No matter the season, Celebrate in Barrie!

We welcome you to participate in the many exciting arts and culture opportunities, including a variety of festivals and events, happening in Barrie throughout the year.

Whether you are viewing visual art masterpieces at a gallery, enjoying a concert in the park, getting caught up in the emotion of the theatre, or spending the day at one of our signature festivals, you will find that Barrie is one of Canada’s most dynamic communities.

We encourage you to explore our community and take part in the excitement!
Visit us at www.barrie.ca/events for more information.

**ONGOING**

**3RD THURSDAY PROGRAM**
Uptown Theater, 55 Dunlop St. W.  
[www.barriefilmfestival.ca](http://www.barriefilmfestival.ca)
On the third Thursday of the month, the Barrie Film Festival offers an international cinematic selection featuring lighthearted to thought-provoking features and documentaries.

**BARRIE FARMERS’ MARKET**
City Hall, 70 Collier St.  
[www.barriefarmersmarket.ca](http://www.barriefarmersmarket.ca)
Open Saturday from 8:00am to noon year-round, the market features fresh produce, creative artisan works, a delicious variety of prepared foods, and special events.

**BARRIE FOLK SOCIETY**
[www.barriefolk.com](http://www.barriefolk.com)
The Barrie Folk Society presents a number of events throughout the year including a concert series, youth songwriting showcase, house concerts and more.

**CAMPUS GALLERY AT GEORGIAN COLLEGE**
Helen & Arch Brown Centre for the Visual Arts, 1 Georgian Dr.  
[www.georgiancollege.ca](http://www.georgiancollege.ca)
The Campus Gallery, open daily from September through May, features student achievements, a monthly speaker series, and exhibitions that reflect regional, national, and international art, craft, and design.

**FIVE POINTS THEATRE**
1 Dunlop St. W.  
[barrie.ca/theatres](http://barrie.ca/theatres)
The Five Points Theatre, located in the heart of downtown Barrie, is host to a variety of theatre productions, film screenings, concerts, comedy, and so much more.

**GEORGIAN THEATRE**
Georgian College, 1 Georgian Dr., Building C  
[barrie.ca/theatres](http://barrie.ca/theatres)  
This 680 seat facility is host to a variety of professional and amateur theatre productions, concerts, dance recitals, seminars, and more throughout the year.

**MACLAREN ART CENTRE**
37 Mulcaster Street  
[www.maclarenart.com](http://www.maclarenart.com)
The regional public art gallery offering a wide range of exhibitions, special events, family programs, art camps, and workshops throughout the year.

**SCREEN ONE MONTHLY FILM SERIES**
Uptown Theater, 55 Dunlop St. W.  
[www.barriefilmfestival.ca](http://www.barriefilmfestival.ca)
This popular monthly film series showcases an international line-up of current cinematic gems on the first Wednesday and Thursday of the month year-round.

**WORD UP BARRIE**
Unity Market and Café, 25 Toronto St.  
[www.wordupbarrie.com](http://www.wordupbarrie.com)
On the 2nd Thursday each month (except August), enjoy readings, writers, poets and spoken word artists. From pros to amateurs, all are welcome.
April 25 – May 4
NEWFIE ELECTRA & MUSIC FOR THE CHANGING VOICE
Five Points Theatre, 1 Dunlop St. W.
www.tift.ca
Talk is Free Theatre presents a double bill featuring an adaptation of the Sophocles classic Electra set in Newfoundland, as well as Alyssa Wright performing her original songs, music she was raised with, and even some tunes by the late Don Wright himself.

May 3 – 4
CIRQUE MUSICALE
Georgian Theatre, 1 Georgian Dr.
www.bravadoshowchoir.com
Bravado! Show Choir, the Bravado Band and the A2D2 Aerial Dance Cirque Company mix music, dance, theatre and circus arts to celebrate the peculiar genius, culture, and characters of the greatest show on earth.

May 4 – 5
BARRIE SPRING ART TOUR
Studios throughout Barrie
www.barriespringarttour.ca
Discover the artistic heart and soul of Barrie, and immerse yourself in unique fine art and contemporary works created by 30 local artists and artisans.

