

what's outwest

WINNIPEG

Winnipeg Folk Festival

July 8-11, 2004 - Birds Hill Park

This annual event presented by Gas Station Theatre Set promises to deliver the laughs! Look for the Turtle Island Comedy Hour and a Half-North America's Best Aboriginal Comics, the High School Improv Superteam, Myths, Lies & Maple Leafs; Tales from Late Night - Canadian Comics Who've Hit the Big Time, CBC Gala - The Best of CBC Comedy, Best of the Fest and more. Ticket information at www.winnipegcomedyfestival.com

SASKATOON

SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival

June 25 - July 4, 2004 - Various Venues

Four-time Grammy winner Aaron Neville heads a stellar line-up at the 18th annual SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival. Also coming: Jesse Cook, Jacksoul, John Hammond, Ivana Santilli, John Pizzarelli, Hubert Sumlin and many more. It's classic jazz, blues, groove, funk and world. For tickets call 652-4700 or 1-800-638-1211. www.saskjazz.com

Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan

July 7 - August 22, 2004 - South Saskatchewan Riverbank

Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan celebrates its 20th anniversary with two of the Bard's biggest hits: Macbeth and Much Ado About Nothing. Plays are staged under the big top tent, just behind the Mendel Art Gallery on Spadina Crescent. Tickets available at the festival box office (652-9100) and all Ticketmaster outlets (306) 938-7800 or 1-800-970-7328. www.shakespeareonthesaskatchewan.com

Great Northern RiverFest

July 13-18, 2004 - Friendship Park

The world's leading powerboat racers are heading back to Saskatoon, set to thrill spectators with race speeds of up to 130 mph and hair-raising 90 degree turns. The event partners with A Taste of Saskatchewan, a 5-day food fest where Saskatoon's best restaurants sample their signature dishes. For updates, visit www.greatnorthernriverfest.com

Saskatoon International Fringe Festival

July 29 - August 8, 2004 - Broadway Avenue

Saskatoon's 15th annual Fringe Festival offers some of the most original and innovative live theatre in the world. With over 300 scheduled performances, there's something for everyone: dramas, one-person shows, musical romps, comedy, dance, family-friendly KidsFringe and more. For information, call 664-2239 or visit www.25thstreettheatre.com

REGINA

CFL Football

June 20, 2004 - Taylor Field

The Calgary Stampeders take on the hometown Saskatchewan Roughriders at Taylor Field, dubbed one of the rowdiest, noisiest football stadiums in the west. Game time is 2:00 p.m. For tickets, call (306) 569-2323 or Toll Free 1-888-474-3377. For a complete at home game schedule, visit www.saskriders.com

RCMP Sunset Retreat Ceremonies

July 1 - August 17, 2004 - RCMP Depot Division Parade Square

A colourful 30-minute ceremony during the lowering of the Canadian Flag. Includes a parade featuring the RCMP Cadet Band and Cadet

Troops wearing the traditional scarlet tunic of the world-renowned Royal Canadian Mounted Police, with mounted officers in attendance. Weather permitting. For days and times, call (306) 780-5838/5558 or www.rcmpmuseum.ca.

Buffalo Days

August 3-8, 2004 - Regina Exhibition Park

A 2004 provincial exhibition features the popular Buffalo Days parade, thrilling midway, grandstand entertainment, downtown activities and more. For information, call (306) 781-9200.

Making It Like A Man!

until August 22, 2004 - MacKenzie Art Gallery

An exhibit that looks at contemporary design in Canada. With the concept of design becoming a significant factor in the consumer market, designers are gaining greater exposure and receiving the attention they deserve. From the chairs we sit in to our personal computers, design affects every aspect of our lives. The exhibit celebrates the work of ten Canadian designers/firms. www.mackenzieartgallery.sk.ca

CALGARY

Calgary Stampede

July 9-18, 2004 - Pengrowth Saddledome

Grab hold of the reins and get read for a great ride. The Stampede is 10 days of rides, rodeos, chuckwagons, agricultural displays, big name acts and big white hats. The whole city gets in spirit. Last year, more than 1.1 million people from around the world came to the "Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth." Get the latest news at www.calgarystampede.com

EDMONTON

Klondike Days

July 22-31, 2004 - Northlands Park

One of Canada's most famous summer fairs features North American's largest travelling midway, the Klondike Chuckwagon Derby (richest stop on the world professional chuckwagon racing circuit), a talent-packed schedule of entertainment, daredevil feature attractions and more. It will leave you with memories to last a lifetime. www.klondikedays.com

VANCOUVER

Festival Vancouver

August 2-15, 2004 - Various Venues

Vancouver hosts the return of one of the largest classical music festivals in North America, featuring the music and musicians of France. During 14 music-filled days, concert venues around the city will stage more than 45 outstanding classical, jazz and world music performances by internationally acclaimed artists. Experience some of the best music the world has to offer. Find more information at www.festivalvancouver.bc.ca

VICTORIA

Eternal Egypt

July 10 - October 31, 2004 - Royal BC Museum

The first exhibition to focus on the art history of one of the greatest of all cultures, Egypt, comes to Victoria for the summer. The 144 masterworks on display have been selected by the British Museum for rarity, beauty and historical significance. They span more than 3,000 years, from the time of the great pyramids through the era of Cleopatra. Call Toll Free 1-888-447-7977 or visit <http://rbcml.rbcm.gov.bc.ca>