

NIAGARA FOLK ARTS FESTIVAL

OPEN HOUSES

Come in.
Connect.
Celebrate!

Bulgarian Community
Sunday, May 24th
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm



Discover Bulgaria without going abroad!

Do not miss out on 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 pm and 2 pm by our local dance group. Come out and enjoy authentic Bulgarian foods such as banitsa and kebabcheta, prepared by our dedicated Bulgarian volunteers. Also check out our Bulgarian Heritage Display tables.

See you there!

St. John of Rila Bulgarian Eastern Orthodox Church
4871 Willmott Street, Niagara Falls
905-334-1708
stjohnofrilabulgarianorthodoxchurch.weebly.com
rhanca.trick@gmail.com

Club Italia
Sunday, May 24th
2:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Experience Italy at Club Italia

Join us at Club Italia for an unforgettable afternoon as we embark on a journey to Italy. Immerse yourself in authentic Italian culture and hospitality right here in our community.

Traditional Homemade Italian Food
We will be serving a selection of traditional homemade Italian dishes, prepared with care to bring you the true flavours of Italy.

Live Entertainment and Dancing
Enjoy lively entertainment, featuring a DJ and opportunities to dance to classic and contemporary Italian music.

Cooking Demonstrations
Watch engaging cooking demonstrations and discover the secrets behind some of Italy's most beloved recipes.

Learn Basic Italian
Take advantage of the opportunity to learn some basic Italian, making your afternoon both enjoyable and educational.

Club Italia
2525 Montrose Road,
Niagara Falls
905-374-7388
clubitalia.ca
admin-secretary@clubitalia.ca



SOFIFRAN
le dimanche 24 mai
Sunday, May 24th
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Venez vivre une expérience chaleureuse, festive et haute en couleurs, au cœur des cultures africaines et haïtiennes.

- Dégustation de savoureux plats traditionnels africains et haïtiens.
- Ambiance musicale avec les rythmes du djembé et des tambours.

Venez nombreux célébrer la diversité, la culture et le vivre-ensemble!

Come and experience a warm, festive, and colorful celebration at the heart of African and Haitian cultures.

- Tasting of delicious traditional African and Haitian dishes.
- Enchanting musical atmosphere with the rhythms of the djembe and drums

Join us in celebrating diversity, culture, and togetherness!

Immaculate Conception
Parish Hall
100 Garnet Street,
St. Catharines
905-226-5282
www.sofifran.org
fkimpiobi@sofifran.org



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AMBASSADORS Ball

Thurs., April 30th
6:00 pm
Canadian Polish Hall
43 Facer Street,
St. Catharines, ON

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

The 2026 Festival invites you to immerse yourself in a vibrant celebration of culture, community, and renewal as we proudly introduce this year's Festival Ambassadors—remarkable individuals who embody the spirit of connection and cultural pride. Their leadership is highlighted at the elegant Ambassadors Ball, an evening of music, dance, and captivating cultural performances generously sponsored by the Canadian Polish Society.



Women With Wings
May 9th to 23rd
1:00pm to 4:00pm



Niagara Artists Centre

Join us May 9–23 to celebrate artwork by newcomer women, created over six months of artist-led workshops. Their diverse pieces — including collages, a short film, paper sculptures, written stories, painted pottery, and more — will be on display this May at the Niagara Artists Centre. Through their artwork the women explored themes of friendship, immigration, and community. This inspiring collection is a beautiful testament to resilience, creativity, and the strength of shared stories. You can get the first looks at the beautiful pieces by coming to our opening night on May 9th from 1:00-4:00. We hope to see you there!

The Harmony Cup
Tuesday, May 19th
11:00 am to 2:00 pm

The Harmony Cup debuts in 2026 — Bridges Niagara's newcomer community soccer game.

Held at Brock University's Alumni Field, music, breaks, and pizza celebrate the FIFA World Cup and the world's favourite sport. No skills needed!

