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Montreal's Folk Fest sur le canal Announces 2019 Programming

MONTREAL, Quebec, Canada – Folk Fest sur le canal—Canada's premiere pay-what-you-can cultural event—will be held from June 13 to 16, 2019. Now in its 12th year, the family-friendly festival is bringing another four days of world-class music including singer-songwriter, old-time, East Coast, world, Quebec trad, blue grass, and indie-folk to Montreal's Sud-Ouest borough.

Friends and fans are encouraged to support the volunteer-run organization by making free-will donations (montrealfolkfest.com/donate/) or by purchasing VIP passes (montrealfolkfest.com/tickets/).

A **VIP day pass** can be purchased for **\$75**, or a **VIP weekend pass** for **\$150**, for access to a private lounge in the shade or the sun, a private bar with snacks and other treats, and a private washroom.

The festival will kick off at Bar de Courcelle on Thursday, June 13, with the Tejano BBQ Burrito Opening Party featuring the toe-tapping rhythms of **Frisco Lee**.

The Damn Truth, Ashley MacIsaac, Good Lovelies, Canailles, Cécile Doo-Kingué, De Temps Antan, Hawksley Workman, and Old Man Luedecke are among the world-class musical acts that will be featured on the **Main Stage**, while talented homegrown acts will be given pride of place on the **Canal Stage**, and young local musicians will have the chance to shine on the **Lhasa de Sela Youth Stage**. From Friday afternoon to Sunday night, **Centennial Esplanade** (a beautiful outdoor venue along the Lachine Canal at the corner of St-Patrick and Pitt streets) will not only host concerts but also community dances, workshops, local food and drinks at the **Quartiers du Canal food area**, family-friendly activities at the **Desjardins family zone**, and an artisan alley showcasing over 30 local craftspeople.

An array of auction items will be up for grabs to raise funds for the **Lhasa de Sela Youth Bursary for Excellence in Music**, an annual financial award intended to support young Sud-Ouest musicians who wish to further their study or practice of music.

Group sing-alongs hosted by long-time Montreal folkies **Senior Staff and friends** (Saturday) and veteran Montreal folkie and current Yellow Door Coffeehouse director, Marc Nerenberg and the **Yellow Door Troubadours** (Sunday) will be held in the Lhasa Tent.

After the sun has set, the Lhasa Tent will turn into a community dance hall. On Friday, the **Folk Directions (CKUT 90.3 FM) Old-Time Square Dance** will be led by an all-star old-time band (featuring **Nadine Landry and Stephen "Sammy" Lind** of the **Foghorn Stringband** and members of the **All Day Breakfast Stringband**) and sought-after caller **Matt James**. On Saturday, the **Brutopia Cajun Two-Step Dance** will be hosted by fiddler/caller **Catherine Planet** and NDG dance band **Les Flâneurs**.

Back by popular demand, after-hours jams will be taking place at **Annexe St-Ambroise** on Friday and Saturday night. Created with folk musicians of all stripes in mind, attendees are encouraged to grab an instrument and join in the tunes.

Folk Fest sur le canal is also proud to announce that it has been chosen by the **STM (Société de Transport de Montréal)** to be the first Montreal festival with an integrated mobility plan, making it even more accessible.



STM, Communauto, BIXI, Netlift, and the **Bureau de taxi** will have special offers to make sure fans get to and from the festival easily.

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

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What: 12th Annual Folk Fest sur le canal

Where:

Bar de Courcelle (4685 Notre-Dame Street West)
Centennial Esplanade (corner of St-Patrick and Pitt streets)
Annexe St-Ambroise (5080-A Saint-Ambroise Street)

When:

Thursday, June 13 to Sunday, June 16, 2019

FULL SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 13

Bar de Courcelle - FREE

7 p.m. Tejano Opening Party featuring Frisco Lee

Friday, June 14

Canal Stage

Centennial Esplanade - FREE

6 p.m. Mike McKenna Jr

7 p.m. The Vlcheks

8 p.m. The Arnold Sisters

Main Stage

Centennial Esplanade - FREE

6:30 p.m. Mon Doux Saigneur

7:30 p.m. Durham County Poets

8:30 p.m. Hanorah

9:30 p.m. The Damn Truth

Lhasa de Sela Tent

Centennial Esplanade - FREE

9 p.m. The Folk Directions (CKUT 90.3 FM) Old-Time Square Dance featuring Nadine Landry and Stephen "Sammy" Lind of the Foghorn Stringband, members of the All Day Breakfast Stringband, and caller Matt James.



Saturday, June 15

Canal Stage

Centennial Esplanade - FREE

- 2:30 p.m. Oliver the Crow
- 3:30 p.m. The Arnold Sisters
- 4:30 p.m. The Vlcheks
- 5:30 p.m. Jabbour
- 6:30 p.m. Frisco Lee
- 7:30 p.m. Lhasa de Sela Youth Bursary recipient #1

Main Stage

Centennial Esplanade - FREE

- 1 p.m. Damn Tall Buildings
- 2 p.m. Nadine Landry and Stephen "Sammy" Lind
- 3 p.m. Maude Audet
- 4 p.m. Oliver the Crow
- 5 p.m. Sam Amidon
- 6 p.m. Cécile Doo-Kingué
- 7 p.m. Hawksley Workman
- 8 p.m. Canailles
- 9 p.m. Ashley MacIsaac

Lhasa de Sela Tent

Centennial Esplanade - FREE

- 1 p.m. Workshop #1
- 2 p.m. Youth performer #1
- 3 p.m. Sing-along with Senior Staff and friends
- 4 p.m. Workshop #2
- 5 p.m. Youth performer #2

Sunday, June 16

Canal Stage

Centennial Esplanade - FREE

- 2:30 p.m. Veranda
- 3:30 p.m. Christophe Elie
- 4:30 p.m. Moonfruits
- 5:30 p.m. Cécile Doo-Kingué
- 6:30 p.m. Lhasa de Sela Youth Bursary recipient #2

Main Stage

Centennial Esplanade - FREE

- 2 p.m. Moonfruits
- 3 p.m. Mike McKenna Jr
- 4 p.m. De Temps Antan



5 p.m. Mipso
6 p.m. Old Man Luedecke
7 p.m. Good Lovelies

Lhasa de Sela Tent

Centennial Esplanade - FREE

1 p.m. Workshop #3
2 p.m. Youth performer #3
3 p.m. Sing-along with the Yellow Door Troubadours
4 p.m. Workshop #4
5 p.m. Youth performer #4