

Roots and Blues is major summer highlight



If you've never been here for the Salmon Arm Roots & Blues Festival this is a glimpse of what it's like. Days before the festival begins the tents and the stages start going up on the fall fair grounds. The excitement of the festival is contagious and soon the influx of people from around the world begins. For that weekend, August 13-15, it's like an unofficial holiday around the city as everyone who is able books off holidays to either volunteer or attend the festival, which is now in its 18th year.

It's Salmon Arm's party and the whole world is invited. The streets are busy, people are smiling and music is in the air. It's everywhere.

But the festival grounds are the place to be. You can wander around from stage to stage and hear musicians like K'NAAN, the Somali-born rapper and one of Canada's hottest talents who was named artist of the year at this year's Juno Awards. To name just a few more of the performers who will be entertaining the crowds: the brilliant Martha Wainwright, the Alexis P. Suter Band with their gut-busting blues and soul or the Aussie twang of Daniel Champagne, or the transcendent melodies and rich vocal call and response lyrics of Kinobe and Soul Beat Africa from Uganda.

The line up this year also includes YouTube sensation Erik Mongrain of Quebec, B.C.'s own Five Alarm Funk band who will treat you to fast Latin to epic reggae and thunderous Afro-beat. This list is only the beginning of the exciting mix of music at this year's festival.

It's truly a family event with plenty of entertainment geared for children. This year Fred Penner with his musical fun and comedic merriment will be performing.

And if the music weren't enough, the food vendors offer food from many cultures and artisan vendors add to the festivity with their variety of instruments, clothing, jewellery and other creative hand-made items.

To get more information on accommodation and a complete list of performers for the 2010 festival, go to <http://www.rootsandblues.ca>.

Doggy daycare

In need of a daycare for your dog? For the day or a longer stay, N & T Canine Care is the perfect place. With nice kennels, great people and long walks, your dog will have a vacation as well. Call Nattalia at 250-835-0136 for more information.

Horseshoe pitch in town

Visitors and newcomers are welcome to join the Salmon Arm Horseshoe Club throughout the summer. Practices are every Tuesday and Thursday evening starting at 6:30 p.m. The club meets at the pits next to the curling club at 691, 28th Street N.E. All ages are welcome from kids to seniors. One local pitcher continued competing until past 100 years old.

Horseshoes started during Roman horsemanship times and is one of the older sports to be played continually until present.

Those interested may call Ken Mount at 250-832-1994 or the Juells at 250-832-9873. Enjoy pitching for fun in the fresh air, meet the locals and make new friends. Fifteen million North American players can't be wrong!

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roots & blues
festival
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