

Complete lineup is announced for Kingfest, which is coming later in June

Kingfest, the first large-scale music festival in York, has announced its complete lineup for the June 22-24 event.

The Friday evening concert June 22 opens with

King City band The Salads, at 6 p.m. in the festival's beer tent, while Joel Plaskett, the Trews and Sloan will hit the main stage starting at 7:30 p.m. and closing at 11 p.m.

approximately.

The Saturday evening main stage concert, which follows a full day of activities on three other stages, features (in order of appearance) an all-Canadian

cast of Oh Susanna, Justin Rutledge, Lynn Miles, the Jim Cuddy Band and Prairie Oyster.

The Sunday evening concert features Susan Werner, Ndidi Onukwulu

with Madagascar Slim, Sarah Harmer and Bruce Cockburn.

Hosts of the weekend main stage concerts will be Winnipeg's comic performer Al Simmons (the only performer on the bill who's starred on Sesame Street) and Toronto guitarist and comedian Wendell Ferguson.

A memorable site for a memorable event

Kingfest is to be held on the campus of Seneca College in King City. The rolling site is the former Eaton estate, and is one of the most beautiful festival venues in Ontario.

Randi Fratkin, the event's artistic director, said that while it will follow the traditional format of folk festivals, the range of music being presented will be far wider.

"What it all has in common is that it's rooted in various music genres of the past that have made popular music what it is now," Fratkin commented.

Like other festivals, and there are now more than 60 such events across the country, Kingfest features an extensive daytime program of workshops, concerts and sessions over Saturday and Sunday, with a number of informal appearances by many of the artists who are appearing on the main stage. Members of Jim Cuddy's band and Prairie Oyster will also take part in daytime programming, as will Justin Rutledge, Lynn Miles, Susan Werner and Oh Susanna.

Daytime programming offers intriguing choices

Artists taking part in Kingfest daytime programming include Nashville performer Kieran Kane (formerly a member of the best-selling country band The O'Kanes), Canadian songwriters Katherine Wheatley, Nancy Dutra, Ariana Gillis, Pat Robitaille, and the duo Dala, as well as several artists from the York Region area.

Mike Stevens, the Sarnia-based harmonica virtuoso, will appear with multi-instrumentalist Ray McLain, and they will also take part in a Sunday afternoon gospel show on the main stage along with the Toronto Mass Choir.

A program for kids will be run by King Day Camp staff, and will include performances by Al Simmons and the band Sho Mo & The Monkey Bunch.

A food vending area, an artisan village and a festival merchandise and CD tent are also on-site.

Tickets on sale

Tickets are now on sale at all Ticketmaster outlets in Ontario, by phone at (416) 870-8000 or on the web at www.ticketmaster.com, with prices ranging from single day tickets at \$37.50 (Friday evening) to all-day passes for Saturday and Sunday at \$32.00. A bargain-priced three-day pass is set at \$79.50. Tickets are also available at various locations within York Region, listed on the event's Web site.



YOUNG ARTISTS RECOGNIZED

Local dignitaries like Ron Ivany of the Rose Gallery in King City, Garry Conway of Arts Society King and Mayor Margaret Black were on hand Thursday at the library in King City to view some of the creations by art students of Maryann Darrigo. The students seen here, holding up samples of their work, are Olivia Corrado, 13, Nadira Datt, 13, Dana Diplock, 14, Gavin Datt, 11, Sabrina Nazar, 11, Anita Datt, 7, Francie Fernandes, 10, Diana Facca, 14, Michelle Facca, 14 and Valerie Facca, 12.

Growth should be balanced with available water

From page 4

2003, this was reduced to 300 million litres per day. Concerned Citizens of King Township (CCKT) believes that this constitutes a good, positive start in the on-going challenges to conserve water.

Taking water from Lake Ontario and transporting it to King City is not a sustainable process, whether it is diverted from the pipe in Aurora or from the pipe in Vaughan. It should also be remembered that over 90 billion litres of raw sewage was dumped into the Great Lakes in 2006. The demand on the use of chemicals and energy to make this water drinkable is enormous.

The Region draws about 20 per cent of its water from the Oak Ridges Moraine and about 5 per cent from Lake Simcoe. The remainder is drawn from Lake Ontario, having been purchased from the City of Toronto. Significant monies are already being spent in water treatment, and significant energy is spent in order to capture Lake Ontario water and distribute it throughout the GTA.

For the people of King Township, the vast majority of their water has been accessed from the Oak Ridges Moraine via wells. CCKT believes this should remain our source of

drinking water.

Population expansion in King Township should be governed by the availability of local water. Monies should not be spent to take water, and transport it from many kilometres away, whilst simultaneously producing more pollution. Doing so is not a sustainable approach to the issue.

The King City Community Plan states: "To maintain, and enhance where feasible, surface and groundwater resource quality and quantity to meet existing and future uses on a sustainable basis in the King City Planning Area." CCKT strongly believes the key phrase is "sustainable basis."

The Greenbelt Plan also states in its Vision and Goals that: "The Greenbelt is a broad belt of permanently protected land

which gives permanent protection to the natural heritage and water resource systems that sustain ecological and human health and that form the environmental framework around which main urbanization in south-central Ontario will be organized."

In terms of enhancing the overall quality of life, one of several goals of environmental protection is: "Protection, improvement or restoration of the quality and quantity of ground and surface water and the hydrological integrity of watersheds."

The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan required municipalities to compile their Watershed Plans by April 30, 2007, of which a water budget and conservation plan, and land and water use strategies are key components. Once

again, CCKT stresses the "sustainability" aspect of this requirement, i.e. sustainability relative to the ORM, from where King Township obtains the vast majority of its water, and not to Lake Ontario.

In summary, CCKT wants to promote population growth in King Township which is in balance with water availability from the Oak Ridges Aquifer. CCKT wants to promote sustainable development in King Township which will enhance a vibrant atmosphere which is essential to the health and well-being of all the communities in King. The important challenge, which should not be ignored, is to strive to maintain a healthy balance with our local environment.

Ron Mitchell,
Vice-chair, CCKT

TELL US IF.....

**Your Group, Club, Association
have an Event, Tour, or benefit coming
up in the next 3 months, that you would
like people to attend!**

email: tapestry@kingsentinel.com

or fax: 905-857-6363

attn: Nancy Stenhouse

Subject: EVENTS IN KING

or Phone: 905-939-8934

GPS Tracking Key

- How is my car being operated when I'm not there?
- Where is my car being driven
- Records historic speed, time and location of use.
- Battery powered, no wiring involved—attaches by powerful magnet (Hide if you want)
- Download directly to your computer
- Low cost comfort under \$325.00



Transafe Technology
241 Norseman St. Toronto, M8Z 2R5
(416) 234-5800 or 1 888-226-7170



www.transafetech.com

HAGAN TREE SERVICE

Est. 1979
• PRUNING • PLANTING • REMOVAL • STUMPING
AWARD WINNING
LANDSCAPE DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION
FULLY INSURED - CONSULTING

BOB HAGAN, I.S.A. **NEW TECUMSETH**
CERTIFIED ARBORIST **1-905-936-2876**
416-230-3184

Excavators • Bulldozer • Skisteer • Dump Truck
Specialized Narrow Gate Entry
Post Hole Digger • Concrete Breaker • Cleanup
Pools/Hot Tubs/Patios/Additions/Trenching

Fully Insured ~ References ~ FREE Estimates
416-209-9550 or 519-217-5955