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## Welland and Quebec partner for Canada Summer Games 13 for 13 cultural event

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Welland, ON – The City of Welland welcomes Quebec, its partner province, for the 2022 Canada Summer Games, on Friday, August 19, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Merritt Park as part of the 13 for 13 cultural events.

Throughout the games, from August 7 to 20, the cultural festivals enable each of Niagara’s municipalities (including the Region) to collaborate and showcase the unique cultural heritage, entertainment, art, and experience of their paired province or territory.

“We are proud to be hosting the athletes and supporters of Team Quebec, and everyone, for our 13 for 13 festival,” said Rob Axiak, director of community services. “Throughout the region, we all have an opportunity to explore and appreciate the cultural identities of our country and, with our strong Francophone community, hosting the province of Quebec and showcasing the French culture is a perfect fit.”

The evening celebration will feature music and performances highlighting artists from Quebec, including Le Vent du Nord and Grosse Isle and local contemporary circus group Femme du Feu Creations and Dance Place Welland.

In addition to the entertainment, RBC Olympian James Dunn, Betty Loo photo booth, caricature artists, food trucks, and other partner vendors will be on site.

### About the 13 for 13 Cultural Festival

The [Niagara 2022 Canada Summer Games’ 13 For 13 Cultural Festival](#) is a free event being held on select evenings between August 7 to 20, 2022. Rotating nightly during the 2022 Games, changing from one municipality to another, this festival pairs each of Niagara’s 13 municipalities (including the Regional Municipality of Niagara) with one of Canada’s 13 provinces and territories as co-hosts to this cultural event. During their special evening, each municipality will showcase the unique entertainment, art, and culinary experiences of its co-host Canadian province or territory — allowing visitors to both travel across Canada without leaving Niagara and experience the distinct cultural heritages that define different areas of our nation.

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