



## Media Release

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### Summer Festivals Launched in Port Colborne

**Port Colborne, Ont. (June 12, 2018)** – During the Mayor's Luncheon at Sugarloaf Marina, Port Colborne's Summer Festival line-up and the Canal Days Concert Series line-up, presented by Port Colborne Quarries Inc. and Rankin Construction Inc., was announced. A variety of festivals and events are occurring in Port Colborne this summer, providing residents and visitors the opportunity to #PORTicipate.

#### Port Colborne 2018 Summer Festival Listing:

#### August 3-6, 2018 - 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival – Title Sponsor, Vale

The Canal Days Concert Series, presented by Port Colborne Quarries Inc. and Rankin Construction Inc., is bringing top notch entertainment to its new location, H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park:

Friday, August 3, 2018 - Featuring **54.40** with **Lowest of the Low**, and **97.7 HTZ-FM Rock Search Winner**, presented by **97.7 HTZ-FM**.

Saturday, August 4, 2018 - Featuring **Blue Rodeo** with **Freeman Dre and the Kitchen Party**, and **Mel Monaco**, presented by **Country 89 & 91.7 Giant FM**.

Monday, August 6, 2018 - Featuring the **Caverners**, **Canada's Premier Tribute to the Beatles** with **Tim E. Hendry**, the **2013 King of the World Elvis Tribute Artist World Champion**, presented by **610 CKTB & 105.7 EZ ROCK**.

#### Scotiabank Patio on West returns, featuring great Niagara based talent all weekend.

On Friday, August 3, 2018 the Scotiabank Patio on West kicks off with a private party from 4 – 6 p.m. with the return of the 97.7 HITZ-FM Biggs & BarrBQ. Sign up for the HITZ-FM Newsletter to receive information on how to win one of 100 pairs of lanyards to the event. Entertainment will include, Sam Coffey & The Iron Lungs, The Lazys and 97.7 HTZ-FM's 2018 Rock Search Winner, including a live broadcast by TJ Connors from 3 – 7 p.m. Starting at 8:15 p.m. The Associates will take the stage until 11 p.m.

On Saturday, August 4, 2018 91.7 Giant FM will present The Cabaret Quicksand (12-2 p.m.), The Rhythm Hounds (2 – 5 p.m.), The Repeatles (5 – 8 p.m.), and Wednesday Engine (8:15 – 11 p.m.).

On Sunday, August 5, 2018 Country 89 will present Studio 89 Live from 12 - 5 p.m. with Rick Knowles, Barbara Lynn Doran, Mike Lynch, Brad Battle, and Barby Colins. From 5 – 7:45 p.m. Street Pharmacy will entertain Patio goers, followed by a Rukus Reunion, sponsored by Performance Hyundai, from 8:15 – 10 p.m., with the Boat Parade of Lights and Fireworks Display to close out the evening.

On Monday, August 6, 2018 Elton Lammie will perform from 1 – 3:45 p.m.

For access to artist approved photos, logos and videos, access the available Dropbox folder titled **2018 Canal Days Promotional Material**: <https://www.dropbox.com/sh/opqol81zdhat3zt/AACl1zVAo3r1IZ--8fi9X0eaa?dl=0>

The renowned International Kite Festival on Saturday, August 4, which offers a unique night fly, and the ever popular Car Show, which is cruising into its 26<sup>th</sup> year on Sunday, August 5, are proud to welcome everyone to their new location located on Killaly Street West and Westside Road.

Canal Days offers a unique experience being one of two working Canals that hosts festivals, the other in Panama. Canal Days offers an opportunity to cruise both northbound and southbound through the locks on the tall ship, Empire Sandy, presented by the Chamber of Marine Commerce. Festival goes will also be able to explore the decks of the Buffalo, NY fireboat E.M. Cotter, the US Brig Niagara, the Lettie G. Howard and the HMCS Oriole.

Festival favourites return, including: the Historical & Marine Museum, where Canal Days began in 1979, with FREE admission sponsored by Arabella's Tea Room, and the auction for a one week, all-inclusive trip for two aboard a working laker on the Great Lakes, donated by Lower Lakes Towing Ltd.; Craft Show at the Vale Health & Wellness Centre; Lighthouse Tours, sponsored by Friends of the Port Colborne Lighthouses and Hamilton Port Authority; 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Sawhorse Races; Kids Zone; Boat Parade of Lights and Fireworks Display; West Street vendors, and more.

