

May 1st to May 25th OPEN HOUSE CALENDAR



Slovenian National Home Lipa Park

Monday, May 19th 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Slovenian National Home Lipa Park
2850 Oille Street, Pelham

Come one, come all, for a fun filled day of cultural events. Filled with delicious prepared foods, cabbage rolls, sausages, schnitzel and our famous homemade apple strudel and other baked traditional treats. Enjoy our mouth watering BBQ pork and lamb on a spit. Come and dine on one of our many picnic tables under a beautiful canopy of mature trees.

Children of all ages will enjoy our new playground and bouncy castle. MUSIC TO BE PROVIDED BY THE 'GOLDEN KEYS'.
Rain or shine.
Looking forward to seeing you there!

905-682-2922
www.lipapark.ca
info@lipapark.ca



Club Roma Open House

Monday, May 19th 3:00 pm – 7:00 pm

Club Roma
125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines

Immerse yourself in Italian culture with food, music, dancing, and famiglia!

Join us on May 19th from 3pm-7pm featuring delicious traditional Italian cuisine, performances from the Club Roma choir, and lots more.

905-682-7621
www.clubroma.ca admin@clubroma.ca



Islamic Society of St. Catharines

Saturday, May 24th 1:30 pm – 4:30 pm

Masjid Al Noor
117 Geneva Street, St. Catharines

We welcome you to experience a taste of Islam. Come learn about Islam, ask questions and engage with the Muslim community as neighbours.



There will be tours, offerings of dishes from around the Islamic world as well as other experiential centres for the whole family to enjoy.

Free Admission. Modest clothing is kindly requested.

905-641-8007
https://masjidnoor.ca
themosque@gmail.com

Croatian National Centre Open House

Saturday, May 24th 1:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Croatian National Centre Niagara Peninsula
1416 Line 3 Road, Niagara-on-the-Lake

Join us in Niagara-on-the-Lake to celebrate Croatia's rich culture from its interior farmland village life to the Dalmatian coast and the islands (1,244) of the Adriatic Sea. Enjoy roasted pork and lamb on a spit, Croatian cevapi (mini pork-beef sliders), cabbage rolls, and other national foods and desserts.



Traditional Kolo dance and tamburasi group will preform for your entertainment. DOBRO DOSLI!

www.niagaracroatia.com
niagaracroatia@gmail.com

Greek Community of Niagara

Friday, May 23rd 4:00 pm – 8:30 pm

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585 Niagara St., St. Catharines SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE VISIT WEBSITE FOR UPDATES

Enjoy traditional Greek cuisine – Gyro, Chicken Souvlaki, Spanakopita and Greek Salad. For the sweet tooth, Kourabiedes, Baklava, and Melomakarona.

Enjoy Traditional and Modern Greek Dances on Friday and Saturday at 4:30 pm (peeeweess) – 6:00 pm (intermediates) – 7:00 pm (Hellenic senior dance group). Come out and join in!!!

905-685-3028 www.greekcommunityofniagara.com
office@greekcommunityofniagara.com



Bulgarian Community Open House

Sunday, May 25th 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm

St. John of Rila Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church
4871 Willmott Street, Niagara Falls

Discover BULGARIA without travelling abroad!!!

Do not miss the opportunity to experience this beautiful display of Bulgarian culture, heritage and traditions, as a part of the Niagara Folk Arts Festival! Enjoy Bulgarian music and watch performances at 1:00 pm and 2:00 pm by our local dance group. Come out and enjoy authentic Bulgarian foods, such as banitsa and kebapcheta, prepared by our dedicated volunteers and also view our Bulgarian Heritage Display Tables. See you there!



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Newcomer & Community Basketball Game May 14

Brock University - Bob Davis Gym
1812 Sir Isaac Brock Way, St. Catharines



Come enjoy a fun game which is more about camaraderie than the score board. This could be a first time visit to Brock University or touching a basketball for some of our Newcomers and Immigrant players, as well as a few surprise skills. We will be having more than 8 players per team, so a lot of breaks and a DJ and pizza snacks will help keep things energized.



Please email Pam Seabrook at festivalproducer@folk-arts.ca to be a celebrity player, joining City Councillors, Firefighters, and CAA Niagara Players. Skills not needed.



Wishes On The Water Asian Water Lantern Festival Saturday, August 2nd

Chippawa Park Pond RAIN DATE: Aug. 3
90 First Ave, Welland 7pm - 9pm (Dusk)

Join us for a free, family-friendly event addressing anti-Asian racism through art, fostering dialogue, compassion, and understanding in a safe, reflective space. Enjoy live traditional and modern Chinese music, vocal performances, and dancers. Stay for the breathtaking Great Launch at dusk, when all lanterns float upon the water.

