

July 2, 2013

Orangeville's 150th Birthday Bash on July 6 will celebrate community's spirit

July 6 promises to be one huge party in downtown Orangeville – with a celebration that would have made Orange Lawrence proud. From 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. the entertainment and activity line-ups have something for everyone.

The day kicks off with a free community breakfast from 8-10:30 a.m., followed by a free barbecue lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., thanks to the assistance of the Enbridge Community Events Team. It's a chance to enjoy pancakes and sausages, and burgers or hot dogs right on Broadway.

More than 90 vendors will dot Broadway and Mill Street, along with street performers and two performance areas – the main stage on Second Street, and a second performance venue at Broadway and Mill Street. A kids zone will be located in Alexandra Park, behind Town Hall, featuring horse and pony rides, a petting zoo, a bouncy castle, animal displays, tennis, face painting, caricatures, Zoo Guts, and more from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. A rock climbing wall, bouncy castle, juggling and hula hoop workshops will be available on Mill Street.

A historical display will be open to the public at the Dufferin County Offices at 55 Zina Street (use west entrance off Zina) from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A juried art show with a historical theme will be on display at the Orangeville Public Library from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Heritage Orangeville will be providing historical walking tours throughout the day. The one-hour tours start from the circle in front of Town Hall at 10:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m., and 3:30 p.m.

The glass work of artist Kevin Matthew Orange Lawrence will be on display at Dragonfly Arts on Broadway during Orangeville's 150th Birthday Bash on July 6. Originally from Oakville, Kevin who is currently a resident of Coombs, on Vancouver Island, has known all his life about Orange Lawrence – and the Town named after his great-great-grandfather.

Z103.5 and The Jewel 88.5 will be on site most of the day, providing giveaways to the crowds. The Dr. Phineus Quimby 19th Century Medicine Show will run from 12-5 p.m. and Rory Gaudon, the roaming leprechaun, will be on the street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

A beer garden, featuring the brews of Orangeville-based Hockley Valley Brewing Co. will be situated on Broadway, close to the intersection of Second Street. Brews featured will include the new Hockley 100, plus Hockley Amber and Georgian Bay beer. Only those 19 years of age and older will be admitted to the beer garden, operating from noon to 11 p.m.

Founders/Keepers – a new play about Orangeville’s beginnings, written for Orangeville’s 150th birthday by playwright Jane Ohland Cameron, will be free of charge but will require a voucher to guarantee seating. The 40-minute play will be presented in the Orangeville Opera House four times during the July 6 Birthday Bash. There will be open seating for the performances at 10 a.m., 12 p.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Vouchers can be picked up at the Town Hall reception counter or at the Visitor Information Centre, with a maximum of six vouchers per person. On July 6th, vouchers for the show can only be obtained at the Theatre Orangeville booth or the Orangeville 150 booth at the Birthday Bash celebration in front of Town Hall. Opera House doors open 30 minutes prior to each performance. July 6 will also be the unveiling of a song written for Orangeville’s 150th birthday by composer Colin Simmons.

A must-see on July 6 is the video projection show on the front wall of the Town Hall that will start about dusk. The projection show, a culmination of historical and current photos, will depict the Town’s evolution from original settlement to urban centre, ending with a variety of sesquicentennial birthday greetings by local groups and personalities. Drew Morey Productions of Orangeville has been working on the project for several weeks, along with Mayor Rob Adams who chairs the Orangeville 150 Steering Committee. They have been capturing scenes to incorporate into a 10-minute projection show that will be displayed many times during the evening on July 6, in between concert acts. Engaging animation and light effects will play with the surface of the building and take the viewer through an experience of celebration and fun. A powerful (26,000 lumen) video projector will be erected on a special scaffold for the event, thanks to the efforts of Frischkorn Audiovisual and the company’s project manager Brad Beach. “Projector mapping is pretty cool. With the graphics and cut-outs, the show will be fun and interesting,” Mr. Beach says. Actual images will be projected 40 feet across the front of the Town Hall. The show will loop continuously during the course of the evening as the bands are playing. Between music sets, after 8 p.m., the show will play with a full musical sound track. Animation effects for the show have been created by Firetrigger.

