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WELLAND'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND FEATURES STAR-STUDED LINE-UP

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Welland – Welland is THE place to be this weekend as entertainers from across Canada descend on the City for its 150th Anniversary celebrations.

As part of the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation's "IlluminAqua," Arts and Culture series, a 4-day **FREE** concert series will be held in honor of the City's 150th birthday.

Performances from Thursday, July 24 to Saturday, July 26 will be at Merritt Park, corner of King and Division Streets, on a floating stage amid the glow of fires burning along the waterway. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. and a wine and beer garden is on-site. Admission coupons are available for free VIP seating, limit 4 per person. Visit illumin aqua.com for outlets and more information on the artists.

On Thursday, July 24, the *Cowboy Junkies*, along with artists *Jill Barber* and *Lesley Pike*, take the stage on the date of the actual anniversary.

East coast and Acadian music is all the rage on Friday, July 25, with performances by *J.P. Cormier*, *No Strings Attached* and *Fiddlers 3*.

On Saturday, July 26, *Destino Tenors* and opening performers *Stephan Moccio* and *Monica Ling Lin*, grace the stage.

And on Sunday, July 27 concerts abound from afternoon until evening. From 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Sunday afternoon, *Fillet of Soul*, *Ancient Mariners*, *Two South* and *The Groove Gators* will play at Market Square (Cross and Division Streets). On Sunday evening, from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m., *Attack in Black* and *Street Pharmacy* will wow audiences behind Welland's Civic Square, 60 East Main Street.

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