Looking to volunteer at Canal Days? Positions are currently available for bartenders, ticket sales, donation gates, marshals, information liaison, kids zone, and more! To volunteer e-mail [volunteers@portcolborne.ca](mailto:volunteers@portcolborne.ca) or call 905-835-2900 ext. 566.

To stay up to date with information about the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival, visit [www.canaldays.ca](http://www.canaldays.ca), like on Facebook (@CanalDays), or follow the City on Twitter & Instagram (@portcolborne).

The City of Port Colborne is also proud to announce that they have received funding from the Government of Ontario through Celebrate Ontario 2018 for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival.

#### **Canal Days sponsors include:**

**Title** – Vale

**Captains** – Port Colborne Quarries Inc. and Rankin Construction Inc.

**Quartermasters** – McAvoy, Belan & Campbell / Frank Cowan Company, Pinty's, and St. Lawrence Seaway Management Corporation.

**First Mates** – Chamber of Marine Commerce, Scotiabank, Molson-Coors, Hamilton Port Authority, Arabella's Tea Room, and Algoma Central Corporation, Lower Lakes Towing Ltd.

**Boatswains** – Sullivan Mahoney LLP, Canadian Niagara Power / Fortis ON, Enbridge, and CapServCo/Grant Thornton.

**Deckhands** - Port Colborne Grain Terminal, Emterra Environmental Group, David Chevrolet, Buick, GMC Ltd., Circle P Paving, B&C Truck and Auto Industrial, Canadian Tire, and Sharp Electronics.

**Media Partners** – 610 CKTB, 105.7 EZ Rock, 97.7 HITZ-FM, 91.7 Giant FM, Country 89.1, CHCH, YourTV Niagara, Niagara this Week, and Niagara Dailies.

#### **Additional Festivals & Events:**

- **Farmer's Market** every Friday at Market Square from 6:00 am – 1:00 pm.  
You can also enjoy Music at the Market the last Fridays of June, July and August.
- **Cruise Nights** every Thursday night in June, July, August, and September starting at 5 p.m., presented by the Port Colborne Downtown Cruise Association on Clarence Street between West St. And Catharine Street.
- **June 23 – Art Crawl** - Artists from across Niagara partner with downtown businesses in stores, on sidewalks, and on the street. Experience art, live music, artful activities and surprise performances.

- **June 30, July 1 & 2** – Niagara Antique Power Associations 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Heritage Display. Their special features this year are: international harvester tractors & equipment,
- **July 1 – Canada Day / Optimist Day in the Park**  
10 a.m. – 6 p.m. H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park  
Fireworks display at dusk at the Canal.  
Join us for this FREE family day of fun and entertainment, with different live entertainment hourly. There will be inflatables, crafters, magician, food vendors, face painting, Birds of Prey, Pony Rides and of course birthday cake!
- **Showboat Festival Theatre** has returned to the Roselawn Centre with 5 performances: The Birds & The Bees; Screwball Comedy; Stage Fright; Fair & Square; and Educating Rita.
- **July 5-8** brings back the Annual Port Colborne Lions Club Charity Carnival.
- Thursdays in July brings Summer Evening Concerts at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park in the Mark Fairchild Memorial Bandshell, with performances by the Port Colborne Concert Band, led by Brenda Fairchild-Green. Come early and bring your own chair!
- On **Sunday, June 17, Father’s Day, The Port Colborne Conservation Club will host the Kids Fishing Derby** at H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park.
- **June 22-23 The Budweiser Shootout** will be at Sugarloaf Marina with Big Fish Friday and tournament on Saturday.
- Sugarloaf Marina and the Sugarloaf Sailing Club will host the Lake Erie Interclub cruise and race on **June 24.**
- **June 30 – July 9 is Ontario Family Fishing Week.** This is a province-wide opportunity for Canadian residents to fish Ontario waters without the otherwise mandatory fishing version outdoors card. This is a great time to introduce friends and family to fishing.
- **August 10 – 11 – Berkley B1 Bass Fishing Championships** return to H.H. Knoll Lakeview Park and Sugarloaf Marina.
- **Saturday, August 19, 2018** we welcome the return of the **Sun Rype TRiKiDS Triathlon Series** to the Vale Health & Wellness Centre.

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### **About City of Port Colborne**

Located on the south coast of the scenic Niagara Region, Niagara’s Port of Call has found the perfect balance – successful industrial and commercial sectors, comfortable and scenic residential areas, and an energized festival and entertainment scene that includes live theatre, white sandy beaches, culinary favourites, the community’s world class Sugarloaf Marina, fishing, golfing, trails, recreation and unique shopping districts along the historic Welland Canal – truly a community that adds to the overall Niagara Experience.

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