

Brockville

Riverfest '99

Brockville, "Ontario's prettiest city," is home to summer's hottest ticket, the Riverfest Celebration.

Opening July 1, Riverfest promises to deliver 11 days and nights of high-powered entertainment for the whole family.

Kicking off the annual event in solid Canada Day style is Colin James, with the Little Big Band.

James' rockin' blues have set toes tapping around the world, and unwinding to the beat of this award-winning Canadian entertainer is a perfect way to celebrate Canada Day.

The Moffats claim center stage July 2. This teen pop sensation — four Victoria, B.C. brothers — is guaranteed to set young hearts racing.

Pop artist Chantal Kreviazuk keeps things hot July 3. The Winnipeg native's debut album, *Under These Rocks and Stones*, sold 700,000 copies in North America.

Her most recent hit, a remake of *Leaving on a Jet Plane*, is featured on the *Armageddon* movie soundtrack.

Guess Who

Closing out the first weekend of Riverfest is Canadian musician Burton Cummings.

This former Guess Who vocalist and international star is making his second appearance at Riverfest.

Cummings has won 11 Junos and 33 songwriting awards, and 14 of his albums have gone gold or platinum.

July 5 will see the Coca Cola Concert Bowl become a giant dance floor as Riverfest welcomes MuchMusic's Video Dance Party, complete with large video screens.

Shania Twain is set to play center stage July 6. This tribute to the sensational Shania Twain is a show you won't want to miss.

July 7 is Family Day/Local Talent Day at Riverfest.

Brockville's Musicians' Association presents H&S Express, the Bruce Kerr Trio, Tom Wilson & his Western Allstars, The Fabulous Belairs and Alexander's Big Time Band.

This eclectic mix of jazz, country, '50's/'60's and big band sounds, starting early afternoon and continuing through the evening, has something for everyone.



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RIVERFEST will shift you into overdrive with personal watercraft and hydroplane races, and keep things pumped with the edgy rockin' blues of Colin James (right) and the Little Big Band.

Spice Power takes over the stage on July 8. This tribute to the Spice Girls comprises the five original members, so get ready for Scary, Sporty, Baby, Posh and Ginger Spice.

Canadian country artist Jamie Warren is July 9's mainstage attraction.

Warren cleaned up at the 1997 Ontario Country Music Awards, winning Male Vocalist of the Year, Video of the Year (*One Step Back*) and Single of the Year (*What Goes Around Comes Around*). As well, he was nominated for Male Vocalist of the Year and the Rising Star Award at the Canadian Country Music Awards.

Daytime heartthrobs

Music fans and soap opera devotees alike won't want to miss Riverfest's July 10 center stage attraction, 3 Deep.

This great new band comprises *Young and Restless* star Joshua Morrow, *Sunset Beach*'s Eddie Cibrian and Canadian singer/songwriter C.J. Hoyer.

3 Deep launched their debut CD, *yes, yes, yes ... no, no, no*, last fall, and have two cur-



rent hits, *Into You* and *Never Gonna Give Up*.

Bring your cameras and autograph books/sleeves/shoulders — band members are setting aside some time after the show to meet their fans and sign whatever.

Riverfest's wind-up show will feature R&B artist David Wilcox July 11.

His most recent CD, *Greatest Hits Too*, was a huge success, and fans will enjoy his

best-known and enjoyed hit, *Riverboat Fantasy*.

With all this wee-hours entertainment coming your way, don't think Riverfest days are just a time to recuperate.

Waves of Thunder

New this year to Riverfest is Waves of Thunder, the only sanctioned hydroplane races in Ontario. They'll feature 2.5l and 5.0l classes of craft.

As well, Riverfest will host a demonstration of three Grand Prix-class boats and personal watercraft races featuring a ski class, a sport class and a runabout class.

And if all this competition motivates you, you can participate in the Bellyflop Contest, Minnow Races, the Pie and Cake Contests, the Britney Spears/ Spice Girl Lip Sync Contest and the N'sync/Back Street Boy Lip Sync Contest.

For the kids (and their parents), Shoppers Drug Mart's Children's Village will again offer pint-sized attractions, as will the McDonald's activity area.

Site attractions

This year's site attractions include buskers Jukebox, The Silly People and Comedy in Motion, The Flying Fools High Dive Show and Stuffed With Love Puppets.

Also this year, the St. Lawrence Stage Company will be performing on-site. *Salute to the Silver Screen*, promises to be first-class entertainment for young and old alike.

And when you're ready for some kick-off-your-shoes relaxation, you can bask in the sunshine aboard one of the classy and comfortable 1000 Islands and Seaway cruise boats.

Riverfest '99 promises to be the best yet, with world-class performers and international shows — and the price is definitely right.

Eleven days of site admission and reserved seating in the Coca Cola Concert Bowl will cost you just \$50, and you'll receive a \$25 tax receipt and no surcharges for events as well.

Admission only for the 11-day event is \$10. Riverfest bracelets will go on sale in early June at select locations and at the Riverfest office at 10 Market St. in Brockville.

Visit www.recorder.ca/riverfest/ or call (613) 342-8975 for more information.

Fulford Place



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FULFORD PLACE today looks very much as it did circa 1904 (above).

Elegance of yesteryear

In the early 1900s, the Thousand Islands area was referred to as "The Venice of the North," and Fulford Place reflects that opulent yet charming era.

Located at 287 King St. E. in Brockville, overlooking the St. Lawrence River, this national historical site offers guided tours of the house year-round.

Designed by architect Albert Fuller and landscaped by the Olmstead brothers, Fulford Place was owned by G. T. Fulford, worldwide marketer of patented cure-all medicine "Pink Pills for Pale People."

The 35-room mansion sits on 14 acres of waterfront property, and, in its heyday, welcomed a stellar stream of guests such as Sir Wilfred Laurier, Mackenzie King, Brit-

ish Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin and Edward VIII, Prince of Wales.

The dining room, drawing room, library and grand hall contain most of their original furnishings, including some breathtaking paintings and one-of-a-kind hand-stencilled wall coverings.

Upstairs, the master bedroom and adjoining dressing room provide a glimpse of the personal spaces of yesteryear.

Summer '99 exhibits include *The Maggedoma Yacht: A Scale Model* and *A Piece of Paradise: The Original Gardens and Grounds at Fulford Place*.

For admission and tour information, visit www.heritagefdn.on.ca/Heritage/built-fulford.htm or call (613) 498-3003.