



Cowboy Junkies to Play Free Concert

Performance Kicks-off Four Days of FREE Concert Series



Welland, ON July 16-The Cowboy Junkies will make their way to Welland's Merritt Park to perform a free concert in celebration of the City's 150th Anniversary. The performance kicks off a four-day concert series, featuring live performances set on a floating stage surrounded by fire.

“What better way to celebrate 150 years of Welland than with a musical extravaganza and what better way to bring the community together than to be able to offer it for free?” said Stephen Fischer, Business & Operations Manager of the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation. Our sponsors really are the ones to thank. People have an opportunity to come out and enjoy some great music at no charge because of our sponsor's commitment to the City,” added Fischer.

Admission to the grand stand bleachers for all four days of the concert series is free with an adult ticket which is available in advance at the Seaway Mall Customer Service, Welland-Pelham Chamber of Commerce, and select downtown businesses. There is a limit of four (4) coupons per person. Visit any location to pick up your free tickets in advance.

Fischer went on to say, “Even if you don't have grandstand tickets, there is still great general admission seating around Merritt Park, so we encourage everyone to bring a lawn chair or a blanket and come out and enjoy one or all of the performances at no charge.”

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Free parking is also available at the Market Square which is located at the cross section of Division and Cross Street. Those interested in checking out the show can walk along Avenue Place or Young Street towards Merritt Park to locate the floating stage and free seating.

Following the Cowboy Junkies free performance on Thursday; the Friday concert will see J.P. Cormier take the stage, with Fiddlers 3 as the opening act. On Saturday, the Destino Tenors will headline, with local internationally acclaimed musician Stephan Moccio and Monica Ling Lin as first act performers.

Welland's own Attack in Black will close off this four-day concert series with a free show on Sunday behind City Hall. The band has quickly won over audiences and critics with their debut release Marriage, which was winner of a few CASBY awards in 2007. Some of the bands other highlights include a performance on MuchMusic, air-time on 16 mainstream radio stations, and currently the most played Canadian song on 102.1 The Edge. Local act Street Pharmacy will open up Sunday's show, which starts at 6:00 p.m.

For more information visit www.illuminaqua.com

About IlluminAqua

The event is a blend of art, culture, and the elements of fire and water. Pods of fire will float in a laid-out design along the Recreational Water way, while the sweet strains of music fill the air. The firepods of "IlluminAqua" will dance, reflect and illuminate the peaceful waters of the Recreational Water way as residents and visitors alike stroll along the banks of the Old Welland Canal.

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