

Saturday, October 5, 2024

MMLT's Fall Colours Walk

Date and Time: Saturday, October 5 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Address: 502 Hills of Peace Rd, Lanark, ON, K0G 1K0

[Click HERE](#) to visit MMLT's Fall Colours Walk webpage.

Sarah Harmer - Festival of Small Halls

Date and Time: Saturday, October 5 7:00 pm

Address: 14 Bridge St, Almonte

Sarah Harmer is a multiple award-winning, platinum-selling singer-songwriter and environmental activist. Her solo music career launched with the now classic debut *You Were Here* (2000) and includes six critically acclaimed albums, including her latest, *Are You Gone*, released via Arts & Crafts. A deeply personal and political collection of songs motivated by the beauty of life, the urgency of the climate crisis, and the question of loss, Sarah called the album a spiritual successor of sorts to her acclaimed 2000 debut. Its simple title, *Are You Gone*, is a meditation on presence and a bookend to the questions posed on *You Were Here* – a sharpened, more electric confrontation with the realities of nature and human nature. Between co-founding the citizen's organization PERL (Protecting Escarpment Rural Land) and leading the successful effort to prevent an open-pit gravel mine in a UNESCO World Biosphere Reserve on the Niagara Escarpment, Sarah has become a fixture in local politics and advocacy. In 2022, Sarah helped launch the Reform Gravel Mining Coalition in her home province of Ontario to protect water, farmland, and biodiversity. She is currently writing songs for a new album.

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Apple Cider & Scarecrow Day

Date and Time: Sunday, October 6 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 2130 Concession 6 D, Middleville, Lanark Highlands

Join in the fun at Middleville and District Museum on October 6th between noon and 4pm as we use our vintage apple cider press to turn apples into fresh cider. Bring your own apples or press some of ours. There's lots of fun for the whole family making scarecrows large and small. Enjoy the tasty apple treats on offer. This is an outdoor event so dress for the weather. The Museum will be open, too. Cost: \$5 for adults, youth 12 and under enjoy free admission.

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

Downtown Smiths Falls Ghost Tours

Date and Time: Wednesday, October 9 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 77 Beckwith St. N.

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Friday, October 11, 2024

Hawksley Workman - Festival of Small Halls

Date and Time: Friday, October 11 7:00 pm

Address: 14 Bridge Street, Almonte

Hawksley Workman is a JUNO Award-winning and Gold Record certified singer-songwriter and multi-instrumentalist. Since his ground-breaking self-produced indie debut *For Him and The Girls* (1999) through to chart-topping singles of 2020, Hawksley has careened between major label international smash hits to Canadiana soaked indie releases. Boasting a catalogue of 17 solo records, Hawksley's genre-defying style strings together folk, chart pop and irrepressible cabaret. His show-stopping vocals on songs about weather, love, heartbreak and tales of end-times have garnered him a league of devoted fans.

Performing over a thousand shows worldwide, Hawksley has headlined prestigious venues like Massey Hall and The Olympia in Paris. For a uniquely Canadian artist, Hawksley has built loyal fan bases in the UK, France, Norway and Australia launching many successful tours, demystifying and delighting fans while drawing on an enviable catalogue of mischievous favourites, glammy stompers and heartfelt hymns to small-town Canada.

Saturday, October 12, 2024

Perth Autumn Studio Tour

Date and Time: Saturday, October 12 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

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Lanark Museum - School in the Good Old Days

Date and Time: Saturday, October 12 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 80 George St., Lanark, Ontario

Join us this Saturday, October 12th at the [Lanark & District Museum](#). We'll be sharing memories and stories of school in the good old days, across the county. Some of our topics: the days before technology, kids who were custodians, the dreaded strap, old-time games like Red Rover and Anti-I-Over, being left-handed, and many more. Drop by between 2-4 p.m. and share your own story of school days in Lanark County. I'll also be reading select stories from, "Lanark County Classrooms".