Please email Pam Seabrook at festivalproducer@folk-arts.ca to be a community player, joining City Councillors, Firefighters and CAA Niagara Players.

Brock University's
Alumni Field




niagarafolkartsfestival.ca

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WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL WELLAND 2026



**Wishes On The Water
Asian Water Lantern Festival
Saturday, August 1st**

Chippawa Park Pond RAIN DATE: Aug. 2nd
90 First Ave, Welland 6pm - 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: \$35



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SING IT! CANADA
Canadian Melodies,
Diverse Voices




Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026
Location: The Exchange
5943 Sylvia Place, Niagara Falls
Time: 6 PM - 9 PM

Experience a unique fusion of Canadian music with global influences! Ethno-cultural musicians and vocalists re-imagine 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!

Free Admission | Pay-As-You-Go Format

Presenting Sponsor



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.

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

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Canadian Polish Society
Friday, May 8th
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday, May 16th
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

Polish Club
43 Facer St., St. Catharines
905-937-1413
president@cpsfacer.ca

Polish entertainment included :)



Club LaSalle
Friday, May 1st
5:00 pm to 9:30 pm

Bienvenue! Welcome to a genuine Francophone celebration where you can enjoy traditional-French Canadian cuisine in our beautiful facility by Lake Ontario. Entertainment starts at 6:30 featuring students from our elementary schools, the talented musicians and vocalists of our high school, St. Jean-de-Brébeuf and our local artists who will entertain you with traditional, and contemporary songs and dance interpretation until 9:00 p.m. It's a real French Canadian kitchen party.

Club LaSalle
111 Arthur Street,
St. Catharines
289-213-1060
ClubLasalle.ca
Misherv65@gmail.com

Bienvenue à notre soirée canadienne-française à laquelle vous pourrez déguster un repas canadien-français traditionnel dans notre magnifique établissement situé sur la rive du lac Ontario. Le divertissement qui commence vers 18h30 met en vedette les élèves de nos écoles élémentaires ainsi que la troupe musicale de notre école secondaire, St. Jean-de-Brébeuf. Un rassemblement d'artistes locaux vous divertiront avec des chansons traditionnelles et contemporaines ainsi que des interprétations de danse jusqu'à 21h.



Islamic Society of St. Catharines
Sunday, May 3rd
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

You're invited to experience a taste of Islam at Masjid An Noor's Open House.

Come learn about Islam, ask questions, and connect with members of the Muslim community as neighbours.

Enjoy guided tours, delicious dishes from across the Islamic world, and interactive experiences for the whole family.

Free admission. Modest clothing is kindly requested.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Masjid Al Noor
117 Geneva Street,
St. Catharines
905-641-8007
themosque@gmail.com
islamicsocietyofstcatharines.ca/home



Bridges Niagara
Wednesday, May 6th
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

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 representing the diverse cultures in our community.

The Robby
85 Church Street, St. Catharines
905-685-6589 ext 225
https://bridgesniagara.ca
generalenquiries@bridgesniagara.ca



St. John Ukrainian Church - Ukrainian Community
Saturday, May 9th
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

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.

St. John Activity Centre
91 Lakeshore Rd.,
St. Catharines
905-937-3393
www.stjohnuc.com
stjohnukrainian@bellnet.ca

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!



Eritrean Community
Saturday, May 9th
12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

We are the Eritrean Community in Niagara, bringing together families, newcomers, and friends to celebrate our heritage and support each other. We will paint a picture of our lifestyle with traditional food and clothes.

Merritton Community Centre
37 Laird Dr., St. Catharines
905-328-5058
info@niagaraeritrean.org
https://eritrean-niagara.com



Niagara Hindu Samaj
Sunday, May 10th
2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Visitors can experience the richness and diversity of our culture through traditional food, classical and folk dance performances, art, and a variety of cultural expressions. This event offers an opportunity to learn, connect, and celebrate a culture rooted in community, inclusivity, and harmony. 100% Vegetarian preparation

Niagara Hindu Samaj,
Shiv Mandir
5284 Second Avenue,
Niagara Falls
905-353-7532
www.niagarahindusamaj.com
nehachhabra101@gmail.com



Club Heidelberg
Tuesday, May 12th
4:30 pm to 8:30 pm
Sunday, May 17th
12:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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 12, featuring the Golden Keys and Sunday, May 17, featuring Power House.