The performance area at Broadway and Mill Street will keep the crowds entertained with lots of action, from martial arts, zumba, and belly dancers to juggling, magic and a fire show.

The schedule is as follows:

9 a.m.	Sandstorm Belly Dancers
9:30 a.m.	Citrus School of Dance
10:30 a.m.	Juggler Edward Skwirsky
11:30 a.m.	Sandstorm Belly Dancers
11:45 a.m.	Toms Martial Arts & Zumba Fitness
12:45 p.m.	Balloon Twisting with Frank Santangelo
1:45 p.m.	Comic Juggler Craig Douglas
2:45 p.m.	Sandstorm Belly Dancers
3 p.m.	Toms Martial Arts & Zumba Fitness
4 p.m.	Magic Show with Wayne Tellier
5 p.m.	Academy of Performing Arts
6 p.m.	Double Toe Cloggers

7 p.m. Toms Martial Arts & Zumba Fitness
8, 9 & 10 p.m. Fire Show with Elias

The main stage entertainment is sure to keep the crowds hopping from mid-morning until 11 p.m., with acts ranging from reggae to pop and everything in between. Kicking off the morning on the main stage is Beebo Music for Children from 8:30-9:15 a.m., followed by Chanda's School of Dance from 9:45 to 10:30 a.m. **Riddim Forward**, hailing from Orangeville, will get everyone moving to the beat at 11:45 a.m. The band will play a mix of their own music, classic reggae hits and some unexpected remixes. Led by Perry Joseph, a veteran of the Canadian reggae scene, these six guys from Orangeville leave all stereotypes behind and move the beat their own way.

The opening ceremonies are set for 1 p.m., preceded by a dragon procession from Broadway to the main stage, thanks to the International Tai Chi Centre. Watch for the Legion's Colour Guard and a surprise guest or two.

The Houseplants, on stage at 1:30 p.m., are singer/songwriters Gordon Shawcross & Perry Joseph. Influenced by jazz, folk and country music, their original songs are catchy and thought-provoking.

It's time for some blues at 2:30 p.m. **Trouble & Strife** will take to the stage with a five-piece band. Bruce Ley and Larry Kurtz have been playing their own brand of soulful low down music for almost 10 years. With a hot rhythm section, explosive dueling guitars, and sweet harmonica, there is some great entertainment not to be missed.

Next up is local resident and world renowned lyric tenor **Mark DuBois** at 3:15 p.m. Mark DuBois is universally acclaimed for his outstanding lyric-tenor voice, its exceptional clarity and tonal purity, and his artistry and musicianship in performance. His extraordinary versatility garners plaudits from audience and critic alike in all genres of music, whether opera, operetta, oratorio, lieder, baroque or the classics of Broadway and modern musical theatre. He has performed with every major orchestra in Canada and with numerous orchestras in the U.S. Mark's busy career on concert and opera stages has taken him around the world. Joining him on stage for the Birthday Bash performance will be Julia Obermeyer.

Old School performs at 3:50 p.m. This acoustic duo from Orangeville will consist of Orangeville District Secondary School teachers Gerry Holden and Allain Brisso playing hits from the 1960s to present day.

The late afternoon and evening performances will kick off with the funky blues style music performed by local legend **Heather Katz**. Heather started her career playing in the famous Canadian coffee houses of the late 1970s. She has performed with world-class artists such as B.B. King, James Brown, Blind John Davis, Long John Baldry, Otis Clay, Solomon Burke, and

Matt "Guitar" Murphy. She was one of the first in the Toronto Blues Society "Women in Blues" series at Toronto's Albert's Hall.

Next up, at 6 p.m., will be the young up-and-coming songstress **Hannah Chaplain** of Alton. Hannah is only 20 years old but has blasted on to the music scene with two full-length albums as well as four EPs. Hannah has produced two professional HD music videos and over 15 unplugged videos of her most popular songs which are available on her YouTube channel. Hannah is coached by Canadian Opera superstars David and Sandie Pomeroy who have helped her develop a powerful vocal quality. Hannah's bohemian country-rock voice is reflected in her attitude and gritty style.