To enhance your experience, pre-order a Water Lantern Kit online. On-site sales are cash-only and while supplies last. Last year sold out! Visit our website for details. Enhanced Experience Tickets: \$30

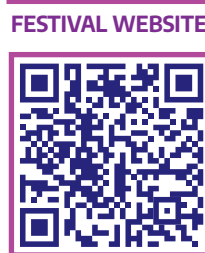


Tuesday, May 20 6pm - 9pm

Held at The Exchange Free to attend
5943 Sylvia Pl, Niagara Falls,

Experience a unique fusion of Canadian music with global influences! Ethno-cultural musicians and vocalists reimagine iconic songs in English or a non-English language of their choice, featuring traditional instruments and cultural styles. Explore a vibrant marketplace with diverse vendors offering handcrafted goods, flavours, and artistry.

A one-of-a-kind event
blending music, heritage,
and community!



Thank you Niagara Falls Cultural Development Fund for the support of this project

Land Acknowledgment: We acknowledge that we live, learn, and work on land that is the traditional territory of the Anishnabeg, and the Haudenosaunee peoples, and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Metis peoples. We recognize that our great standard of wellbeing is directly related to the friendship and resources of the Indigenous people and we are taking a first step in reconciliation by honouring the land and Indigenous heritage, which dates back over 10,000 years.



Always check our website for updates.
https://niagarafolkartsfestival.ca

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Welcome to the 57th Annual

NIAGARA
FOLK ARTS
FESTIVAL 2025

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Harmony Nite May 1st
6:00 pm at Club Roma

125 Vansickle Road, St. Catharines



Tickets are \$70 for Festival Members
\$100 for non-members



ORDER TICKETS



Harmony Nite is a celebration of unity, cultural harmony, and the shared experiences that bind us together, offering a vibrant fusion of diverse traditions, dance, and music. The evening's highlight will be the Harmony Dance, where members from the Festival's ethnocultural groups unite, each representing their unique heritage, while dancing in perfect harmony.

Exclusively appearing at this event will be a showcase of our newest ethnocultural members, featuring charismatic performances by A & M Bahamian Cultural Dancers and Colombian artists from the Cultural Niagara Corporation. A special highlight of the evening will be a performance by

The Light of East Ensemble, a dynamic six-piece group that blends Arabic, Armenian, Greek, Hebrew, Sephardic, Turkish, and Yiddish music, enriched with Classical, Jazz, Celtic, and Folk influences, creating a truly global and unique sound.

The evening will reach its peak with an electrifying display of skill and passion, as Canadian and World Champion salsa dance couples take the floor, bringing this extraordinary celebration to an unforgettable close.



Club LaSalle Open House
Friday, May 2nd 5:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Club LaSalle
111 Arthur Street, St. Catharines

Bienvenue! Welcome to the festive evening of Francophone celebration where you can enjoy traditional-French Canadian cuisine in our beautiful facility by Lake Ontario. The first show is at 7 p.m. and the second show is at 8:45 p.m. with our talented groups who will entertain you with traditional, and contemporary songs and dance interpretation until 9:30 p.m.

Bienvenue! Bienvenue à une soirée festive de célébration francophone où vous pourrez déguster une cuisine canadienne-française traditionnelle dans notre magnifique établissement situé sur le lac Ontario. Le premier spectacle sera présenté à 19 h et le deuxième spectacle à 20 h 45 avec nos groupes talentueux qui vous divertiront avec des chansons traditionnelles et contemporaines ainsi que des interprétations de danse jusqu'à 21:30 h.

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St. John Ukrainian Church Open House
Saturday, May 3rd 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

St. John Activity Centre
91 Lakeshore Rd., St. Catharines

Welcome! Vitayemo! We invite you to enjoy an afternoon with us – Ukrainian style! Enter our activity centre and your senses will come alive with the sights of our displays and demonstrations, the taste of our delicious cuisine and the sounds of our vibrant music.

Doors open at 1:00 pm and our live shows are at 2:00 pm and 4:00 pm featuring exciting performances by local dance groups.

See you there!

905-937-3393
www.stjohnuc.com
stjohnukrainian@bellnet.ca



Club Italia Open House
Sunday, May 4th 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Club Italia
2525 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls

Join us at Club Italia for a journey to Italy for the afternoon. We will be serving homemade traditional Italian Food; eat in or take-out. (Arrancini, Sausage, Pasta, Pizza and much more) Our signature tomatoe sauce, homemade frozen gnocchi, lasagna, eggplant parm and manicotti will be available for sale. Homebaked Italian desserts.

Cooking Demonstrations: our 'nonnas' will teach you how to make Italian cookies. Learn how to make pizza dough with Graziella.