May 4
MESSIAH PLUS
Collier Street United Church, 112 Collier St.
www.kingedwardchoir.ca
The King Edward Choir sings the rich and moving choruses from Parts 2 & 3 of Handel’s Messiah plus works by Puccini, Rachmaninoff, Brahms, Dvorak, and a Gershwin melody.

May 8 – 12
THE WEDDING SINGER
Ferndale Banquet Hall, 24 Ferndale Industrial Dr.
www.kempenfeltplayers.com
Based on the hit Adam Sandler movie, The Wedding Singer takes us back to a time when hair was big, shoulders were padded, and a wedding singer was the coolest guy in the room.

May 13
STARS COME OUT
Georgian Theatre, 1 Georgian Dr.
www.theatrebythebay.com
Stars Come Out is a show packed with song, music, and dance performed by the biggest stars from the most popular shows in Toronto and incredible local acts.

May 24 – 26
BARRIE WATERFRONT FESTIVAL
Centennial Park
www.barriewaterfront.ca
A festival featuring live music and family entertainment, as well as a midway and food for everyone to enjoy.

May 31 – June 2
GEORGIAN COLLEGE AUTO SHOW
Georgian College, 1 Georgian Dr.
www.georgianautoshow.ca
Visit Canada’s largest outdoor new car show to explore the most recent models of over 20 automotive brands in a no-pressure environment.

June – August
LAWN CHAIR LUMINATA
Meridian Place & Heritage Park
www.lawnchairluminata.com
A free summer series offering a diverse range of entertainment every Wednesday evening (weather permitting). The Barrie Thunder Classics showcase their classic and custom cars and trucks, and the Barrie Film Festival presents an awesome line-up of outdoor film screenings. Bring your lawn chair and blankets for an evening under the stars!
June – September
EMERGING MUSICIANS PROGRAM
Various Downtown Locations
www.barrie.ca/StreetPerformers
During the summer months, catch Barrie’s Emerging Musicians busking in a variety of downtown and waterfront locations, as well as at festivals and events.

June 1
CELEBRATE BARRIE
Centennial Park, 65 Lakeshore Dr.
www.barrie.ca/CelebrateBarrie
Barrie’s kick-off to summer featuring live entertainment, heritage village, family activities, community displays, vendor market, and more!

June 1
150 YEARS – LET’S CELEBRATE!
Collier Street United Church, 112 Collier St.
www.barrieconcertband.org
This exciting 150th birthday concert will include several past conductors, including Rick Pauze who will premier his composition commissioned for this special occasion, as well as Mark Tetrault the renowned tuba player.

June 1 – 2
BARRIE NATIVE FRIENDSHIP CENTRE POW WOW
www.barrienfc.ca
Celebrate Indigenous culture at the BNFC’s 30th annual Pow Wow. This year’s theme is “Let’s Honour the Strawberry”.

June 6 - 17
THE KOOL FM BARRIE JAZZ AND BLUES FESTIVAL
www.barriejazzbluesfest.com
Featuring some of the best Canadian and international Jazz and Blues artists performing indoor and outdoor concerts throughout Barrie and area.

June 15
MEC PADDLEFEST
Centennial Park, 65 Lakeshore Dr.
www.mec.ca/paddlefest
Enthusiasts of all skill levels can dive into the world of kayaking, canoeing, and stand-up paddle boarding with test paddles, skills clinics, exhibitors, and a gear swap.

June 16
BARRIE CONCERT BAND
Meridian Place, 65 Dunlop St. E.
www.barrieconcertband.org
An exciting free afternoon concert as part of the Barrie Concert Band’s 150th birthday celebrations.

June 23
KIDS FISHING DAY
Heritage Park, 5 Simcoe St.
www.teachakidtofish.com
The opportunity for kids to experience fishing, learn about conservation, and have lots of fun courtesy of the Kempenfelt Rotary Club.

June 28
MERIDIAN PLACE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
Meridian Place, 65 Dunlop St. E.
www.downtownbarrie.ca
Let’s celebrate the first anniversary of this beautiful public space in the heart of downtown Barrie! Enjoy live music, a cake cutting, greetings from dignitaries, and an evening full of fun.

