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### **2011 Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario Revealed During Annual Conference**

**Markham, Ontario** - Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO) announced the Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario this past Saturday evening, March 5th, as part of the FEO Awards Gala, a celebratory conclusion to its annual conference.

Sponsored by VIA Rail Canada, The Top 100 Festivals and Events in Ontario designation is presented to a select few of more than 2,000 events that occur annually within the province. Among the winners were household names like Luminato - Toronto Festival of Arts + Creativity and Rogers Cup presented by National Bank. It also featured other festivals such as the Burlington Sound of Music Festival and Shores of Erie International Wine Festival. In conjunction with the Top 100, FEO also announced its 2011 Achievement Award winners acknowledging individual festival and event excellence and best practices across a broad range of categories.

Solicitations for award submissions were issued towards the end of the previous calendar year, and an independent jury of industry peers conducted the selection process just prior to the Conference.

*'The Gala is the red carpet awards of the festival and events industry. With over 2000 festivals and event in the Province, the winners of these awards have truly achieved industry greatness. It is our hope that Ontarians and visitors to our province take the time to experience these amazing events and/or support their own local events this year,'* stated FEO President, Gerry Ginsberg to conference delegates.

The Awards Gala ends a week long educational and networking conference and annual general meeting of the festivals and events industry in Ontario. A highlight of the conference was the 2011 Celebrate Ontario funding announcement made by Minister of Tourism and Culture, the Honourable Mr. Michael Chan on Thursday March 3, 2011.

The winners of the 2011 Top 100 will be highlighted in the annual Festivals and Events in Ontario Guide. A list of the 2011 winners can be found on the FEO website, [www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca](http://www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca). Copies of the Festivals & Events in Ontario Guide can be obtained at your nearest Ontario Travel Information Centre. All other recipients of the 2011 FEO Awards Program will be posted on the FEO website Tuesday, March 8, 2011.

Since 1987, Festivals & Events Ontario has served as the voice of the industry in Ontario. Operating on a not-for-profit basis, the Association delivers collaborative industry education, marketing, research and advocacy services. It has over 500 paid members representing approximately 1,200 individual celebrations and associated industry suppliers operating annually within Ontario.

**[CLICK HERE](#) for the full list of the 2011 FEO Top 100 Festivals & Events in Ontario.**

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# 2011 FEO TOP 100 FESTIVALS & EVENTS IN ONTARIO



10th Annual Holstein Rodeo Weekend (Holstein)
23rd Annual Winnie's Hometown Festival (White River)
23rd Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival (Toronto)
29th Annual Sioux Lookout Blueberry Festival (Sioux Lookout)
36th Annual Summerfolk Music & Crafts Festival (Owen Sound)
48th Annual Rockhound Gemboree (Bancroft)
50th Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition (Toronto)
65th Annual White Pines Cultural Festival (Blind River)
6th Annual Cobourg Sandcastle Festival (Cobourg)
6th Annual Niagara Italian Festival (Thorold)
Ball's Falls Thanksgiving Festival (Welland)
Barrie Winterfest and Festival of Ice (Barrie)
Beaches International Jazz Festival (Toronto)
Brantford International Villages Cultural Festival (Brantford)
Buckhorn Fine Art Festival (Buckhorn)
Burlington's Sound of Music Festival (Burlington)
CAA Winter Festival of Lights (Niagara Falls)*
Canada Blooms (Toronto)*
Canada Day Celebrations (Ottawa-Gatineau)*
Canadian International Military Tattoo (Hamilton)
Canadian National Exhibition (Toronto)*
Canadian Tulip Festival (Ottawa)*
Canal Days Marine Heritage Festival (Port Colborne)
Carassauga Festival of Cultures (Mississauga)
Carrot Fest (Bradford)
Carrousel of the Nations 2011 (Windsor)
Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest (Ottawa)*
Collingwood Elvis Festival (Collingwood)
Doors Open Ontario 2011 (Province Wide) Apr 1 – Oct 31
Dundas Cactus Festival (Dundas)
Dundas International Buskerfest (Dundas)
Essex Fun Fest (Essex)
Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games (Fergus)
Festival of Northern Lights (Owen Sound)
First Light (Midland)
Fort Fright (Kingston)
Hamilton Waterfront Wingfest (Hamilton)

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Hanover Sights & Sounds Festival (Hanover)
Home County Folk Festival (London)
Iron Horse Festival (St.Thomas)
It's Your Festival (Hamilton)
JerkFest (Jerk Food Festival) (Etobicoke/Mississauga)
Kapuskasing Annual Lumberjack Heritage Festival (Kapuskasing)
Kempfenfest 2011 (Barrie)
Kingston Sheepdog Trials (Kingston)
Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest (Kitchener)*
Luminato, Toronto Festival of Arts + Creativity (Toronto)*
Maple In The County 2012 (Prince Edward County)
Markham Village Music Festival (Markham)
Mattawa Voyageur Days (Mattawa)
Mississauga Waterfront Festival (Mississauga)
Mount Forest Fireworks Festival (Mount Forest)
MuslimFest 2011 (Mississauga)
New Liskeard Bikers Reunion (New Liskeard)
Niagara Food Festival (Welland)
Niagara Wine Festival (St. Catharines)*
Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show (Simcoe)
Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival (Orangeville)
Oshawa Fiesta Week (Oshawa)
Ottawa International Chamber Music Festival (Ottawa)*
Peak to Shore Music & Arts Festival (Blue Mountain)
Porquis Blues Festival (Elliott Lake)
Port Elgin Pumpkinfest (Port Elgin)
Re-Enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek (Stoney Creek)
Retrofest (Chatham)
Rideau Canal Festival (Ottawa)
River Lights Winter Festival (Amherstburg)
Rockton World's Fair (Rockton)
Rogers Bayfest (Sarnia)*
Rogers Cup presented by National Bank (Toronto)*
Royal Agricultural Winter Fair (Toronto)*
Ruthven Apple Festival (Ruthven)
SALSA at Blue Mountain (Blue Mountain)
Scotiabank Caribana Festival (Toronto)*

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Scotiabank Toronto International BuskerFest (Toronto)
Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon (Toronto)
Shores of Erie International Wine Festival (Amherstburg)
Simcoe Christmas Panorama (Simcoe)
Simcoe Rotary Friendship Festival (Simcoe)
Stratford Shakespeare Festival (Stratford)*
Streetsville Founders' Bread & Honey Festival (Mississauga)
Taste of Asia Festival 2011 (Markham)
Taste of the Kingsway Festival (Toronto)
TASTE! A Celebration of Regional Cuisine (Picton)
TD Kitchener Blues Festival (Kitchener)
TD Ottawa International Jazz Festival (Ottawa)*
TD Sunfest '11: "Canada's Premier Celebration of World Cultures" (London)
TD Toronto Jazz Festival (Toronto)*
Tecumseh Corn Festival (Tecumseh)
The Friendship Festival (Fort Erie)
The Word On The Street Toronto (Toronto)
Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival (Mississauga)
Toronto Fringe Festival (Toronto)
Toronto International Film Festival (Toronto)*
Toronto International Flamenco Festival (Toronto)
Toronto Pride Week (Toronto)*
Wiarion Willie Festival (Wiarion)
Winona Peach Festival (Winona, Hamilton)
Winterlude (Ottawa)*
World Heritage Sunset Ceremonies (Kingston)

\*SIGNIFIES FESTIVALS & EVENTS OF DISTINCTION