



November 8, 2008 – January 5, 2009

2008 EVENT SCHEDULE

ON-GOING EVENTS

November 8 - December 20, 2008

NIAGARA FALLS GRAND DINNER THEATRE PRESENTS "GREETINGS"

Edgewater, Queen Victoria Place (6345 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls)

Matinee Performances: 12 PM Doors Open; 2 PM Show Begins (closed Mondays)

Evening Performances: 6 PM Doors Open; 8 PM Show Begins (closed Mondays)

"Tom Dudzick's *Greetings* is a very funny, 'boy brings fiancée home at Christmas' story. It is a warm, hilarious, touching and endearing look at one family's very own Christmas miracle." - *The New Yorker*. The show includes a plated three-course menu, which includes a seasonal soup, a choice of three delicious entrees, dessert, plus tea, coffee or soft drinks. Contact: 1-866-845-7469 or diane@niagarafallsgranddinnertheatre.com.

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GREG FREWIN PRESENTS "BEYOND BELIEF MAGIC"

Greg Frewin Theatre (5781 Ellen Ave., Niagara Falls)

Matinee Performances: 3 PM (Dec. 6, 13, 20, 27 - 30)

Evening Performances: 8 PM (Nov. 8, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 19, 22, 24, 26, 28, 29, Dec. 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15, 17, 19, 20, 22, 23, 27 - 30, Jan 2, 3)

Experience the mystery and art of illusion starring Greg Frewin, International Grand Champion of Magic and featuring spectacular appearances by our rare and majestic tigers and exotic birds. Prepare to be entertained and amazed "Beyond Belief". After the show have your picture taken with one of our Tigers (additional cost). Contact: 1-866-779-8778 or 905-356-0777 (local) or tickets@gregfrewintheatre.com. Visit www.gregfrewintheatre.com for further details.

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ILLUMINATION OF NIAGARA FALLS

5 PM – 12 AM

The spectacular Niagara Falls will be illuminated every night during the Winter Festival of Lights from 5:00 pm to midnight. Come see the mighty falls in all its wintry glory. Makes for fantastic photo opportunities!

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A FESTIVAL OF WINTER COLOURS

Niagara Parks Floral Showhouse (Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls)

9:30 AM – 5 PM (extended to 7:30 PM in December)

Discover traditional red, white and pink Poinsettias as well as Cyclamen, Azaleas, Christmas Cactus and Paperwhite Narcissus. Visit www.niagaraparks.com for further details.

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SHEDDING LIGHT ON OUR HISTORY

Willoughby Historical Museum, (9935 Niagara Parkway, Niagara Falls)

Daily After Dusk

Don't just stop at Dufferin Islands! Continue through Chippawa to see the Willoughby Historical Museum as it glows through the night with holiday spirit. The historic 1916 schoolhouse and giant, turn of the century logging wheels are features of the lighting display. Contact: 905 295-4036 or whmuseum@niagarafalls.ca. Visit www.niagarafallsmuseum.ca for further details.

November 12 - December 31, 2008

THE FARNDALE CHRISTMAS CAROL

Oh Canada EH? Dinner Show Log Cabin (8585 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls)

Evening Performances (Thurs. – Sat.): 6:15 PM (Dinner & Show)

Matinee Performances (Sun.): 1:30 PM (Show Only)

Tired of the same old thing for the holidays? This is a hilarious play-within-a-play that's sure to be the comic hit of the season! It's the story of a group of aspiring lady actresses who put on their endearing version of the Dickens Christmas classic. Contact: 1-800-467-2071 or info@ohcanadaeh.com. For further details, visit www.ohcanadaeh.com.

November 15 - 30, 2008 (excluding Nov. 25 & 26)

SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS: A MAGICAL CELEBRATION

Avalon Ballroom, Fallsview Casino Resort (6380 Fallsview Boulevard, Niagara Falls)

Sunday Showtimes: 3 PM & 7 PM

Monday - Thursday Showtimes: 3 PM & 8:30 PM

Friday - Saturday Showtimes: 3 PM & 9 PM

The Spirit of Christmas comes alive as we present your favourite holiday carols, along with a glittering cast of singers and dancers, gorgeous costumes and the highest kicking chorus-line this side of the North Pole. Contact: 1-877-777-9178.