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Friday, October 18, 2024

Ryan Young Duo - Festival of Small Halls

Date and Time: Friday, October 18 7:00 pm

Address: 2585 Drummond Concession 2 Perth, ON

Focusing on traditional Scottish music, **Ryan Young** brings new life to very old, often forgotten tunes by playing them in his own unique way. His fiddle playing is brimming with fresh melodic ideas, an uplifting rhythmic drive and a great depth of dynamics and precision. His sound is very distinctive and takes the listener on an emotional and adventurous journey in any performance.

Ryan holds both a first-class honours and a Masters degree from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, was twice

e a finalist in the BBC Radio 2 Young Folk Awards, and twice a finalist in the prestigious BBC Radio Scotland Young Traditional Musician of The Year. He was awarded ‘Up And Coming Artist Of The Year’ at the Scots Trad Awards in 2017, nominated for the Horizon Award at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards 2018 and awarded Folking.com’s Musician Of The Year title, also in 2018.

Saturday, October 19, 2024

Soapmaking Workshop

Date and Time: Saturday, October 19 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Address: 155 Industrial Avenue

A fun and informative workshop on soapmaking using the hot process method. Workshop is provided by Debbie Gervais of Sunflower Soaps (www.sunflowersoaps.ca). You may follow the link below to sign up:

<https://sunflowersoaps.ca/collections/workshops>

Cost: \$115.00

Participants will leave with 3-4 bars of their own handmade soap.

Brooks & Bowskill - Maberly - Festival of Small Halls

Date and Time: Saturday, October 19 7:00 pm

Address: 3166 Bolingbroke Road Maberly, ON

Brooks & Bowskill is the partnership of husband-wife musicians Brittany Brooks and Jimmy Bowskill (Blue Rodeo). Their music weaves elements of 60s folk-rock, 70s country twang and contemporary Americana into a sound that is completely their own. They have quickly become known for their tight harmony singing, crafted songwriting, and dynamic live performances showcasing their undeniable chemistry and talent.

Sunday, October 20, 2024

Lynne Hanson - Union Hall - Festival of Small Halls

Date and Time: Sunday, October 20 7:00 pm

Address: 1984 Wolf Grove Rd Mississippi Mills, ON

Too tough for folk and too blues-influenced for country, **LYNNE HANSON**’s brand of porch music with a little red dirt can turn on a dime from a sunshine, blue sky ballad to a full on thunderstorm of gritty Americana swamp from one song to the next. Her hard living music has garnered her the nickname “Canada’s own Queen of Americana.” And while her deep, bluesy croon has drawn comparisons to Lucinda Williams and Gillian Welch, it’s the poetry of her lyrics that really sets her apart.

A two-time Canadian Folk Music Award winner, Hanson is known for her high energy, roots guitar driven live performances, whether playing solo or with her band the Good Intentions. She has an uncanny way of connecting with her audience with an authenticity that is as entertaining as it is disarming.

Friday, October 25, 2024

Miss Emily with opener Blue Skies Fiddle Orchestra ~ Maberly, ON

Date and Time: Friday, October 25 7:00 pm

Address: 180 Maberly Elphin Rd Maberly, ON

Prince Edward County, Canada-born **Miss Emily** specializes in overcoming insurmountable challenges and scaling metaphorical mountains. Her work ethic was forged in the foundries of Southern Ontario's bars and nightclubs. Her resilience is a product of 20 years in an industry that can be, at best, "unfriendly" towards women. She has an innovative spirit and creative force born out of necessity, and her incomparable vocals are surpassed only by her electrifying, roof-rattling performances.

What's next for Miss Emily? The future is still being written but with a third 'Female Vocalist of the Year' Canadian Blues Award added this year, a 2021 JUNO nomination for Blues Album of the Year and more performances scheduled for 2024 in Canada, the USA, the UK and Europe, it's safe to say that sooner than anyone can predict, the world will shine a bright, white spotlight on the Soul-Blues-Americana dynamo known as Miss Emily. It's only a matter of time.

