



FOLK FEST SUR LE CANAL ANNOUNCES 2016 SCHEDULE

What: Ninth Annual Folk Fest sur le canal

Where: Centre Culturel Georges-Vanier, Théâtre Paradoxe, Esplanade du Centenaire, Maison de la culture Marie-Uguay, Bar de Courcelle

Centre Culturel Georges-Vanier, 2450 Rue Workman
Maison de la culture Marie-Uguay, 6052 Boulevard Monk
Théâtre Paradoxe, 5959 Boulevard Monk
Esplanade du Centenaire, corner of Saint-Patrick and Pitt
Bar de Courcelle, 4685 Rue Notre-Dame Ouest

When: Wednesday, June 15 – Sunday, June 19, 2016

From humble beginnings at the Terrasse St-Ambroise to the Îlot Charlevoix, our audience stuck with us and helped our festival become one of the most popular in Montreal and the pride of the Sud-Ouest borough. Now in our ninth year, Montreal's Folk Fest sur le canal is proud to welcome folk music fans back to our site at Esplanade du Centenaire (Lachine Canal, corner of Pitt and St-Patrick), where we will feature world-class musicians on three stages, local food and crafts, room for kids to run and play, and space for people to camp. This is going to be our best festival yet!

This year we're kicking things off with three back-to-back indoor concerts at the cozy Georges-Vanier Cultural Centre, the beautiful Maison de la culture Marie-Uguay, and the gorgeous Paradoxe Theatre. Don't miss this rare opportunity to catch Americana legend John McEuen, a night of new talent showcasing Stefanie Parnell, Alexander Brown and Tamara Weber-Fillion, and a one-time-only performance of **Grateful Dead** tunes by **Joe Grass, Andrew Barr, Brad Barr, Steve Hill**, Katie Moore, Li'l Andy, Peter Mike, Colin Perry, Notre Dame de Grass, and other SURPRISE GUESTS!

Starting Friday afternoon, join us at the Esplanade du Centenaire for a weekend of free music and entertainment. This year's lineup promises an incredible diversity of sound—from old-time and traditional Quebecois to bluegrass and singer/songwriter indie-folk. You'll also find delicious on-site food and wine options, interesting vendors, free WI-FI, plus cold St. Ambroise brew. And there'll be activities, games, bouncy castles, crafts, concerts, and face painting for the kids!

This year, we will put over 20 young local musicians on the stage, plus two feature concerts showcasing the finest youth performers Canada has to offer, including entertainment icons **Sharon and Bram**. We've also put substantial effort into developing the Lhasa de Sela Youth Bursary for Excellence in Music so please check out our folk auction items, the sale of which directly supports the bursary.

Once again, this year's Montreal and Emerging Artists Stage will feature homegrown talent that will make you proud to be a Montrealer. We will present more than 20 artists who call Montreal home.

After a day of music at Esplanade du Centenaire, head over to the Lhasa tent for an old-time community square dance! No experience necessary—just your dancing shoes! On Friday, June 17, we will hold an old-time square dance where renowned square dance caller Martha Cooper will teach and call some squares with the help of an all-star old-time band featuring members of Sheesham and Lotus and 'Son and The All Day Breakfast Stringband.

On Saturday, June 18, join us for the first ever Veillée du canal where traditional Quebecois dance caller Ghislain Jutras, and a stellar dance band led by fiddler David Boulanger from La Bottine Souriante, will teach you all you need to know and have you dancing like an old pro in no time.

When the dances are over, be sure to join in the fun at our official after-hours venue, Bar de Courcelle!

Sleeping under the stars in the heart of a major Canadian city is one of the many unique experiences offered by the Folk Fest sur le canal. Presented by Parks Canada and Mountain Equipment Co-op, the sixth annual Learn to Camp weekend transforms the shores of the beautiful Lachine Canal into a campground where 100 families can enjoy:

- A night downtown under the stars
- Learn to Camp workshops presented by Mountain Equipment Co-op
- Outdoor activities for kids
- Urban landscapes that will leave you breathless
- Rabaska or dragonboat tours

Reserve your campsite by visiting our website: montrealfolkfest.com/the-festival/camping

We also have passes available for those who are looking for an extra special experience, in our view this is *the* way to experience the festival:

All-Access Pass – \$125

The Folkiest of passes! Enjoy access to all indoor shows, plus a reserved spot in the outdoor VIP area all weekend long. Includes 5 beverages, snacks, a chair in the shade, and many more perks. You won't miss a thing with this pass!

