



PORT COLBORNE

MEDIA RELEASE

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City of Port Colborne announces the 2023 Canal Days Concert Series

PORT COLBORNE, ON – Earlier today at a much anticipated and lively media launch, Mayor Bill Steele announced the lineup for the 2023 Canal Days Concert Series. This year's festival features four full days of entertainment and tons of opportunities for residents and visitors to #PORTicipate.

The main stage for the 45th Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival is once again located in the beautiful H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park, with top-notch entertainment throughout the festival.

Friday, August 4, 2023 – The gates will open at 6 p.m. as we welcome **The Glorious Sons** with **Elliot Brood** and **JIN**, presented by media partner 97.7 HTZ-FM.

Saturday, August 5, 2023 – The gates will open at 6 p.m. as we welcome **Sam Roberts Band** with **Skye Wallace** and **Texas King**, presented by media partners 97.7 HTZ-FM and move 105.7.

Sunday, August 6, 2023 – The gates will open at 6 p.m. as we welcome **Pink Floyd Niagara**, Canada's Premier Floyd Experience and **Riders On The Storm: A Live Celebration of The Doors**, presented by media partners 91.7 Giant-FM and Country 89.

Monday, August 7, 2023 – The gates at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park will open at 11 a.m. as we welcome **The Caverners** Canada's Premier Tribute to the Beatles and **Tim E. Hendry and the Yes Men: King of The World, World Champion Elvis Tribute**, presented by media partners 91.7 Giant-FM and Country 89.

New for the 45th Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival, attendees will be able to take their alcoholic beverages with them as they travel up and down West Street during the festival. Alcoholic and other drinks will be available for purchase from several restaurants and bars inside a large blocked off area (along West Street between approximately Clarence Street and Sugarloaf Street).

As a result, the traditional Patio on West will no longer be a fenced-in licensed area. The stage for the Patio on West will remain with tons of great Niagara-based talent all weekend. The stage will be located right in front of the new SouthPort Condo building. It is sponsored by Labatt Brewing Company and presented by media partners 91.7 Giant-FM and Country 89.

Labatt Patio on West schedule:

Friday, August 4, 2023 – Beginning at 4 p.m. with performances by Wet Knights, Gravely James, and the Stereo Stars.

Saturday, August 5, 2023 – Beginning at noon with performances by Aaron Allen, Angela Saini, Matthew Runaway, Jessi T, Ange and Rob, and Jin.

Sunday, August 6, 2023 – Beginning at noon with performances by J R Hardy, Andrew George Poirier, Andrew George Porirer, Stuck in the 90's, and Tin Roof.

Monday, August 7, 2023 – Beginning at noon, a performance by the Michael Saracino Duo will close out the Labatt Patio on West.

The 45th Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival will feature dozens of signature attractions that festival goers have come to enjoy, as well as many new vendors and activities to experience for the first time.

Empire Sandy Tall Ship Cruises – Canal Days offers an opportunity to cruise the Empire Sandy, presented by Chamber of Marine Commerce, all weekend long. Get your tickets soon as they often sell out! For more information and tickets to cruise, call 905-835-2900 or visit www.canaldays.ca.

Vessel Deck Tours – Visitors to Canal Days will find an impressive array of tall ships, coast guard vessels, a working fire boat and more. This year's vessel deck tours include the U.S. Brig Niagara, the Lettie G. Howard and the E.M. Cotter Fireboat.

The Port Colborne Historical & Marine Museum – Visit the place where Canal Days began in 1979, with FREE admission, sponsored by Lower Lakes Towing Ltd.

The Sewell's NAPA Automotive Annual Classic Car Show – The annual car show will cruise into the T.A. Lannan Sports Complex, 550 Elizabeth Street on Sunday, August 6 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Indoor Craft Show – Presented by the Port Colborne Optimist Club, the craft show returns to the Vale Health & Wellness Centre, 550 Elizabeth Street, on Saturday, August 5 and Sunday, August 6 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Kids Zone – Canal Days has an expanded Kids Zone for 2023, with face painting, balloon animals, crafts, bouncy area, pony rides and more. The Kids Zone is located in Seaway Park on the east side of the Clarence Street Bridge.

Lighthouse Tours – Presented by HOPA PORTS and Friends of the Port Colborne Lighthouses, the lighthouse tours operate Friday, August 4 to Monday, August 7 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sign up for tours at Sugarloaf Marina.

Midway Carnival – The Midway will be located on King Street and will feature carnival games and rides. Open throughout all four days of the festival.

The Boat Parade of Lights – The unique Canal Days tradition returns for 2023, presented by the Sugarloaf Sailing Club. A floating parade of illuminated boats will sail through the Welland Canal as a pre-show to the Sunday evening Fireworks Spectacular along historic West Street.

Fireworks Spectacular – The annual tradition will be held Sunday, August 6 at 10 p.m. (pending Seaway traffic). Watch from West Street along the Welland Canal for the best view of

this exhilarating fireworks show. Thank you to RedBoss Pyrotechnicians for providing us with a great show year after year

Vendors – Canal Days will showcase dozens of vendors selling food, drinks, crafts, clothing, accessories, and so much more. A full list of vendors will be available in the coming weeks.

Looking to volunteer at Canal Days? Positions are currently available. To volunteer, email volunteers@portcolborne.ca, call 905-835-2900 x566, or complete our [online application form](#).

To stay up to date with information about the 45th Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival, visit www.canaldays.ca, like us on Facebook (@CanalDays), or follow us on Twitter (@CanalDaysPC) and Instagram (@CanalDaysPC).

The 45th Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival would not be possible without the generous support of our sponsors. A sincere thank you for helping bring this historic festival to life each year.

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