

Cape Breton Fall Bandfest 2023 Registration is now open!!

The 2023 Cape Breton BandFest will be held October 20-22nd, 2023 at the Victoria Park Armouries, in Sydney! For those of you who have not been to a bandfest before it is a great weekend of music and fun activities with people from all over the Maritimes and beyond. We begin on Friday evening and finish up at about 3 pm on Sunday with a free concert for the public.

We have two levels of bands....one for novice or 'rusty' musicians and another band for players who are more experienced. Both bands are made up of community band/ orchestra members who enjoy playing, learning and having fun with other like-minded folk.

Our awesome conductors for the weekend include our usual favourites, Rowan FitzGerald and Andrew Alcorn. We are also delighted to have Lauri Gorman join our conducting team. Lauri is a retired music educator and recent award winning band director from NSBA and MSMEA.

Accommodations are readily available in the area. There are two hotels within a 10-15 minute walk of Victoria Park. They are the Simon Hotel (formerly Cambridge Suites) and Holiday Inn. We have block booked rooms at discounted rates for our BandFest. The discounted rate for the Simon Hotel is \$169.00 plus tax and for Holiday Inn it is \$159.00 plus tax. Another very nice hotel is the Hampton Inn which is \$189.00 plus tax. There are several cheaper hotels and a number of B&B's in the area.

We will be having a pizza social Friday evening and a more 'lively' social Saturday evening.

The cost for the weekend is \$100.00 for adults, \$75.00 for an additional family member, and students are free.

However most of you have already paid as you had us hold your registration from last year when we had to cancel due to tropical storm Fiona. The music will be the same as was planned for last year and thus you already have it.

We are requesting that everyone complete the registration process for this year, even if you were registered last year. The process is very simple.

To register just send the following information to me at buffettelizabeth@gmail.com

- Name
- If you were registered for last year and did not have a refund
- Email address
- Phone number
- Instrument (s)
- Level of band you wish to be part of
- Band(s)/ groups(s) you are a part of
- Plans to participate in the two socials

When I receive this information, I will send you the information on how to send the registration money, if necessary. I will also send your name to our music librarian if you do not have your music.

If you have any questions please contact me

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