



THE ONTARIO COUNCIL OF FOLK FESTIVALS

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Folk and roots music from Afrobeat to bluegrass in the spotlight at Ontario Council of Folk Festivals Conference official showcases

OTTAWA, July 22, 2010 – When hundreds of musicians, agents, and other lovers of roots music converge on the Ontario Council of Folk Festivals (OCFF) conference in Ottawa this October, they will experience showcase performances by artists from nine provinces, two territories, the United States and Australia.

“Showcases are a unique opportunity for artists to give presenters from across Canada and around the world a taste of what they bring to the stage,” said Peter MacDonald, Executive Director of the OCFF.

Previous showcase performers have included Kobo Town, the Good Lovelies, Jenn Grant, and Steve Dawson – artists who have all gone on to international touring success and awards.

More than 300 artists submitted materials to the showcase judging panel. The selected showcase artists are:

Allison Lickley (Quebec)	H'Sao (Chad / Quebec)
Annie Lou (Yukon)	John Wort Hannam (Alberta)
Belzébuth (Quebec)	Jon Brooks (Ontario)
Cécile Doo-Kingué (Quebec)	Leela Gilday (Northwest Territories)
Chic Gamine (Manitoba / Quebec)	Louis-Philippe Robillard (Ontario)
Dan Mangan (British Columbia)	Lynne Hanson (Ontario)
David Leask (Ontario)	Megan Jerome (Ontario)
David Ross Macdonald (Australia)	Minotaurs (Ontario)
David Woodhead's Confabulation (Ont.)	Shane Koyczan & The Short Story Long (BC)
Donné Roberts (Ontario)	The Grass Mountain Hobos (PEI)
Harrison Kennedy (Ontario)	The Mountains & The Trees (Newfoundland)
Hat Check Girl (California)	Twilight Hotel (Manitoba)

Artists chosen as alternates (who will perform if a selected artist is unable to attend) are:

Bernard Adamus (Quebec)	HOTCHA! (Ontario)
Elizabeth Shepherd (Ontario)	Jill Zmud (Ontario)
Enoch Kent (Ontario)	Karyn Ellis (Ontario)
Flying Fox and the Hunter Gatherers (Man.)	Mike Essoudry (Ontario)
Gareth Pearson (Wales)	The Warped 45s (Ontario)

Links to individual artist sites are available on the OCFF website.

The Ontario Council of Folk Festivals (OCFF) serves festivals, organizations and individuals involved in Ontario's traditional, contemporary and multicultural folk music community with programs that meet the diverse needs of each of its members. Performers, presenters, producers and supporters are all eligible to join OCFF.

The OCFF's 24th Annual Conference take place from October 14-17 in Ottawa. Canada's largest folk and roots music-focused conference, it brings the community together to take in professional development sessions, enjoy a gala dinner, network and make and listen to music late into the evening.

The conference has become an indispensable meeting place for organizations, musicians, artistic directors, promoters, managers, agents, media representatives and the others who contribute to the health and vitality of Canada's multicultural folk and roots music community.

The complete conference schedule will be available soon at www.ocff.ca; conference registration is now available online or via phone at 613-560-5997 or toll free at 1-866-292-6233.

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