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Downtown Belleville Hosting Second Annual Buskerfest

Belleville, Ontario, August 20, 2024 - Downtown Belleville is gearing up to host its second annual Buskerfest, an extraordinary event that promises a dazzling array of performances by world-class entertainers. This two day festival is set to captivate audiences of all ages, showcasing the unique artistry of busking while creating an electric atmosphere that celebrates creativity, skill, and community.

The Downtown District will come alive with a vibrant celebration of street performance as the highly anticipated Buskerfest, scheduled to kick off on **August 23rd from 5pm -9pm in Market Square** and continues on **August 24th from 11am to 9pm on Front Street**. Downtown Belleville's Buskerfest is expected to draw in crowds from near and far, offering an exhilarating lineup of performances that encompass a variety of disciplines.

Kobbler Jay: Prepare to be enthralled by the mesmerizing skills of a world-class artist who seamlessly combines balance, fire manipulation, and juggling into an awe-inspiring spectacle that defies the laws of physics.

Mighty Mike: Mighty Mike is putting a new spin on a classic tradition. Mike is a multiple Guinness World Record breaker, who has been trained in a line of performing strongmen going back four generations, and stays true to this age-old craft while keeping things fresh, funny, and family friendly.

Rockabilly Joe - Joey Albert is a professional circus and street performer. Joey has been a part of many different shows in the past 17 years including award winning act Stunt Double Circus, but Joey has come into his own these last 10 years doing a solo show.

Derek derek - Derek McAlister is a "street" performer in the truest sense of the word—a multidimensional, dynamic entertainer who draws on a deep bag of tricks that includes clowning, mime, dance, juggling and Chinese pole acrobatics, plus a good bit of laughter, to please audiences of all ages.

Martika Daniels - With over a decade of sideshow entertainment industry experience, Martika is one of the most in-demand sideshow performers in the Midwest. From designing her own stunts to teaching classes and workshops, Martika eats, sleeps, and breathes sideshow entertainment

Ron Leary - Singer songwriter Ron Leary's smokey, rye-soaked voice is legendary throughout Ontario's southern region. Best known for his fiercely honest approach to songcraft, Leary's song narratives touch upon the politics of the day, the downtrodden, romance and joy. Few have captured the spirit of Canada's deep south in song better.

Pogo Fred - Pogo Fred holds multiple Guinness World Records for his extreme pogo stunts and is regarded as one of the best jumpers on the planet. Fred is one of the original founders of the sport of extreme pogo and has progressed today to be one of the best jumpers in the world. He has inspired countless younger athletes and is a major driving force behind the growth of the sport.

In addition to the busking acts, there will be food trucks offering a variety of delicious eats, Side Hustle vendor market showcasing unique crafts, and interactive activities for all ages. The event promises to be a family-friendly experience, with something for everyone to enjoy. Buskers are encouraged by donations, so please remember to bring some change to show your support!

Attendees are encouraged to mark their calendars for this Friday August 23rd and Saturday August 24th, and prepare to be captivated by the astounding performances, discover hidden artistic treasures, and embrace the spirit of togetherness that defines the heart of Belleville.

For full event details, find us on socials @downtownbelleville !

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