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

Club Heidelberg
569 Lake St., St. Catharines
905-935-4218
clubheidelberg.com
clubheidelberg@cogeco.net



Canadian Slovak League Br#31
Saturday, May 16th
1:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Welcome to our Slovak Open House! Come out and enjoy authentic Slovak foods prepared by our dedicated volunteers, dessert options, our Slovak Heritage display & entertainment throughout the day.

For more information, contact Lauren at 226-821-1160 or email us at cslbr31@live.com

Dobrý den!

St. John Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall
91 Lakeshore Road,
St. Catharines



Filipino-Canadian Association of Niagara (FCAN)
Sunday, May 17th
11:00 am to 5:00 pm

The Filipino-Canadian Association of Niagara (FCAN) in association with the Niagara Folk Arts proudly presents the FCAN 2026 Open House, 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 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 Tinikling (bamboo poles tapping and sliding dance)

Merritton Community Centre
7 Park Avenue,
St. Catharines
289-241-9979
www.fcan.info
aalerta67@gmail.com



Armenian Community Centre of St. Catharines
Sunday, May 17th
2:00 pm to 7:00 pm

A celebration of Armenian culture featuring: Traditional Armenian cuisine, including dishes like kebabs and other favourites.

Live dance performances showcasing Armenian heritage.

Opportunity to experience Armenian hospitality and cultural immersion through food, music, and dance.

The event is open to everyone—families, community members, and cultural enthusiasts are all invited.

Armenian Community Centre of St. Catharines
156 Martindale Road,
St. Catharines
905-682-6178
acscatharines@gmail.com



Lipa Park
Monday, May 18th
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Two Slovenian dance groups performing Mladi Glas and Nagelcki

Slovenian bake sale

Delicious Slovenian food including famous BBQ pig and Lamb

Bouncy castle

Lipa Park
2850 Oille Street, Pelham
905-321-0057
www.lipapark.ca
info@lipapark.ca



Club Roma
Monday, May 18th
3:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Club Roma's Open House will take place on Monday May 18th, from 3pm-7pm. Please join us for an afternoon celebrating Italian culture and community! Our Open House will feature homemade Italian cuisine prepared with love, delicious baked goods and traditional treats, live music by the Club Roma choir, and cultural dancing and lively entertainment.

Club Roma offers a warm, welcoming atmosphere celebrating community, heritage, and togetherness. Everyone is welcome! Come experience the flavours, traditions, and spirit of Italian culture.

Club Roma
125 Vansickle Road,
St. Catharines
905-682-7621
www.clubroma.ca
admin@clubroma.ca



Greek Community of Niagara
Friday, May 22nd
4:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Saturday, May 23rd
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Enjoy traditional Greek cuisine - Gyro, Chicken Souvlaki, Lamb Shank, Moussaka, Spanakopita and Greek Salad.

For the sweet tooth, Kourabiedes, Baklava, and Melomakarona. Enjoy Traditional and Modern Greek Dances on Friday and Saturday with our peewees - juniors - intermediates - and our Hellenic senior dance groups. Come out and join in!!!

Greek Community Centre
585 Niagara Street,
St. Catharines
905-685-3028
www.greekcommunityofniagara.com
office@greekcommunityofniagara.com



Croatian National Centre
Saturday, May 23rd
1:00 pm to 6:00 pm

Please join us in Niagara-on-the-Lake to celebrate Croatia's rich culture, from its interior farmland and 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 perform for your entertainment. DOBRO DOSLI!

Croatian National Centre Niagara
1416 Line 3 Road,
Niagara-on-the-Lake
905-732-8164
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niagaracroatia@gmail.com

