



Ramping up to a huge celebration

Leading cultural groups in the Kanata-Carleton area are celebrating Canada's 150th birthday in style. On May 27th, the Earl of March High School and Sandwell Green Park will be alive with activities to delight all the senses.

Close to 50 performances will be scheduled throughout the day and evening representing dance, song, live orchestra, band music and acting—visual art will line the hallways. Kanata-Carleton has a wealth of talent and this event will showcase an array of activities to please all ages. Put together by a steering committee from local cultural leaders, this is a Saturday not to be missed—and it is free of charge made possible by the generous support from the City of Ottawa and corporate donors.

Be sure to catch the CFUW/Kanata Guitar Groovers a group of singers and guitarists that present a wide range of music. On a musical ride across Canada, their Canadian medley begins with the pride-of-country song “*Ca-na-da*” by Bobby Gimby, then a foot stomping “*I’se the B’y*” from Newfoundland. The rousing Stompin’ Tom’s classic “*Good Old Hockey Game*” is special to Kanata—the first game it was sung at was a Senator’s game right here in Kanata. The Groovers bring their own special rendition to French Canadian favourites “*Chanson du Carnaval*” and “*Les Raftsmen*”. They poke fun at our climate with “*40 Below*” and celebrate our northlands with “*O Siem*” by Inuit singer Susan Aglukart.

The halls of Earl of March High School will present a feast for the eyes with an amazing display of visual arts. The Kanata Civic Art Gallery (KCAG) has been a part of our community since 1993 and its artists are diverse and talented. The display will treat the viewer to a rich choice of media, from oil, to watercolour, acrylic, mixed media, photography, wood, clay and stone. Festival goers can browse between performances and admire the talent on view.

Follow events as they unroll at kanatacarletonculturalfestival.ca

Attachment - CFUW/Kanata Guitar Groovers photo by Sue Carey

