

IJBF Volunteer Newsletter ●



The 17th Annual *Harvest Jazz and Blues Festival* is coming!

● *And we need your help...*

2007 is the "Year of the Volunteer" and we want it to be the best time yet! Each and every year, over 800 individuals embark on an adventure in downtown Fredericton, to make the Festival a great time! Without the enthusiasm and dedication of the volunteers, this event would certainly not be the success that it is!

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Information will soon be available on our website. Keep checking www.harvestjazzandblues.com for updates!

MUSIC NEWS from Brent Staeben

This is going to be another huge year if you're a music fan in Fredericton and for our visiting guests. Harvest moves to the next level of evolution this year as we feature a variety of international musical talent, music legends, emerging Canadian talent and the best of Maritime and local jazz, blues and related acts.

The big 5 acts this year included Rock n Roll icon Dr. John - the New Orleans legend - aka Duke Elegant and the Night Tripper, a part of music history. He's joined by Arturo Sandoval, the great Cuban-American Latin jazz trumpeter, mentored by Dizzy Gillespie, contemporary of Tito Puente and Harvest's first ever international jazz star.

Allman Brothers guitarist and the hardest working man in rock n roll, Warren Haynes brings his indelible guitar playing to Harvest this year, and along with him a legion of dedicated fans who have been ringing our phone off the hook already for tickets. This is a show that all volunteers will welcome but one that the organization will need to be prepared for in a new way - it's a big show and with it will come new challenges and a lot of responsibility to our patrons and the community. We'll be ready!

Canadian jazz diva, Molly Johnson, has crossed over to mainstream radio, as you'll often hear on 106.9 Capital FM and CBC. The smoky, sultry Johnson is a one-of-kind performer who'll grace the Playhouse for 2 shows this September. Lastly, no one is hotter in Canadian music than DJ Champion and his G Strings. This Montreal DJ is fusing electronica and techno to create some of catchiest new beats in music today. He'll be bringing his growing worldwide reputation and wild stage show to Harvest this year.

Overall, we've got more artists than ever this year and you'll be hearing all about them over the coming months.

HJBF Board of Directors Presents.....
Festival Chairperson.....KEVIN CORMIER

Well we're a little under 3 months away from putting on Fredericton's biggest, New Brunswick's finest and Atlantic Canada's most happening festival! Some of you have been busy since last year's festival, planning, strategizing, recruiting and creating our 17th edition, others have been recuperating from a huge effort from last year and are starting to come out of the wood work to do it all again. I want you to know that it is much appreciated. This event would not be possible without the energy, thought and direction of people like you from our own community, a community that comes alive for 5 unforgettable days in September.

This year is the Year of the Volunteer for this organization. That's right, we're focusing on you, your efforts and your experiences. Volunteers are the reason for the success of this event and the real soul of our organization. So, the volunteer committee is putting much of their effort to making sure you're up to speed, motivated and eager to get involved. This newsletter is a reflection of that effort, a way to communicate the direction and messages coming from of the organizing committee to keep you up to speed and share experiences.

The theme for this newsletter is volunteer experiences. As for my best festival experience; that's a tough one. What keeps me involved with Harvest is each festival looking out into the crowd in any tent, from any stage, on any street and seeing the looks on people's faces as they take in the festival experience. It's feeling the energy that thousands of people downtown generate. The festival is more than fantastic music

(I know it's hard to believe), it's enjoying our city the way we would hope people visiting would enjoy it. It's an opportunity to take in what we as, a community, have to offer - and man is it good. Frederictonians become energized with a buzz that takes days to come down from. That's what makes a year's worth of planning all seem worth it.

Enjoy the next 3 or so months, put in what you hope to get out of it, and most of all have fun doing it.

Thanks,
Kevin Cormier

*Sign up to Volunteer for a chance to attend an Exclusive **COLIN JAMES** show after the festival!*

You won't want to miss out!

My Harvest Memorable Moment

Submitted by a longstanding Harvest volunteer

As I was signing in volunteers to work the Blues Tent one year, a young, dusty and energetic backpacker approached me to ask what all the excitement was about. I learned he was from the West, and seeing Canada for the first time. He asked if he could volunteer, and I signed him up on the spot (before VMS days!).

Not only did he volunteer every night, found him a back yard of a generous Festival-goer where he could pitch his tent and crash for the week. Instead of a tent, however, he was invited inside the home to enjoy some fine Fredericton hospitality.

Every time that I met him during the week, he was a smiling and appreciative volunteer, overwhelmed by the warmth, hospitality, great music and new friends he discovered in this part of Canada.

MEET THE CHAIRS!



Alycia Morehouse & Reegan Fitzpatrick

The 2007 Volunteer Committee has two new Chairs! -

Alycia Morehouse & Reegan Fitzpatrick

Alycia and Reegan are teaming up to ensure that the 2007 volunteer experience is the best ever!

Alycia joins us from the City of Fredericton, where she works on special projects, and event planning.

Reegan, who is also the Chair of Relay for life, works at Skillsoft, as a Support Team Leader.

Both of these women are looking forward to the Festival experience, and as brand new members to the Event Delivery team, are excited to start fresh and create a welcoming and fun environment for the volunteers!