

Lots of fiddling in Shelburne in August

There will be music in the air this summer once again as Shelburne's Fiddle Fest is reborn as the new Heritage Music Festival. The hosts, the Rotary Club of Shelburne, are hard at work preparing for this exciting new venue. It all takes place Aug. 3 to 7 at the Dufferin Recreation Complex.

The line-up of entertainment includes Next Generation Leahy hitting the stage the Thursday evening (Aug. 4) at 7 p.m. with their family's celebrated Celtic energy.

Friday evening presents a Canadian superstar and Juno Award winner Jim Cuddy, who will grace the stage as the major headliner of the festival, performing his signature folk-country style music on stage. The Jim Cuddy Band's concert starts at 8 p.m. with doors open at 7. The new radio station Country 105 will be playing tunes pre-show and again following the concert until midnight, for all those who love to dance the evening away.

Friday during the day, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the 66th Canadian Open Fiddle Championship Play Downs get under way.

Saturday evening promises to be a great Fiddle Championship Finale, featuring former contest winners Scott Wood, Shane Cook, Matthew Johnston and James Bickle.

For information about tickets and to find out more about what's on, go to the new website: HeritageMusicFestival.com