June 28 – 29
BARRIE AIR SHOW
Waterfront Parks
www.barrie.ca/CanadaDay
The Barrie Air Show returns for two thrilling shows over Kempenfelt Bay featuring the Canadian Forces Snowbirds and the CF-18 Demo Team, as well as aviation-themed activities and military displays.
2019 EVENTS

**June 29 – July 1**
**PROMENADE DAYS**
Dunlop St., Downtown Barrie  
www.downtownbarrie.ca
Barrie's largest street festival featuring live entertainment, midway, street performers, vendor market, patios, food, and fun.

**July 1**
**CANADA DAY FESTIVITIES & FIREWORKS**
Waterfront Parks  
www.barrie.ca/CanadaDay
Celebrate Canada Day with family activities in Heritage Park and entertainment on the Promenade Days Stage. Gather around Barrie's waterfront for the grand finale, a spectacular fireworks display over Kempenfelt Bay at 10pm.

**July 5 – July 7**
**CRAFT BEER & BBQ FESTIVAL**
Heritage Park, 5 Simcoe St.  
www.downtownbarrie.ca
A tasty weekend to tempt your taste buds with a variety of food vendors, craft beer, live entertainment, Celebrity Sauce Cook-off, and ‘Best of’ Awards.

**July 17 – 28**
**THE BOYS FROM BARRIE PROJECT**
Five Points Theatre, 1 Dunlop St. W.  
www.theatrebythebay.com
Continuing Theatre by the Bay’s tradition of new plays about our community, this project focuses on how Barrie was impacted by the Second World War as seen through the perspective of high school students in 2018.

**July 17 – 28**
**CARIBOU CAVE**
Five Points Theatre, 1 Dunlop St. W.  
www.theatrebythebay.com
Travel back to the Stone Age this summer with Theatre by the Bay’s new shadow puppetry show about the extraordinary cave paintings of Lascaux and Chauvet Cave. Young audience members and their parents can open their imagination to the mysteries of our prehistoric past.

**July 19 – August 24**
**LAWN CHAIR LUMINATA – OUTDOOR MUSIC SERIES**
Meridian Place, 65 Dunlop St. E.  
www.downtownbarrie.ca
Head down to Meridian Place Friday evenings and Sunday afternoons to enjoy free live music! Past guests include Juno nominee Donovan Woods and other ultra-talented Canadian musicians.

**July 20**
**BIG SKY MUSIC FESTIVAL**
Burl's Creek Event Grounds, 8th Line (Oro-Medonte)  
www.bigskymusicfestival.ca
Take it back to the good ol’ days with Alabama, Travis Tritt, Diamond Rio, and more as well as a classic car show and craft market.

**July 20**
**CLASSICS IN THE PARK**
Heritage Park, 5 Simcoe St.  
www.barriethunderclassics.ca
Barrie Thunder Classics hosts their annual show featuring over 300 classic and collector cars and trucks along the beautiful backdrop of Kempenfelt Bay.

**August 3 – 4**
**ESSA NATIONAL DRAFT HORSE SHOW**
Essa Agriplex, 7505 10th Line (Thornton)  
www.essaagriplex.ca
Bring your family out for a show featuring the three main draft horse breeds in Canada. Let these gentle giants amaze you with their talent, power, and teamwork.

**August 3 – 5**
**KEMPENFEST**
Waterfront Parks  
www.kempenfest.com
One of the largest outdoor arts festivals featuring over 300 artisans, an antique show, midway, family activities, and an amazing line-up of live music.

**August 8 – 11**
**BOOTS & HEARTS**
Burl's Creek Event Grounds, 8th Line (Oro-Medonte)  
www.bootsandhearts.com
Camp out under the stars and revel in summer with over 30 country music artists.

**August 15 – 18**
**DUSK DANCES BARRIE**
Lampman Lane Park, 59 Lampman Ln.  
www.simcoecontemporarydancers.com
Enjoy a guided tour leading to eclectic, site-specific dance works from acclaimed national and local dance artists.

**August 22 – 25**
**THE BARRIE FAIR**
Essa Agriplex, 7505 10th Line (Thornton)  
www.essaagriplex.ca
The annual fair celebrates local agricultural heritage with livestock and homecraft shows, vendors, truck & tractor pulls, a demolition derby, midway, and live entertainment.