December 1 - January 3, 2009

DISNEY'S® BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

Niagara Centre for the Performing Arts (4700 Epworth Circle, Niagara Falls)

Mon – Fri: 11 AM; Fri: 8 PM; Sat: 2 PM & 8 PM (subject to change)

The classic love story of Belle, a young woman in a small town, and the Beast, who is really a prince trapped in a spell placed on him by an enchantress. This world-class performance rivals any Broadway production you may have seen and is sure to enthrall. Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 x. 40.

December 5 - January 10, 2009

CATS: THE BROADWAY MUSICAL

Seneca Theatre (Queen Street, Niagara Falls)

Fri – Sat: 8 PM; Sat: 2 PM (subject to change)

This award-winning musical transformed theatre and introduced audiences to a whole new type of theatrical event, shattering box office records. CATS continues to thrill audiences with a magical mix of song, dance, costume and sheer artistry! Contact: 1-877-990-7529 or info@gypsytheatre.com. Visit www.gypsytheatre.com for further details.

December 15 - January 3, 2009

SEUSSICAL™ Featuring CAT IN THE HAT & HORTON HEARS A WHO

Sheraton on the Falls Theatre (5675 Falls Avenue, Niagara Falls)

December 15 – 19: 11 AM

December 21, 26 – 28, January 1 & 3: 2 PM

December 17 – 19, 21 – 23, 26 & 27, 29 – 31, January 2 & 3: 8 PM

Experience the magnificent stage production of Seussical. Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 x. 40.

FIREWORKS OVER THE FALLS

Supported by the Casino Cares Foundation

Watch as spectacular fireworks light up the sky over the falls. Enjoy the shows from the comfort of your hotel's dining room, stay in for a romantic "room service" dinner, view them from one of many great spots within the Fallsview Casino Resort or enjoy them up-close from Table Rock or other fantastic points within the Niagara Parks. Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 x. 26.

Saturday, November 8, 2008 * 6:15 & 8 PM (approximate)

Friday, November 14, 2008 * 9 PM

Friday, November 21, 2008 * 9 PM

Friday, November 28, 2008 * 9 PM

Friday, December 5, 2008 * 9 PM

Friday, December 12, 2008 * 9 PM

Friday, December 19, 2008 * 9 PM

Friday, December 26, 2008 * 9 PM

Wednesday, December 31, 2008 * 9 PM & Midnight (part of the NYE Party in the Park)

Friday, January 2, 2009 * 9 PM

Note: All dates & times are approximate and subject to change. Fireworks shows are weather permitting.

DAILY EVENTS

November 8, 2008

OPENING CEREMONIES OF THE 26th ANNUAL WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Queen Victoria Park (across from the falls)

5 PM

In celebration of our 26th Anniversary, the Winter Festival of Lights presents an exciting showcase from our schedule including special guests and theatrical presentations.

Then we flip the switch to illuminate the Park with nearly three million sparkling lights and watch the sky ignite over the falls with the highly anticipated fireworks extravaganza.

This free event is a general public, standing-only affair, and will occur rain or shine (fireworks are weather-permitting). At 7 PM, a second stage performance will occur along with another fireworks extravaganza! Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 x. 22.

November 9 - 10, 2008

PEPPINO DI CAPRI AND BOBBY SOLO

Avalon Ballroom, Fallsview Casino Resort (6380 Fallsview Boulevard, Niagara Falls)

Sunday Showtime: 7 PM

Monday Showtime: 8:30 PM

International Italian superstars take the stage with such hits as Peppino Di Capri: "Malatia", "Voce 'e Notte" and "Vicino 'o Mare" and Bobby Solo: "Ora Che Sei Gia Una Donna" "Una Lacrima Sul Viso" and "Se Piangi, Se Ridi". Contact: 1-877-777-9178.

November 14, 2008

NIAGARA GOSPEL CONCERT: THE HOPPERS & HIS SEASON

IMAX Theatre (6170 Fallsview Blvd., Niagara Falls)

7 PM

The Niagara Gospel Concert features *The Hoppers* with special guests, *His Season*. The evening also features the IMAX movie, *Fires of Kuwait*. Contact: 905-937-7839 or davidjantzi@glenridgebiblechurch.org.

