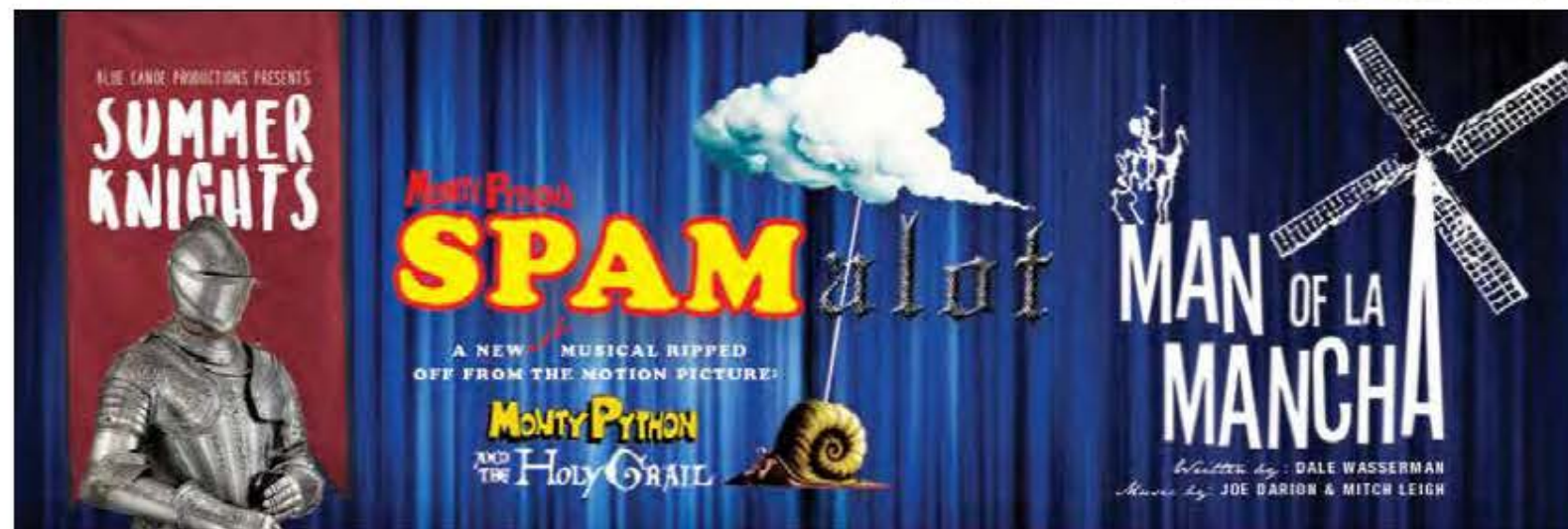
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