The Campfire Poets are on stage at 7:15 p.m. Hailing from Dufferin County, the Campfire Poets deliver music from almost every genre, all cooked up by a dynamic, high-energy band. The Campfire Poets have become quite successful with more than 100 performances a year and they are a favourite of several Ontario festivals and events.

Caledon native **Skye Sweetnam**, 25, will be hitting the stage with her edgy pop vibes at 8:20 p.m. Skye is an international artist with Capitol/EMI Records. She has had six major singles and has toured with well-known artists such as Tim Armstrong (Rancid), Britney Spears, Avril Lavigne, and Simple Plan. Skye's hit song that shot her to success was the infamous "Billy S" in 2003 and she has been going strong ever since. With her fun party pop-punk sound, she has released two full-length studio albums and was nominated for a Juno Award in 2006 for New Artist of the Year.

The headliner for the Birthday Bash will be none other than the Los Angeles-based band known as **DVBBS** (pronounced DUH-BS). Alex and Chris Andre grew up in Orangeville before making it big on the dub-step/electronic scene. These brothers are a dance-duo who combine the genres of electro, house, reggae, rap, and pop in an all-encompassing hybrid that is not only perfect for clubs but also reaches the top of the charts. Uniquely, DVBBS' musical efforts are performed live as Alex sings and Chris drums, however they also perform in an engaging and energetic DJ set.

Former Orangeville District Secondary School students, the multi-instrumentalists have an insatiable appetite for the DJ culture. Their first release in March 2012, *Initio*, is roughly translated to mean "in the beginning" which has truly developed into their mantra. "For DVBBS this is just the beginning. DVBBS' inspired debut single, "DRVGS," made waves and raves from the moment the single dropped. Since then DVBBS has had a momentous year packed with an explosion of live dates and North American festival performances supporting top artists and DJ's such as Deadmau5, LMFAO, Calvin Harris, Rusko, Eric Prydz, Dada Life, Borgore, Adventure Club, Dragonette, Steve Aoki, Far East Movement, and Carnage. DVBBS' newest release, "We Know," is a collaborative effort with Swanky Tunes and Eitro packed with

powerful vocals and an escalating build-up followed by a much-anticipated beat drop that makes crowds wild. DVBBBS will perform from 9:30-11 p.m.

The main stage schedule offers entertainment for all ages. The schedule is as follows:

8:30-9:15 a.m.	Beebo Music for Children
9:45-10:30 a.m.	Chanda's School of Dance
11:45-12:45	Riddim Forward
1	Official Ceremony
1:30-2:15	The Houseplants
2:30-3	Trouble & Strife
3:15-3:45	Mark DuBois & Julia Obermeyer
3:50-4:15	Old School
4:45-5:30	Heather Katz
6-6:45	Hannah Chaplain
7:15-8	Campfire Poets
8:20-9	Skye Sweetnam
9:30-11	DVBBS

Fireworks will be set off in the downtown core at 11 p.m. following the DVBBBS concert.

Orangeville Transit will be free of charge on July 6 for all patrons. The municipal transit runs from 7:15 a.m. to 6:15 p.m. that day. As of 6:15 p.m., there will be a free shuttle, running a 10-minute loop, between the Fairgrounds Shopping Centre (shuttle stop will be signed between Future Shop and Walmart) and Armstrong Street, near the downtown core.

A special tree sculpture will be unveiled July 5, at the new Visitor Information Centre at 200 Lakeview Court, to commemorate the Town's birthday. It will highlight the rivers and forest, the mill, the railroad, and Orange Lawrence. Be sure to check it out.

The Birthday Bash is made possible through contributions of many sponsors, including gold sponsor Woolwich Dairy which will be on site, across from Town Hall, from 1:30-3 p.m. on July 6 with free ice cream. Funding partners include Heritage Canada, the Town of Orangeville, and the Orangeville Business Improvement Area. Thank you to the many sponsors who have contributed to the event's success. On July 6, come out and show your Orangeville spirit and wish the Town a happy sesquicentennial. Be sure to check out the sponsor and event posters.

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