Partial Pass – \$85

Enjoy access to one indoor show of your choice, plus a reserved spot in the outdoor VIP area all weekend long. Includes 5 beverages, snacks, a chair in the shade, and many more perks. Create your own experience!

VIP Weekend Pass – \$60

Enjoy a reserved spot in the outdoor VIP area all weekend long. Includes 5 beverages, snacks, a chair in the shade, and many more perks. The perfect pass for the outdoorsy type!

VIP Day Pass – \$35

Enjoy a reserved spot in the outdoor VIP area for the day of your choice. Includes 2 beverages, snacks, a chair in the shade, and many more perks. Come on, you know you are a VIP!

We're proud to have the support of so many incredible sponsors, namely the Sud-Ouest borough, Heritage Canada, Parks Canada, McAuslan Brewing, Quartier de l'innovation, ZTE, and Shure. Many local businesses have also shown their support by purchasing ads in the festival guide so help us show our appreciation by supporting them!

For interviews or further information, please contact festival co-founder, Matt Large at matt@montrealfolkfest.com or 514 916-9225.

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FULL SCHEDULE:

Wednesday, June 15

Vernissage

The Lachine Canal: Past and Present
Paintings and drawings by G. Scott MacLeod
Centre Culturel Georges-Vanier
5:30 p.m.

Opening gala with John McEuen from the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band

Doors: 7:30 p.m./Concert: 8 p.m.
\$40

After hours at Bar de Courcelle

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Thursday, June 16

The Future is Bright: A Glimpse into the Next Era of Montreal Folk

An evening with Stefanie Parnell, Alexander Brown and Tamara Weber-Fillion

Maison de la culture Marie-Uguay
Doors: 7:30 p.m./Concert: 8 p.m.
\$20

After hours at Bar de Courcelle

The Holds

Friday, June 17

Lhasa de Sela Youth Stage – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

5 to 8 p.m. – Youth performances

Montreal and Emerging Artists Stage – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

4:30 p.m. – Simon Boudreau
5:30 p.m. – Trîles
6:30 p.m. – Caribou Stew
7:30 p.m. – Pat Loiselle

Main stage – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

5 p.m. – Street Meat

6 p.m. – Sussex

7 p.m. – Sheesham and Lotus and 'Son

8 p.m. – Whitehorse

Lhasa Tent – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

9 p.m. – Old-Time Square Dance

A Long, Strange Trip: The Songs of the Grateful Dead

with Joe Grass, Andrew Barr, Brad Barr, Steve Hill, Katie Moore, Li'l Andy, Peter Mika, Colin Perry, Notre Dame de Grass and other SURPRISE GUESTS

Théâtre Paradoxe (see on map)

Doors: 8:30 p.m./Concert: 9 p.m.

\$35

After hours at Bar de Courcelle

DJ Haggard Bastard

Saturday, June 18

Lhasa de Sela Youth Stage – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

2 to 6 p.m. – Youth performances

Montreal and Emerging Artists Stage – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

2:30 p.m. – The Swindlers

3:30 p.m. – Friend of All the World

4:30 p.m. – Mathieu Langevin

5:30 p.m. – Caleb Smith and the North Country Towers

6:30 p.m. – Dan Livingstone

7:30 p.m. – Bloodshot Bill

Main stage – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

2 p.m. – The Barrel Boys

3 p.m. – Sharon and Bram

4 p.m. – Notre Dame de Grass

5 p.m. – Next Generation Leahy

6 p.m. – Will Driving West

7 p.m. – David Myles

8 p.m. – Mélanie Brulée

9 p.m. – Joel Plaskett

Lhasa Tent – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

9 p.m. – Veillée du canal

After hours at Bar de Courcelle

Mod Club

Sunday, June 19

Lhasa de Sela Youth Stage – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

2 to 6 p.m. – Youth performances

3 p.m. – Ben Spencer's Songs for Terrible Children

Montreal and Emerging Artists Stage – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

2:30 p.m. – Triple Trouble Ragtime Band

3:30 p.m. – Hillsburn

4:30 p.m. – The Rising Few

5:30 p.m. – Bad Uncle

6:30 p.m. – Les Royal Pickles

Main stage – Esplanade du Centenaire FREE

2 p.m. – Shtreiml

3 p.m. – Katie Moore

4 p.m. – Anique Granger

5 p.m. – Lizzy Hoyt

6 p.m. – Richard Shindell

7 p.m. – Philippe Brach

8 p.m. – Socalled and Yves Lambert

After hours at Bar de Courcelle

Gern f. and the Left Wingers

with Ryan Shearing