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Porchfest and The After Party Return to Belleville

Belleville, Ontario, September 17, 2021 - Porchfest is back on **Saturday, September 25** from 1-4pm in Belleville's East Hill, with the After Party being hosted in Downtown Belleville.

Porchfest is a beloved neighbourhood celebration of music presented by the **Rotary Club of Belleville**. In its 12th year, the event will have residents performing on front porches to an audience that moves from house to house. The opening ceremony begins at **12:45pm at Glanmore National Historic Site** at 257 Bridge Street East. Music at all venues starts at 1pm and goes until 4pm.

"Porchfest attracts hundreds of performers and thousands of patrons we affectionately call 'Porchfesters' each year," says Sam Brady, Organizer of Porchfest and Rotary Club of Belleville Member. "It's a great way to explore East Hill while enjoying the talents of our local musicians."

This year, we're encouraging everyone to extend the Porchfest fun past 4pm with the Downtown Belleville Porchfest After Party! Boogie on down to Downtown for more live music at our Downtown porches including **The Brake Room, The Smokin' 116 Bistro, L'Auberge de France, Quinte Corner Cafe, Gourmet Diem, Paulo's Italian Trattoria, Capers, The Lark, Export Grill** and **Sans Souci**.

Enjoy shopping from several retailers with great products and a Side Hustle Market from 3-7pm on the sidewalks.

At 8pm we will wrap up the night with **The Tragically Hip tribute band, The Road Apples for a FREE concert in Market Square**. Tickets will be required for entry into the concert for COVID-19 tracking. No ticket, no entry. Tickets are limited and masks will be required throughout the duration of the concert.

"Last year, the difficult decision was made to cancel Porchfest and the After Party given the stage of COVID-19 at the time," says Luisa Sorrentino, Downtown District BIA Executive

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Director. “We are so thrilled to have Porchfest once again in our community and to be partnering with the organizers and volunteers to extend the day of fun, live music and community into the Downtown District.”

To plan your Porchfest festivities, visit porchfest.ca. For more information on the After Party and how to get tickets, visit downtownbelleville.ca/events/falling-for-downtown.

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