**August 24**
**BARRIE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL**
Heritage Park, 5 Simcoe St.  
www.barriedragonboatfestival.ca
Bring the whole community together for exciting races, kids’ activities, local vendors, beer garden, and live music.
September 21
GAME ON!
Five Points Theatre, 1 Dunlop St. W. and City Hall, 70 Collier St.
www.barrie.ca/Events
Re-live the nostalgia of retro video games from your childhood, try exciting new VR experiences, meet local game developers, compete head-to-head, and browse through vendors. Game on!

September 21
COMIC CON
Barrie Public Library, 60 Worsley St.
www.barrielibrary.ca
Dust off your superhero cape! BPL Comic Con showcases pop culture in Barrie, featuring local vendors, cosplayers, fan meetups, workshops, face painting, games, artist alley, and more.

September 26 – 29
CARNegie DAYS
Maclaren Art Centre, 37 Mulcaster St.
www.maclarenart.com
Explore the role language plays in contemporary art with special exhibitions, public art projects, performances, readings and artist talks, screenings, guided tours, and hands-on workshops for families.

September 27 – 29
CULTURE DAYS
Multiple Venues
www.barrie.ca/culturedays
A nation-wide celebration featuring activities and performances that inspire and celebrate the artistry, creativity, and expression that reflects the mosaic of Canadian culture.

September 28
THE CHORDSMEN IN CONCERT
Hi-Way Church, 50 Anne St. N.
www.barriecountychordsmen.com
The Chordsmen have been thrilling audiences in Simcoe County for over 40 years with 4-part harmony singing in the Barbershop style. With special guests “Young Guns” from Toronto this will be a must-see show!

October
DOWNTOWN BARRIE TASTING TRAIL
www.downtownbarrie.ca
Purchase a passport, follow the trail, and sample some of the incredible food and drink options in downtown Barrie’s restaurants, cafes, and shops on Saturdays.

October 11 – 14
IMAGES STUDIO TOUR
Studios throughout Simcoe County
www.images-studio-tour.com
Enjoy the fall colour on a self-guided tour that takes you to the studios of some of the finest artisans and craftspeople in the area. Meet over 30 artists and enjoy one-of-a-kind shopping.

October 15
VETERANS’ SALUTE
Barrie Legion 147, 410 St. Vincent St.
www.barriecountyband.org
Join the Barrie Concert Band for a musical tribute to the veterans of the Canadian Forces and to those currently serving abroad or at home. Followed by the Skyliners’ Big Band.

October 18 – 27
BARRIE FILM FESTIVAL
Uptown Theater, 55 Dunlop St. W.
www.barriefilmfestival.ca
A film lover’s delight. Experience extraordinary films from Canada and around the world. Includes guest speakers, parties, and international short film competition. BFF - your best friend for film!

November 1 – 3
CHRISTMAS ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW
Barrie Molson Centre, 555 Bayview Dr.
www.areaproductions.com
Kick-off your holiday shopping with over 140 arts and crafts vendors.

November 8 – 10
MADAGASCAR: A MUSICAL ADVENTURE JR
Georgian College, 1 Georgian Dr.
www.kempenfeltplayers.com
Based on the smash DreamWorks animated film, follow your favourite friends from New York’s Central Park Zoo on an unexpected journey to the madcap world of King Julien’s Madagascar.

November 11
REMEMBRANCE DAY
Memorial Square, 65 Dunlop St. E.
Annual parade and ceremony at Barrie’s Cenotaph to honour the sacrifices made by those in military service, past and present.
2019 EVENTS

November 16
TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION
Meridian Place, 65 Dunlop St. E.
www.downtownbarrie.ca
Kick-off the holiday season with this annual community tradition featuring live music, face painting, hot chocolate, a visit from Santa, and a fantastic fireworks show.

November 16
SANTA CLAUS PARADE
Downtown Streets
www.barriechamber.com
Welcome Santa at Barrie’s annual night parade! Enjoy music and illuminated floats as they make their way through downtown Barrie.

November 16 – December 31
NOËLLA FESTIVAL
www.downtownbarrie.ca
The holiday season comes alive in Downtown Barrie! Grab a hot cocoa, take in the festive window displays and the lights, or go skating at the City Hall Ice Rink. Shop downtown during #HollyDays and earn entries to win a special prize package. End the season with a big bang at the Downtown Countdown at City Hall.