November 14, 2008

LIGHT OF DAY NIAGARA 2: A CONCERT TO BENEFIT PARKINSON'S DISEASE AND ALS

Greg Frewin Theatre (5781 Ellen Ave., Niagara Falls)

7 PM

The Light of Day Niagara Concert features Joe D'Urso, Willie Nile, The Maddhatters and many more. The Light of Day Concerts originated in 2000 in New Jersey at the infamous Stone Pony. With artists such as Bruce Springsteen, Joe Grushecky and Joe D'Urso headlining the shows, they have raised over \$1,000,000 in the fight against Parkinson's. Contact: 905 357-4977 or dave@lightofdayniagara.com. Visit www.lightofdayniagara.com for further details.

November 15, 2008

CELEBRATION 2012

Americana Conference Resort (8444 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls)

6 PM

Enjoy an evening of art, dinner and entertainment featuring *The Tartan Terrors* in support of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Legacy Project. A symposium and silent auction of art photography begins at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM followed by entertainment. Contact: 905-358-5082.

November 16, 2008

CANADA'S THREE TENORS PRESENT A SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENT "POP TO OPERA"

Niagara Centre for the Performing Arts (4700 Epworth Circle, Niagara Falls)

3 PM

Canada's Three Tenors Tribute is a stirring rendition of the greatest tenors of the 20th Century - Caruso, Lanza and Bocelli - and includes some of their most unforgettable solos. The show then moves to Pop Music featuring songs of the contemporary greats of this era like Sinatra, Elvis, Tom Jones and much more. This show is for all family members and one that you will remember for a long time. Contact: 905-734-9518 or nick.nero@cogeco.ca.

November 17, 2008

12th ANNUAL INDUSTRY LIGHTS FUNDRAISER LUNCHEON

Club Italia Banquet Hall (2525 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls)

11:30 AM

Share the spirit of the season with your friends at the Industry Lights Fundraiser Luncheon. The Luncheon includes fantastic entertainment, a silent auction, plenty of fun and a great meal. Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 x. 22.

November 20 - 22, 2008

NIAGARA FALLS COMEDY FEST

Niagara Centre for the Performing Arts (4700 Epworth Circle, Niagara Falls and other venues TBA)

8 PM

Join us for the 2nd Annual Niagara Falls Comedy Fest...it's a guaranteed barrel of laughs! Visit www.niagarafallscomedyfest.com and join the Members Club for advance notice of special offers and preferential ticket prices.

November 21, 2008

GREG FREWIN THEATRE PRESENTS "THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF CHRISTMAS" WITH STEPHEN KABAKOS

Greg Frewin Theatre (5781 Ellen Ave., Niagara Falls)

8 PM

Join us for The Wonderful World of Christmas featuring International award winning Elvis Tribute artist Stephen Kabakos. Stephen delivers an astonishing high energy stage performance mastering the look and sound of the King of Rock & Roll. His fascinating interpretation, exciting stage presence and electrifying charisma ushers in an outstanding performance filled with music, magic and memories. Contact: 1-866-779-8778 or 905-356-0777 (local) or tickets@gregfrewintheatre.com. Visit www.gregfrewintheatre.com for further details.

November 23, 2008

CANDY CANE LANE 5k RACE & FUN RUN

Presented by RBC Royal Bank

Best Western Cairn Croft (6400 Lundy's Lane, Niagara Falls)

9:30 AM Registration

10:30 AM Race

Join us for the 4th Annual Candy Cane Lane 5k Race & Fun Run held in support of PROJECT S.H.A.R.E., a non-profit organization that responds to the emergency needs of the less fortunate. Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 x. 40.

November 29, 2008

CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS SANTA CLAUS PARADE

11 AM

Santa has scheduled the Niagara Falls Santa Claus Parade into his busy agenda and afterwards you can join him and his elves at Santa's Party in Centennial Square. Contact: 905 356-7521.

November 30 & December 2, 2008

CONCERTS AT THE ARENA: STARS OF HEE HAW

Niagara Falls Memorial Arena (5145 Centre Street, Niagara Falls)

November 30: 7 PM & December 2: 7:30 PM

This show features the talents of Gordie Tapp, Roy Clark, Ronni Stoneman and Lulu Roman. Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 x. 40.

