



WINTER NEWSLETTER - 2018

45th ANNUAL Music Festival - August 3rd - 5th

“... You’d think I could find a way to let you know somehow, that I want to see your smiling face 45 years from now...”

Stan Rogers thought so, but way back then did we think we’d still be greeting smiling faces forty-five years later? Welcome to the 2018 Winter Newsletter with news about how to stay in touch on the Blue Skies Mailing List, how to help out with accessibility issues at Blue Skies, how to take part all year long in spreading Blue Skies magic with Blue Skies in the Community, how to win tickets by designing the 2018 Blue Skies Music Festival t-shirt, and how to share your knowledge and enthusiasm by presenting Holistic, Teen or Kids Area workshops. Forty-five years of Blue Skies! How are you going to celebrate?



The Blue Skies Mailing List

What is the Blue Skies Mailing List?

The Mailing List is a database of all of the people who will receive a 2018 ticket request form when they are mailed out in March.

How do I know if I'm on the Blue Skies Mailing List?

Everyone on the mailing list receives an email from Blue Skies at the end of January and is asked to indicate if they want to remain on the list, drop off the list or update their contact information.

I'm new to Blue Skies. How do I get on the Blue Skies Mailing List?

Come to Blue Skies on a Day Pass and write your contact information in the big white Blue Skies Mailing List Binder. That's all there is to it! Hope to see you in August! You can purchase Day Passes on this Blue Skies web site on the Day Pass page up until August 1st or at one of ticket outlets listed there from July 1st until August 5th. You can also sign up by sending your email and snail mail addresses to blueskiesmaillist@gmail.com.



Accessibility is an important issue for us

We have been thinking a lot about barriers that people with disabilities might encounter at Blue Skies. We are working on ways we can be more inclusive, transparent and helpful. So far we have created an accessibility coordinator position, an accessibility policy, encouraged all our Hats, KVs and volunteers to participate in learning more about accessibility issues and created an email address for people to share questions and feedback.

How could you help?

Help me collect blueskies'ers experiences using accessible facilities at the festival! I would love to hear if you have experience using the accessible camping area or parking. What was good, not so good? Also, if you have ideas on how we can expand our learning. Email us at accessibility@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca



Blue Skies in the Community

Making Music Happen

The BSIC committee is a dedicated group of volunteers who work year round to bring live music into the community. A little Blue Skies magic for everyone! We support live musical activities for children and adults.

Want to bring a musical project to your school or community but don't know where to start? Our Community Granting Program can support up to 50% of the costs of a project. The application is on our website at www.blueskies-in-the-community.ca. We also offer music lesson bursaries, an instrument lending program and our lending library of choral music.

Blue Skies Arts Camp for children ages 7 – 13

Registration begins **April 1, 2018**

Mark your calendars! Blue Skies Arts Camp, for children ages 7 – 13, will run from Monday, July 23rd to Friday, July 27th, 2018.

This year's fee is \$250.00.

Registration begins April 1st online at www.blueskies-in-the-community.ca.

The process is quick and simple.



Adult Music Camp

Maybe, just maybe, an Adult Music Camp on site! More news soon!

Blue Skies Fiddle Orchestra



The Blue Skies Fiddle Orchestra offers an exciting program at every skill level and sponsors special events for community and members alike.

Director Cindy McCall continues to amaze us all with her enthusiasm and innovative ideas.

Donations gratefully received to continue our work.

T-Shirt Design Contest

Submission Deadline: February 16th, 2018

Would you love to have your design featured on the 2018 Blue Skies T-shirt? Get out your pencils, markers, computer or whichever medium you feel most creative with and design a contender for the 2018 T-shirt. The contest winner will receive 2 free weekend camping passes to the 2018 Blue Skies Music Festival! A number of runners-up will have their designs published in the 2018 Blue Skies program. Please make sure your name and contact info is on the back of the submission.

To be a winner your design should:

- refer to music! It is a music festival after all
- give a sense of Blue Skies' unique atmosphere
- actually state "Blue Skies Music Festival, 2018"
- be submitted in colour (up to 3 colours in addition to the T-shirt colour)
- avoid a large area of material that is completely coloured in
- avoid a lot of broken lines or shading - this is difficult to print on a shirt

Please note: if you want to retain the original copy of your design, please submit a colour photocopy. Write your name in pencil on the back of the design.

