

Headwaters Arts Festival 2017 ? Travel along the backroads and celebrate creative excellence along the way

Discover a world of vibrant fall colours and artistic wonders in the beautiful Headwaters region.

From Sept. 15 to Oct. 9, Headwaters Arts opens their doors for one of Ontario's most respected annual arts festivals.

This year, the Headwaters Arts Festival features three key events bridging artistic disciplines, as well as a two-week Juried Show and Sale exhibition. Visit the charming and historic village of Alton for just the day, or plan an overnight stay at one of the first-class local resorts ? the Headwaters region is full of unique attractions to awaken senses, including craft beers, cider and one of a kind local restaurants.

The Opening Night Celebration takes place Sept. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, and will mark the launch of the prestigious annual Juried Show and Sale. Meet the talented visual artists from across Ontario whose works have been selected by a panel of esteemed jurors (Emily McKibbin, MacLaren Art Centre; Alice Teichert, multidisciplinary artist; Koen Vanderstukken, Glass Department at Sheridan College) and curated by Darrell Keenie of the Dufferin County Museum and Archives. Enjoy live music, refreshments and hors d'oeuvres from Lavender Blue in a stunning historic setting.

Ticket information is available at headwatersarts.com

Don't miss The Big Blues Party. Local Blues legend Larry Kurtz and his hot solo band The Lawbreakers will be live at 8 p.m. Sept. 29. This is a new addition to the festival this year. Bring friends to Alton Mill and get ready for a night of dancing, drinking and eating. Tickets are \$30, tax inclusive. This concert is a fundraiser for Headwaters Arts. Enjoy original blues tunes, performed by first-class musicians, and contribute directly to developing sustainable arts and culture in the Headwaters region.

Get comfy and settle in for Monday Night at the Movies Oct. 2 with a special screening of Cezanne et moi at Galaxy Cinemas in Orangeville. This historical biopic follows the lifelong friendship between renowned French artists, post-impressionist painter Paul Cézanne and the novelist and playwright Emile Zola. Tickets are \$14, tax inclusive. Doors open at 6 p.m., and the film begins at 7. Monday Night at the Movies runs in partnership with the Film Circuit, a division of the Toronto International Film Festival Group. For more information, visit mondaynightmovies.ca

The Juried Art Show and Sale will be open to the public for free throughout the festival until Oct. 1 at Alton Mill (9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday to Sunday, and Thanksgiving Monday). Enjoy this exhibition with more than 70 art works in different media by over 40 artists, and take in other activities at the Mill; Culture Days Heritage Tours and Open Studios, as well as workshops and classes. Headwaters Arts welcomes back returning artists Cheryl Bailey, John Adams, Vickie Wild and Marlene Bulas.

Tickets for individual events are available at the Headwaters Arts Gallery at Alton Mill, at BookLore in Orangeville or online at headwatersarts.com