

Hamilton War of 1812 Bicentennial
SIGNATURE EVENT: Canadian International Military Tattoo

Historical Background

The Canadian International Military Tattoo is an annual event celebrating Canada's rich cultural heritage of "Connecting Canadians to Their Military through Music." The Tattoo is based on an ancient military tradition of stirring music, dancing, pipes & drums and military displays.

Celebrating the music and pageantry of Canada's military tradition with the mass marching bands, pipes and drums, the Canadian International Military Tattoo is the most exciting military tattoo show west of Halifax. With over 450 of the world's finest military and civilian performers, no other community in Ontario mounts such a signature event. The Tattoo provides a unique opportunity for our local military units to showcase their talents and history. It enhances the connection between the units and the broader community; it honours the virtues and pride of military service in general and the sacrifice of Canadians who have fallen in Canada's wars.

2013 Tattoo Themes

- Dedicated to memory of Colonel The Honourable Lincoln Alexander, PC, CC, CD, QC who has served as Honourary Patron of the Tattoo since its inception in 1992
- "IT HAPPENED HERE, IT'S HAPPENING HERE" theme featuring a commemoration of the Bicentennial of the Battle of Stoney Creek
- Commemorating the 60th Anniversary of the signing of the Armistice to end the Korean War
- Commemorating the 70th Anniversary of Operation Husky - the Invasion of Sicily which was the start of the Allies assault on German occupied Europe.

Quick Facts

- 22nd Anniversary of the Tattoo in 2013
- Volunteer-run, not-for-profit organization
- The Tattoo showcases international, national and local performers, both military and civilian, including pipes and drums, military and brass bands, dancers, and military drill teams and demonstrations
- Draws visitors and performers world-wide, but especially Ontario, Quebec and the United States

- The Tattoo has won numerous local, provincial and national awards and distinctions as one of the premier festivals and events in Hamilton.
- Special school children educational performance at Copps on Friday, June 7.

2013 Performers

The following performers have been invited to the 2013 Tattoo. Please note that the list below is subject to change as some performing acts invited have yet to be confirmed:

INTERNATIONAL PERFORMERS:

- Military Wives Choir (Colchester, England)
- Corps of Drums of the Royal Anglian Regiment (England) (TBC)
- Minden Band, British Army (England) (TBC)
- 8th Regiment Band (Rome, Georgia)

GUEST PERFORMERS:

- The Tattoo Dancers
- The Korean Dance Studies Society - Mi Young Kim Dance Company – North York
- 13th Regiment of Foot Reenactors
- 1812-1814 Crown Forces Reenactors
- Danielle Bourre, Singer
- Liam McGlashon – The Fiddle Kid

CANADIAN BANDS:

- 48th Highlanders of Canada Pipes and Drums
- The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders of Canada (Princess Louise's) Pipes and Drums
- The Dundas Pipes and Drums
- The Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Regiment) Pipes and Drums
- The Military Band of the Ceremonial Guard (TBC)
- The Pipes and Drums of the Ceremonial Guard (TBC)
- The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry Military Band
- The Royal Regiment of Canada Military Band
- The Windsor Regiment (RCAC) Military Band (TBC)
- Cadet Band – Winner of Regional Competition

Event Information

Site: Copps Coliseum
Date: Saturday, June 8, 2013 and Sunday, June 9, 2013
Time: Saturday – 7:30pm; Sunday – 2:30pm
Ages: All
Cost: See website. Variety of ticketing pricing available
Contact: For ticket information:
905-523-1753 or 1-800-523-1753
info@canadianmilitarytattoo.ca

1812 Hamilton Signature Events Series

- Re-enactment of the Battle of Stoney Creek (June 1-2, 2013)
- Canadian International Military Tattoo (June 8-9, 2013)
- TALL SHIPS® Hamilton (June 28-30, 2013)
- *Hamilton & Scourge* Memorial (September 4 and 21, 2013)

More Information

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