**Please submit
a Maximum
of 3 designs.**

Blue Skies Music Festival
T-Shirt Design Contest
PO Box 216 KINGSTON, ON K7L 4V8



Photo by Tom Dowdall

To submit electronically: tshirtdesign@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca

Remember – The Deadline is **February 16th, 2018**



Kids Area workshops

Application Deadline: Friday, February 16th, 2018

Kids and teens of all ages come to explore the arts, whether it's to listen to music, to create some wonderful crafts, to learn new skills or just to meet some new friends. We provide a wide range of activities so that everyone finds something they will enjoy. If you love to share your talents with others, please consider proposing a Kids and/or Teen Workshop.



Back again - Teen Workshops

We will be offering some Teen Workshops for those who are ready to move on from the Kids Area, or have been gone for a while, and for those who are not ready to join the adult Holistic workshops. We envision an array of opportunities from henna, to acro, poi, T-shirt redesign, and learning songs to play around the campfire. The possibilities are endless!

Kids and Holistic areas are working closely together to share workshop topics and presenters again this year. Teens, Kids and Holistic presenters will be asked to present two different workshops on either Saturday or Sunday, or the same or similar workshops in both the Holistic, Teen and/or Kids' areas on the same or different days. Send all your fun, innovative Kids and Teen proposals to kids@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca.

Please include:

- a description of your workshop(s) and the target age group(s)
- if you intend to present your workshop with a co-presenter
- a short write up to be printed in the program (for each workshop)
- whether you would prefer to present 2 different workshops in the same or different areas OR a similar workshop in 2 different areas
- your mailing address, email address and phone number
- the number of immediate family members (partner, kids) that you will require tickets for, as well as those of you fellow presenter (if you have one)



Application Deadline: Friday, February 16th, 2018

Successful proposals will be contacted in early March.

Please keep in mind we have no running water or electricity in the Kids area.

If my application is accepted, I understand that, as a workshop provider, (even if I am presenting two different workshops or the same workshop twice), I will receive only one preselected Blue Skies Camping Pass order form. I will use this form to order and pay for all tickets required by me and my co-presenter (if I have a co-presenter). My personal ticket will be free. Children 12 and under are free. For example, my order may look like this: 1 free presenter, 1 spouse or partner or support person, 1 co-presenter, 1 co-presenter spouse or partner or support person = 4 camping passes, three of which I will pay for. My children 12 and under are free.

Holistic Workshops

Application Deadline: Friday, February 16, 2018



Holistic workshops are a wonderful part of the Blue Skies experience. They can introduce us to different ways of looking at ourselves and the world, and whet our appetite to know more and do more. We are eager to hear your creative ideas for this year's program.

Have you got a talent, passion or area of expertise that you would like share? Have you wanted to lead a workshop at the Festival? This may be your opportunity!

We welcome proposals for Blue Skies 2018 in the following areas:

- The Arts -- music, dance, visual, writing, and dramatic
- Sustainable Living and the Environment
- Peace, Justice and the Human Condition
- Wellness and Healing: physical, emotional, mental, family and relationships, communication
- Crafts - creating beauty with our hands

Are you a Registered Massage Therapist interested in volunteering?

Please contact Michelle at holistic@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca

To apply to be a Holistic Workshop Presenter, please complete and send in the information requested on the Holistic Workshop Application that follows on the very next page ...

Successful proposals will be contacted in early March.

Submit to: holistic@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca

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Holistic Workshop Application

Please complete **ALL** of the following sections below and submit the information electronically to holistic@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca. **Deadline: Friday, February 16, 2018.**

- 1. Title of the Workshop(s):** As it would appear in the Blue Skies Program
- 2. Detailed Description of the Workshop(s):**
 - What are your goals?
 - What can workshop participants expect to do and/or take away from your workshop?
 - If you are looking to have the cost of your supplies reimbursed, please detail estimated materials and costs.
 - Please provide enough information so those reading the proposal have a clear picture of exactly what you and the participants will be doing in the workshop.
- 3. Summary of Workshop** (50 words max) As you would like it to appear in the Program
- 4. Can you see your workshop being presented:**
 - a. Both Saturday and Sunday for any age group in any given workshop location?
 - b. Only at a certain time(s), area(s) or level of skill/understanding/age
 - c. One time only in a specific area or time
- 5. Workshop Presenter Contact Information:**

Presenter: FIRST and LAST Name
Phone Number: Email Address:
Snail Mail Address:
- 6. Co-presenter** (if applicable)

Co-presenter: FIRST and LAST Name
Email Address:
Please clarify reasons why you require a co-presenter (maximum one paragraph)