Haunted Heritage House 2024

Date and Time: Friday, October 25 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Address: 11 Old Slys Road, Smiths Falls ON

Are you prepared to go through our 1860's home... at night? If you dare to enter our museum after hours, join us on October 18, 19, 25 & 26 for the Haunted Heritage House.

After your tour, calm your nerves with some homemade apple cider and seasonal treats as you tour the grounds and vote for your favourite pumpkin in the Community Pumpkin Carving Contest!

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For more information about the Haunted House, contact the Smiths Falls Heritage House Museum at 613-283-6311 or heritagehouse@smithsfalls.ca

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Saturday, October 26, 2024

Skele-Bration!

Date and Time: Saturday, October 26 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Address: 77 Beckwith St. N.

Spooky season have arrived in Smiths Falls!

Calling all ghouls, monsters and witches, Skele-Bration returns to Downtown Smiths Falls on Saturday, October 26 from 10am – 1pm! This event is fun for all ages!

Meet at the Town Hall Band Stand (77 Beckwith St. N.) for the costume parade, followed by trick or treating through the downtown. After you've gathered all your treats, head back to the Town Hall Bandstand for a very special performance from Junkyard Symphony from 12pm – 1pm!

If you are a business interested in participation in this spooktacular event, please reach out to Megan at the DSFBA by emailing dba@smithsfalls.ca.

LOTION AND BODY SCRUB WORKSHOP

Date and Time: Saturday, October 26 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Address: 155 Industrial Ave.

Looking for a fun self-care event where you can spend of a couple of hours just unwinding and enjoying the intoxicating scent of essential oils and the feel of luxurious ingredients?

Come on your own, or sign up with a friend or some co-workers. Everyone is welcome!

In this workshop, you will be provided with the option to make one of these blends (or contact us with your own custom scent request).

- 1) Eucalyptus & Lavender
- 2) Lemongrass
- 3) Rosemary & Spearmint

Each participant will go home with a 100g bottle of lotion and a 125g jar of body scrub!

Don't miss out on this fun and educational experience. Sign up now to secure your spot! Get ready to unleash your creativity and take home your very own bath and body products!

Workshop is held at **Carleton Place Collective Inc** (www.carletonplacecollective.com), which is a wheelchair accessible venue. If you are interested in a custom workshop set up at a location of your choice (in or around Ottawa or Carleton Place), please email your request to us at sunflowersoaps777@gmail.com.

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Music at MERA: Medusa Quartet

Date and Time: Sunday, October 27 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Address: 974 Concession Road 9A Dalhousie, McDonalds Corners

We have been trying to bring the Medusa Quartet to MERA ever since they turned heads and ears at the Blue Skies Music Festival in 2023, and finally we have a date!

Technically a string quartet, Medusa's material and instrumentation pushes the concept into a unique orbit. In addition to a repertoire that mixes original material with their spin on Middle Eastern, Scandinavian, Celtic, Appalachian, and Eastern European music, Medusa further stretches their sonic pallet by adding the Suka, Plosk Fiddle, Lyra and the Nyckelharpa to the conventional Violin, Viola and Cello instrumentation. By their own admission this is not western classical music:

"Wielding a sound that would turn classical music scholars to stone, these four folk musicians are reimagining the Western string quartet. By inviting back voices previously regarded as too ugly for "polite society," Medusa tempts us to redefine what is beautiful."

Don't resist the temptation. These are four very talented musicians on a radically seductive mission to amaze and enchant. Highly Recommended.

Tickets are \$35 plus fees available at TICKETS PLEASE

Depending on availability, tickets will be available at the door for \$40.00

The MERA Schoolhouse is located at 974 Dalhousie Concession 9A, McDonald's Corners

<https://calendar.lanarkcounty.ca>