December 1 – 3, 2008

CONCERTS AT THE ARENA: RANDY TRAVIS

Niagara Falls Memorial Arena (5145 Centre Street, Niagara Falls)

December 1 & 3: 7:30 PM; December 2: 2 PM

The two-time Grammy Award winner has recorded nearly 30 albums to date, in addition to charting more than thirty singles on the Billboard Hot Country Songs charts. Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 x. 40.

December 1 & 3, 2008

CONCERTS AT THE ARENA: DEBBIE REYNOLDS

Niagara Falls Memorial Arena (5145 Centre Street, Niagara Falls)

2 PM

Quite simply, she is an American Entertainment Legend. Debbie Reynolds has appeared in over 50 films including her Oscar-nominated, title role in *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, dozens of television shows, and has been entertaining crowds with her nightclub act for years. Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 x. 40.

December 1 – 3, 2008

DAVE HOY: GOOD TIME MUSIC HALL

Club Italia Banquet Hall (2525 Montrose Road, Niagara Falls)

9:30 AM

Dave Hoy's distinctive piano-playing style and personality delights audiences of all ages. Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 x. 40.

December 5, 2008

NIAGARA CONCERTS PRESENTS: CHRISTMAS WITH ROMANZA

Niagara Centre for the Performing Arts (4700 Epworth Circle, Niagara Falls)

8 PM

Celebrate Christmas with Romanza and have these wonderful young tenors ring in the season in style! They came, they sang and you wanted more. You cannot forget their vitality and talent...a show not to be missed. Contact: 905-358-6174.

December 6, 2008

SANTA'S ON HIS WAY COMMUNITY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Supported by Golden Griddle Family Restaurant

St. Patrick's Church Hall (4673 Victoria Avenue, Niagara Falls)

9 AM – 12 PM

Bring an unwrapped toy, non-perishable food item or cash donation in support of Project S.H.A.R.E. and enjoy a free, hearty pancake breakfast with Santa and his special guests! There will also be children's activities and festive choirs. Contact: 905-357-5121.

December 6 – 7, 2008

25TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CHEERLEADING CHAMPIONSHIP

Niagara Falls Memorial Arena (5145 Centre Street, Niagara Falls)

The 25th Annual Festival of Lights Cheerleading Championship, the longest-running Festival event, attracts teams from MI, NY, OH, PA and Ontario. Top teams from the USA Divisions qualify for the US National Championship held at Disney World in Orlando, Florida. Contact: 905-734-9518 or nick.nero@cogeco.ca.

December 6 – 7, 2008

ART BY THE FALLS 11th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS ART & CRAFT SHOW

Niagara Falls Optimist Hall (Dorchester & Morrison Sts., Niagara Falls)

10 AM – 4 PM

Featuring over 50 juried artists and artisans from across Ontario showcasing pottery, jewelry, unique clothing for everyone, watercolour and oil paintings, rustic furniture and folk art; stained glass, Christmas décor and much more! Contact: 905 227-7248 or cathy.henderson@sympatico.ca.

December 13, 2008

WINTER FESTIVAL CANDLE LIGHT STROLL

Supported by the Downtown Board of Management

Queen Street, Niagara Falls

7 PM

Gather at City Hall Centennial Square for the 3rd Annual Winter Festival Candle Light Stroll. Enjoy choirs and other musical groups, a live nativity scene, roasted chestnuts and hot chocolate. Bring your letter for Santa to drop into the official North Pole letter box and spend some time with the jolly old elf. Bring a canned good for Project S.H.A.R.E. and purchase a candle in support of the Christmas Basket Campaign. Contact: 1-800-563-2557 or 905-374-1616 ext. 26.

December 31, 2008

NEW YEAR'S EVE "PARTY IN THE PARK"

Queen Victoria Park (Niagara Parkway)

8 PM

Join the expected crowd of 30,000 in Queen Victoria Park as Niagara Falls celebrates New Year's Eve in hardy Canadian fashion – with an outdoor concert celebration! The celebration includes fireworks at 9 pm and midnight. Visit www.niagaraparks.com.

January 5, 2009

The 26th Annual Winter Festival of Lights ends. Thank you for celebrating with us!

For general inquiries, please contact the Winter Festival of Lights at 905 374-1616 x. 26 or info@WFOL.com. For questions about specific events, contact the number listed above or visit www.WFOL.com.

This schedule is tentative and above-noted events are subject to change and in some cases, are weather permitting. Additional events will be listed as information becomes available.