

## MEDIA RELEASE

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### Affordable Family Summer Fun in Burlington!

**BURLINGTON, July, 2010** - In Burlington there are many great things to do, and what a wonderful way to spend some time with your family!

#### **Kite and Ice Cream Festival - Sunday June 6, Spencer Smith Park, FREE**

Bring the whole family to enjoy a day in the park. Events and activities include free kite building, kite flying demos, ice cream vendors, bike fest with bike clinics and demos presented by [Mountain Equipment Co-op](#) and watch and learn how to make ice cream with the [Museums of Burlington](#). Also in the park is the [D Day Parade and Service](#) at the Naval Ships Memorial (11 a.m.)

#### **Fine Art and Craft Festival - June 12-13 (Sat & Sun), Burlington Art Centre, FREE**

More than 100 artists selling a remarkable array of handcrafted, Canadian, juried fine art and craft, all located in and around the [BAC!](#) The building also features art Guilds, whose studio spaces are open with demonstrations and products for sale. Food and refreshments available on site. Admission to this event is free.

#### **Doors Open Burlington - June 12-13 (Sat. & Sun), Various locations, FREE**

On June 12 and 13, residents and visitors to the City will be given the remarkable opportunity to learn about places and spaces normally not open to the general public or for which an admission fee is usually charged. The event will help our community celebrate its heritage. There are 17 sites to visit with one cluster in the downtown core and another featuring sites in North Burlington and Lowville. Admission to all Doors Open events and sites is free!

#### **Sound of Music - June 18-20 (Thurs.-Sun), Spencer Smith Park, FREE**

Burlington's [Sound of Music Festival](#) is one of the summer's most sought after shows.

Featuring a

unique blend of new and emerging artists, Canadian icons and favourites of the past this unique

Festival presents all styles of music that appeals to all ages! Imagine a broad spectrum of music - It truly has SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE! Jazz, Rock, Folk, Pop, Blues, Latin, Big Band, Celtic, Country, Children and "Unusual" Acts and Artisans - spread out over 10 performance areas along our beautiful picturesque waterfront, Spencer Smith Park and throughout downtown Burlington.

#### **Canada Day Festival - Thursday July 1, Spencer Smith Park, FREE**

Bring on your national pride and explore the abundance of activities and musical entertainment all day long "Canadian Style" at the Waterfront at Downtown Burlington's

Spencer Smith Park. Performances on 2 stages, children's activities throughout the day plus the Scholars in Collars dog training show. At night, bring a blanket or lawn chair, then sit back to watch fireworks. Event highlights include (8:30am) Canada Day 5km run, (9:30am) Pancake breakfast compliments of the Golden Griddle (while supplies last), (11:00am) Citizenship Court, (1:00pm) Opening Ceremonies and (10:00pm) Fireworks Display.

### **Joseph Brant Day Festival - Monday August 2, LaSalle Park, FREE**

Celebrate one of the areas most famous original settlers—Joseph Brant Thayendanegea! Come for an incredible line-up of music and entertainment at one of Burlington's best parks! This festival features: Sophisticated Swing, a 19-piece big band orchestra that gets your toes tapping with their sparkling performance; The Lost Dancers of the Six Nations who engage you in a mesmerizing presentation of art, dance and Six Nations culture; Encampment and drilling demonstrations by The 22nd U.S. Infantry, Henderson's Co., historic re-enactors who bring history to life; Community exhibitors, a summer BBQ and refreshment stands, splash park for kids, fair-style games, crafts and hands-on activities, a treasure hunt adventure, artisans and vendors, the famous Joseph Brant Day Silent Auction and other attractions.

### **Burlington's Annual Children's Festival - August 14 & 15 (Sat. & Sun.), FREE**

August 14th the [Sandcastles Festival](#) runs on the Beachway with Master sand sculptors, entertainment and a sandcastle competition. Register to compete or vote for your favourite creation in the People's Choice Award. The second day is the [Children's Festival](#), August 15th at Spencer Smith Park. Celebrate the joyous spirit and energy of your children at play! Storytelling, crafts, live entertainment, fun activities, play zones, and cuddly mascots make this a wonderful, fun filled day for sharing, learning and discovery for the whole family.

Burlington has so much to SEE & DO. Tourism Burlington is promoting local attractions and events and has all the information you need to fill your summer with great things to see and do.

Visit the website at [www.tourismburlington.com](http://www.tourismburlington.com) for:

- ❑ Festival and Events Listings
- ❑ Coupons for local attractions, restaurants, and accommodations
- ❑ Great Burlington Hotel Deals!
- ❑ Things to See & Do, Where to Dine, Where to Shop and much much more!

Tourism Burlington is the destination management organization for Burlington and operates a Visitor Centre that is open 7 days a week at 414 Locust Street just minutes from our beautiful waterfront.

For Further information, visit [www.tourismburlington.com](http://www.tourismburlington.com) or contact Tourism Burlington at (905) 634-5594.

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