November 16 – February 2020
WINTER LIGHTS DISPLAY
Heritage Park, 5 Simcoe St.
A spectacular display of lights to celebrate the winter season presented by the Rotary Club of Barrie.

November 29 - 30
COMFORT & JOY
Collier Street United Church, 112 Collier St.
www.bravadoshowchoir.com
Inspired by comfy jammies and fireside singalongs, Bravado! Show Choir takes you on a peaceful musical journey celebrating the warmth, memories and relaxing side of Christmas.

November & December
CHRISTMAS MARKET & TREE LOT
Meridian Place, 65 Dunlop St. E.
www.downtownbarrie.ca
Get ready for the holiday season on Saturdays in Downtown Barrie! Featuring Christmas trees and wreaths available for purchase with a portion of the proceeds supporting community organizations.

December 7
BARRIE CONCERT BAND CHRISTMAS
Collier Street United Church, 112 Collier St.
www.barrieconcertband.org
Join the Barrie Concert Band for holiday songs new and old, as well as a Christmas carol sing-a-long.

December 14
KING EDWARD CHOIR CHRISTMAS
Collier Street United Church, 112 Collier St.
www.kingedwardchoir.ca
Enjoy songs of the season and a traditional sing-a-long.

December 31
DOWNTOWN COUNTDOWN
City Hall, 70 Collier St.
www.barrie.ca/Downtown Countdown
Barrie's annual New Year’s Eve celebration featuring live music, fireworks, and activities for kids. Come ring in 2020 in downtown Barrie!

2020 EVENTS

January 30 – February 2, 2020
THE FEBRUARY BLUES FESTIVAL
www.barriejazzbluesfest.com
Shake off cabin fever with Jazz and Blues music performed by some of Canada’s most brilliant artists in venues throughout Barrie and area.

February 2020
#HOTCOCOA TRAIL
www.downtownbarrie.ca
Warm up on a chilly day with a variety of unique hot chocolates featured at participating downtown cafes, eateries, and shops on weekends.

February 1 – 2, 2020
BARRIE WINTERFEST
Heritage Park, 5 Simcoe St. & venues throughout Barrie
www.barrie.ca/winterfest
Grab your mittens and celebrate winter! Outdoor and indoor fun including spectacular ice and snow sculptures, lumberjack shows, polar bear dip, pancake breakfast, family entertainment, and much more.

February 6 – 16, 2020
MAMMA MIA!
Georgian Theatre, 1 Georgian Dr.
www.kempenfeltplayers.com
A mother, a daughter, three possible dads, and a trip down the aisle you’ll never forget! The story-telling magic of ABBA's timeless songs propels this enchanting tale of love, laughter, and friendship.

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February 15, 2020
ICE FISHING TOURNAMENT
Southshore Centre, 205 Lakeshore Dr.
www.icefishingbarrie.ca
A fun-filled tournament hosted by the Simcoe County Home Builders Association with proceeds going to local charities.

February 20 – 23, 2020
REEL STORIES
Uptown Theater, 55 Dunlop St. W.
www.barriefilmfestival.ca
A thought-provoking weekend festival of documentary and feature films from Canada and around the world that are inspired by real people and true events.
Barrie is home to a variety of exciting community events, festivals, and cultural activities throughout the year.

These cultural opportunities continue to grow each year with new concerts, theatre performances, sporting events, artisan markets, art exhibits, gaming events and many other family-friendly activities. Residents and visitors can look forward to expanded programming at the newly renovated Meridian Place and Memorial Square. Located in the heart of downtown Barrie, this multi-use public square connects with our beautiful waterfront and will host unique outdoor performances and events that are sure to inspire and entertain.

The diverse range of special events and activities adds tremendously to the wonderful quality of life that is enjoyed in Barrie; enhancing and celebrating our culture, showcasing our beautiful waterfront and downtown, encouraging recreation and tourism, and providing economic benefits to local businesses and community organizations.

Enjoy all that our city has to offer, and join the celebration!

Sincerely,

Jeff Lehman, Mayor