Enjoy live Italian organetto music, Italian singers, dancing to Italian music.

905-374-7388
clubitalia.ca
gm@clubitalia.ca



Bridges Niagara Open House
Thursday, May 8th 10:30 am – 2:00 pm

85 Church Street
St. Catharines

Join us at Bridges Niagara to explore art displays and enjoy live performances by our Newcomer and Immigrant community members. Don't miss the ever-popular Cultural Fashion Show at 11:30 am.

(free parking off of Raymond Street)

905-685-6589 xt 225 generalenquires@folk-arts.ca



St. Catharines Canadian Polish Society
Friday, May 9th 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Saturday, May 10th 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Polish Club 43 Facer St., St. Catharines

Welcome to our Polish Open House!

Come out and enjoy Polish foods prepared by our dedicated volunteers (pierogi, cabbage rolls, kielbasa, pork cutlets, sauerkraut etc). Eat-in or Take out.

Polish entertainment included.

905-937-1413 events@cpsfacer.ca



Ethiopian Community in Niagara
Saturday, May 10th 3:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Saint George and Saint Mercurius Coptic Orthodox Church
118 Glenridge Avenue, St. Catharines

The Open House features delicious Ethiopian cuisine, the highly regarded Ethiopian coffee along with the traditional coffee-making processes and ceremonies, a screen display of Ethiopian cultural dances and historical sites, as well as an on-site display of cultural artifacts.

You all are invited, and we are happy to host you.

647-920-5356
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www.ethiopianiniagara.ca



Club Heidelberg
Tuesday, May 13th 4:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday, May 18th 12:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Club Heidelberg, 569 Lake Street, St. Catharines

Willkommen to Club Heidelberg

Come join us for traditional food, ethnic atmosphere and German dancing by our own Alpenroesl dancers.

There are two open houses for you to attend: Tuesday, May 13, featuring the Golden Keys Sunday, May 18, featuring Twin City

So bring your appetite, bierstein, your family and friends to our club. Prosit!

905-935-4218 www.clubheidelberg.com
clubheidelberg@cogeco.net



Migrant Workers Celebration
Thursday, May 15th 4:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Saint Alban's Anglican Church
4341 Ontario St., Beamsville

Welcome to the Migrant Workers' Celebration!

Enjoy live music, games, and authentic Mexican food. Prizes and Surprises, special Mother's Day games and gifts.

The Migrant Workers Support Project (MWP) team at Bridges Niagara is providing services to the migrant workers in the Niagara Region with funding from the Government of Canada's Migrant Worker Support Program received through The Neighbourhood Organization.

647-410-5514 www.bridgesniagara.ca mwp@bridgesniagara.ca



Chinese Cultural Foundation of Niagara
Saturday, May 17th 5:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Merritton Community Centre
7 Park Ave, St. Catharines

Join us for 'The Chinese Open House,' a vibrant celebration of Chinese culture and heritage! This event promises an enriching experience with an array of performances that showcase the rich tapestry of Chinese traditions. From mesmerizing traditional dances and enchanting musical presentations to martial arts displays and calligraphy workshops, there's something for everyone to enjoy. Immerse yourself in the beauty of Chinese customs and explore the unique aspects of this ancient culture. Perfect for families and individuals alike, 'The Chinese Open House' offers a wonderful opportunity to connect with and appreciate the enduring legacy of China's artistic and cultural contributions to the world.

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Filipino-Canadian Association of Niagara (FCAN)
Sunday, May 18th 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Merritton Community Centre, 7 Park Avenue, St. Catharines

EVERYONE IS WELCOME! Come and experience what makes our culture unique and interesting from the rest of the world! It's a day of cultural interactions, embracing traditions, Filipino culinary dishes and more, top-notch hospitality, traditional display of artistic expression showcasing the many exciting folk dances of the different regions of the Philippines. Also be thrilled by the rousing performance of the FCAN Dancers on their rendition of the Philippines national dance, the Tinkling (bamboo poles tapping and sliding dance).

905-682-0098 www.fcan.info MLIONS@hotmail.com



Armenian Community Centre of St. Catharines
Sunday, May 18th 2:00 pm – 7:00 pm

156 Martindale Road, St. Catharines

Experience Armenia at the Niagara Folk Arts Festival! Join the Armenian Community Centre of St. Catharines for a vibrant open house celebrating Armenian culture. Savor the rich flavors of authentic Armenian cuisine, including mouthwatering kebab, and enjoy captivating traditional dance performances. Immerse yourself in a day of Armenian hospitality and heritage. We invite you to come and discover the beauty of Armenia through its food, music, and dance - everyone is welcome!

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