

AUGUST 12-13, 2022 | Celebration Square | Mississauga, ON

## MISSISSAUGA ITALFEST

CELEBRATING ITALIAN HERITAGE





### Mississauga's Premier Festival

Mississauga ITALFEST is Mississauga's first and premier Italian festival. Named one of the Top 100 Festivals & Events in Ontario, since its inaugural year. ITALFEST takes place annually in August and is a free event celebrating the beauty of Italian heritage and culture.

Featuring delicious food and crafts from a variety vendors and artisans, cultural and family-oriented activities, entertainment from local and international talent, a thriving "mercato" (market) and more. The festival spotlights a community rich in heritage, entertainment. Food, family fun and diversity in Ontario.

"Mississauga is proud to be home to a vibrant Italian community who have helped build Mississauga into the world-class city it is today."

— Mayor Bonnie Crombie, City of Mississauga



#### AN EPICENTER OF ITALIAN CULTURE

CELEBRATING CENTURIES OF TRADTION



#### Heritage

A celebration of culture with traditional dance performances, bocce and scopa tournaments, soccer challenges, displays of art and historical piece and a tribute to the featured Region.



#### Entertainment

Live concerts by legendary Italian artists direct from Italy. Performances from local and emerging Italo-Canadian talent, and a variety of family entertainment for all ages to enjoy.



#### Culinary

Culinary experts, celebrity Chefs live cooking, food demos, pasta and watermelon eating contests, and a variety of incredible vendors of authentic Italian and International selection.



#### **Artisans**

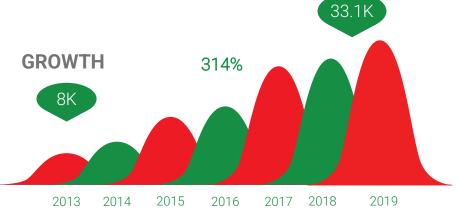
A thriving marketplace of independent local vendors displaying merchandise, creations and crafts. From jewelry to pottery, clothing to framed prints, and popular services.



#### **ATTRACTING OVER 33,100+ ATTENDEES**

FROM MISSISSAUGA, THROUGHOUT ONTARIO AND ACROSS CANADA & USA





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#### **MISSISSAUGA ITALFEST COVID 2020-2021 STATS**

#### A Virtual Taste of Mississauga Italfest

Facebook – 39,750 Views; 88,748 People Reached; 6,815 Engagements From those views, 93.6% were from Canada, 1.2% were from the USA and 1.4% from Italy. YouTube – 573 Views

#### **Ferragosto Picnic**

YouTube – 87 Views

#### Italian Heritage Month – Flag Raising (English and Italian)

YouTube - Total of 104 Views

Facebook – 883 People Reached, 211 Engagements

#### **Website Stats**

In 2019, our last live festival we had 51,000 page views to the website. During Covid in 2020 and 2021 we were happy to realize over 20,000 page views.



## | ENGAGING THE COMMUNITY

ONLINE AND THROUGH SOCIAL MEDIA



FACEBOOK /mississaugalTALFEST



TWITTER

@MissITALFEST



INSTAGRAM mississaugaitalfest

In 2019's live festival, our social networks increased 18%, represented by an 8% growth on Facebook, 7% growth on Twitter and 75% growth on Instagram. In the months leading up to the event, our website traffic generated more than 51,000 pageviews while marketing and media efforts resulted in more than 8.1M impressions. Our 2021 Virtual Taste Of Mississauga Italfest saw a significant 50% increase of Facebook engagement, the most popular choice to view the production.



# A TASTE OF FOOD, WINE, ART & HERITAGE EXPERIENCE SOME OF ITALY'S FINEST IN THE HEART OF MISSISSAUGA



























## **ENTERTAINMENT FROM INTERNATIONAL TALENT**

AND LOCAL EMERGING ARTISTS





## PAST PERFORMERS & ENTERTAINERS INCLUDE:

I Santo California

Bobby Solo

Flag Throwers of Faenza

I Cugini di Campagna

Sandro Giacobbe

Frank Spadone

Rosina Parmiggiano

Guido Grasso

Charles Di Raimondo

Viva Trio

DJ Danny D

Mary Panacci

Frankie Cole and The Four Wanderers

Victoria Fragomeni

Marcello Colasurdo

Fred D'Angelo

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## **EXCITING EVENTS & INTERACTIVE ACTIVITIES**

COMPETITIVE AND RECREATIONAL FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

BOCCE & SCOPA TOURNAMENTS

YOUTH SOCCER CHALLENGE

DANCERS

HERITAGE & CULTURAL CENTRE













**COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS** 

PASTA & WATERMELON EATING CONTESTS

KIDS PIZZA MAKING WORKSHOP

**KIDS ZONE** 









## **ALWAYS IN GOOD COMPANY**

JUDGING BY SOME OF THE SPONSORS, COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND FRIENDS WE KEEP































































## **WHAT THEY ARE SAYING**

A FEW WORDS FROM OUR BIGGEST SUPPORTERS



Mississauga ITALFEST is a highly anticipated festival, a jewel in our city's line up of premier events throughout the summer and one that I am extremely proud to support.

BONNIE CROMBIE
MAYOR, CITY OF MISSISSAUGA



Mississauga ITALFEST is an outstanding event. It is a valuable contribution to the city of Mississauga and is enjoyed by all who attend, regardless of age or ethnicity.

LENNY LOMBARDI
PRESIDENT, CHIN RADIO/TV
INTERNATIONAL







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