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2026 TOP 100 FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO ANNOUNCED

Provincial organization recognizes Ontario's Best Festivals

Kitchener, Ontario (February 25, 2026) Festivals and Events Ontario (FEO) is proud to announce the 2026 Top 100 Festivals & Events in Ontario. These Top 100 recipients represent festivals and events that excel within the industry.

Submissions from FEO members were received for consideration in the fall of 2025 and were judged by an independent panel of judges. Festivals and events of all kinds from every corner of Ontario were represented in the submissions – from community festivals to internationally recognized events. The 2026 Top 100 Awards were given out on Wednesday, February 25th during FEO's Annual Conference "SUSTAIN" in Kitchener, Ontario.

FEO would like to congratulate the 2026 Top 100 Ontario Festivals & Events:

RTO 1 - SOUTHWEST ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Amherstburg River Lights Winter Festival
Amherstburg Uncommon Festival
Bright Lights Windsor
Caledonia Fair
Chatham Crowfest
Eat and Drink Norfolk

Essex Fun Fest
LaSalle Strawberry Festival
Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show
Thamesville Threshing Festival
Western Fair

RTO 2 - NIAGARA FALLS AND WINE COUNTRY TOURISM REGION

Balls Falls Thanksgiving Festival
Niagara Falls Winter Festival of Lights
Niagara Grape and Wine Festival
Pelham Summerfest
Pelham Summer Chill Series
Port Colborne Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival
Welland Concerts on the Canal

RTO 3 - HAMILTON, HALTON AND BRANT TOURISM REGION

Because Beer
Festival of Friends
Fresh Up Festival Hamilton
Paris Fair
Re-Enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek
St. George AppleFest
Supercrawl
Winona Peach Festival

RTO 4 - HURON, PERTH, WATERLOO AND WELLINGTON TOURISM REGION

Erin Fall Fair
Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games
Goderich Salt and Harvest Festival
Hillside Festival Guelph
Kitchener Christkindl Market
Kitchener Kidspark
Kitchener Ribfest and Craft Beer Show
Kitchener-Waterloo Multicultural Festival
Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest
Hayloft Music Festival
Meadows Music Festival
Sunlife Waterloo Busker Carnival

RTO 5 - GREATER TORONTO AREA TOURISM REGION

Brampton Kitefest
Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)
Celebrate Toronto
Festival of South Asia
Mississauga Italfest
PanAmerican Food and Music Festival
SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival
Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival
Salsa in Toronto Festival
The Cabbagetown Festival

Toronto Outdoor Art Fair
Toronto Summer Music
Toronto Waterfront Festival
Yorkville Exotic Car Show

RTO 6 - YORK, DURHAM AND HILLS OF HEADWATERS TOURISM REGION

Aurora's Christmas Market
Aurora's Haunted Forest
Georgina SnoFest
Markham Jazzlicious
Markham-Milliken Children's Festival
Markham Olympic and Paralympic Celebration
Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival
Oshawa Convergence Music and Art Festival
Oshawa Halloween Boo Bash
Oshawa Indigenous Cultural Celebration
Oshawa Peony Festival
Richmond Hill Retro Ribfest
Stouffville Main Street 5K
Vaughan Culture Days
Vaughan International Film Festival
Vaughan Winterfest
Whitby Brooklin Harvest Festival
Whitchurch-Stouffville Strawberry Festival

RTO 7 - BRUCE PENINSULA, SOUTHERN GEORGIAN BAY AND LAKE SIMCOE TOURISM REGION

Barrie Airshow
Barrie Troubadour Festival Series
Carrot Fest Bradford West Gwillimbury
Clearview Small Halls Festival
Kempfest
Kincardine Lighthouse Blues Festival
Lucknow's Music in the Fields
Ontario's Best Butter Tart Festival Midland
Salsa at Blue Mountain
Wasaga Beach Memories of Summer
Warton Willie Festival

RTO 8 - KAWARTHA AND NORTHUMBERLAND TOURISM REGION

Brighton Applefest
Buckhorn Festival of the Arts
Kawartha Autumn Studio Tour
Peterborough Musicfest
Port Hope Arts Festival
Port Hope Candlelight Festival
Westben Summer Festival

RTO 9 - SOUTHEASTERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Fort Henry Fort Fright
Kingstonlicious
Quinte West presents Medieval Madness
St. Lawrence Parks Alight at Night
St. Lawrence Parks Pumpkinferno

RTO 11 - HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS TO THE OTTAWA VALLEY TOURISM REGION

Hike Haliburton Festival
Tweed & Company Theatre Season

RTO 13 - NORTHERN ONTARIO TOURISM REGION

Fort William Historical Park – Halloween Hoot
Fort William Historical Park – The Great Rendezvous
Sioux Lookout Blueberry Festival
Thunder Bay Kite Festival
Thunder Bay SnowDay on the Waterfront

The “SUSTAIN” 2026 Festivals & Events Ontario Conference was held in Kitchener, Ontario from February 23-25, 2026.

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About Festivals & Events Ontario

Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO) was established in 1987 as an association devoted to the growth and stability of the festival and event industry in Ontario. FEO supports a lively, engaged and dedicated festival and events industry by sharing knowledge, enabling networking and providing leadership on education, advocacy and promotion. FEO operates Canada’s largest dedicated festival and event Conference, publishes and distributes an annual consumer guide, promotes its industry festival supplier goods and services and oversees an industry-leading awards recognition program. The festivals and events industry in Ontario is estimated to generate in excess of \$2.3 billion annually in contribution to regional GDP, create/sustain approximately 50,000 full-year-equivalent jobs and foster approximately \$1 billion dollars in taxes at all levels of government.