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FrancoFEST Hamilton 2025

June 20, 21 & 22 – Gage Park – Free Admission

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FRANCOFEST: FESTIVITY WITH A FRENCH ACCENT!

Hamilton, Ontario — Mark your calendars and bring your best dance moves: FrancoFEST Hamilton returns June 20–22, 2025, to make the city pulse with francophone rhythm! This year’s edition puts a spotlight on celebration like never before. With a vibrant atmosphere, bold programming, and artists from near and far, Gage Park will be transformed into a cultural playground.

Organized by the Centre francophone Hamilton, this free outdoor festival has been a cornerstone of the community for over 40 years. It celebrates the francophone spirit in all its forms: concerts, visual arts, food trucks, local artisans, family activities, and more.

A Special Edition of a One-of-a-Kind Festival

What makes FrancoFEST unique in Canada?... Its deep community roots and rich artistic diversity! Francophonie here isn’t one-size-fits-all — it’s multifaceted, colourful, and vibrant. Each artist represents a unique facet of this cultural mosaic.

This year’s programming is boldly festive and intergenerational, offering immersive experiences, dynamic performances, and moments of pure joy. More than just a festival, it’s a collective celebration of francophone culture — open to everyone, no matter your first language!

FRIDAY, JUNE 20 – OPENING WITH FEMININE POWER

SUGAR CRUSH

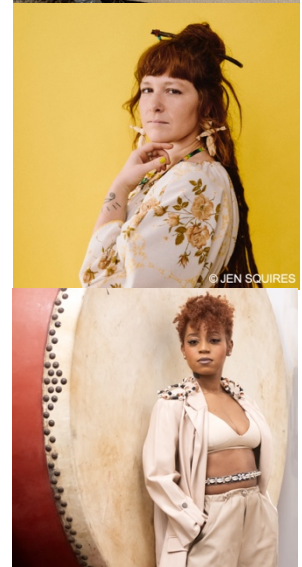
Get ready for an explosion of joy with Sugar Crush, the band known for igniting every stage with contagious energy! Winners of the “Audience Award” at the 2022 Gala Country in St-Tite and nominated for “Discovery of the Year,” their show is a high-energy musical cocktail that’s sure to make your heart race.

MIMI O’BONSAWIN

This folk and roots singer-songwriter draws from her Franco-Ontarian and Abenaki heritage to create ethereal, rhythmic, and deeply narrative music. Her songs transport listeners into the forest — and the soul.

JOYCE N’SANA

A powerhouse of Afrobluehop, Joyce blends afro-blues, reggae, and hip hop with a moving vocal presence. Her performances are celebrations of life, peace, and resilience. Be ready to move!



SATURDAY, JUNE 21 – CELEBRATING DIVERSITY

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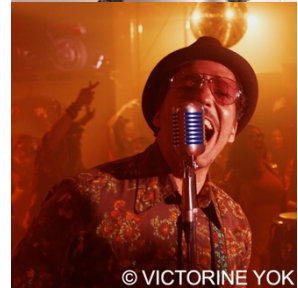
Born in Lebanon and based in Montreal, Blynk is a rising star in francophone R&B. He weaves French, Arabic, and English into mesmerizing melodies. His sound is a unique blend of urban modernity and deep cultural roots.

GABRIELLE GOULET

A true Franco-Ontarian trailblazer! In June 2019, Gabrielle made history as the first artist to win “Francophone Artist of the Year” at the Country Music Association of Ontario Awards — and the first to perform in French at the gala. With numerous awards and radio hits to her name, her charismatic voice and contagious energy promise an electrifying performance.

DIOGO RAMOS

Brazilian artist Diogo Ramos fuses electro, samba, and funk with fearless creativity. His album Cabaça is a tribute to celebration, multiculturalism, and pure joy. A must-see!



SUNDAY, JUNE 22 – FINAL HOORAY, SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST DAY!

This final day will be dedicated to Saint John the Baptist Day, with fun activities, workshops, and entertainment for all ages — and a few delightful surprises to wrap up the festival on a joyful unforgettable note!

EVENT DETAILS

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Gage Park (Gage South & Main East, Hamilton)

FREE ADMISSION

Full lineup coming soon: www.francofesthamilton.ca

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