

Festival of film, music, theatre free all summer

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BRAMPTON—A celebration of arts and culture in Brampton is upon us, with the Flower City Festival in full swing.

The summer-long event, presented by the City of Brampton, features music, theatre and film in the downtown core. The family-friendly festival is free to attend, and runs July and August.

Patrons can enjoy live performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays in Garden Square, or from the Rose Theatre patio. All outdoor events are weather permitting.

The 2013 Flower City Festival lineup includes:

MUSIC

The music program a Friday Night Concert Series, taking place from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. The weekly event features: July 12— The Wilderness of Manitoba; July 19— The Stretch Orchestra Blues Trio; July 26— The Claytones; Aug. 2— Patrick Brealey; Aug. 9— Miranda Mulholland feat. Champagne James Robertson; Aug. 16— Kevin Breit; Aug. 23— Peter Karp & Sue Foley; and Aug. 30— Billy Raffoul.

The musical entertainment will continue on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. when performers will take the stage during the weekly Farmers' Market until Oct. 26 (for a complete line-up, visit www.rosetheatre.ca).

THEATRE

Theatre enthusiasts will relish the city's live outdoor performance with the return of Shakespeare in the Square July 16 to Aug. 15. This year's presentation, *The Taming of the Shrew* directed by Rob Woodcock, runs Tuesday to Thursday evenings (weather permitting) in Garden Square.

FILM

And finally, the Flower City Festival will screen films under the stars every Saturday evening at 9 p.m. in July and August. Bring your lawn chair (in case there is no seating available) and enjoy your favourite movies and snacks outdoors. Popcorn and drinks are available for sale at the patio. This year's line-up features July 6— *Hotel Transylvania* (PG); July 13— *Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs* (PG); July 20— *Cars* (PG); July 27— *Wreck-It Ralph* (PG); Aug. 3— *Despicable Me* (PG); Aug. 10— *Iron Man 3* (PG); Aug. 17— *Oz: The Great and Powerful* (PG); Aug. 24— *The Avengers* (PG); and Aug. 31— *Despicable Me 2* (PG).

For a complete line-up of entertainers, films and events, visit www.rosetheatre.ca (<http://www.rosetheatre.ca>).



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