



WINTER NEWSLETTER - 2017

44th ANNUAL Music Festival - August 4th - 6th

"It started back in '74. Just a hundred people. Well, maybe more.
But they sang and they danced and they raised a hullabaloo, ya.

Oskar sat back and, over a beer,
Said, "Hey - let's do this every year"
For Oskar and his vision, Hallelujah"

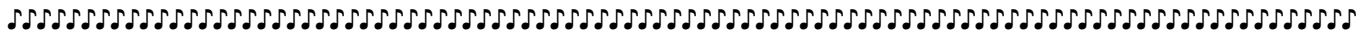
Excerpt from the Hallelujah lyrics penned by Gord McDiarmid in 2006

The days are getting longer and the time is getting shorter until we meet under the sun and stars at our Blue Skies. Hallelujah indeed! Feeling grateful for blessings already on their way and



Photo by Tom Dowdall

putting another log on the fire, I encourage you to put your feet up and hear ye hear ye, read all about the Holistic and Kids Area collaboration, the T-Shirt contest application innovation, the latest and greatest from Blue Skies in the Community **and** find out what **you** need to know about the Blue Skies Mailing List. How do you stay on top of all the Blue Skies deadlines? Start right here with your date book and your Winter Newsletter....



The Blue Skies Mailing List

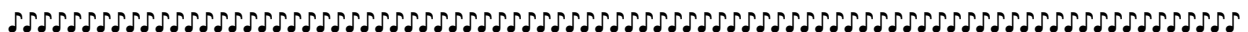
Here is what you really need to know right now ...

Even if you have been on the Blue Skies Mailing List for decades and generations, to remain on the list, go to the "Update Your Preferences" on the email you just received. If you have updates to make, make them, this will renew you. If your List Status is "Remove" change it to "Active". This will renew you. **The Deadline for doing this is March 4th**. There is no fee to renew, but if you don't renew you will fall off the list.

If you want to be removed from the Blue Skies Mailing List, change "Active" to "Remove".

You can change your email address right now, by clicking on the "Update Contact Information" link at the very bottom of the email you just received. If your email address or your postal address changes before ticket time, you need to let us know by emailing right away blueskiesmaillist@gmail.com. If we don't have your up-to-date email address you won't receive any more Blue Skies information. If we don't have your up-to-date snail mail address by March 4th, 2017, we cannot send you a ticket request card. You really won't get one.

If you know that a friend's information needs updating, ask them to send their new information to blueskiesmaillist@gmail.com. Don't do it for them. Tell them the **deadline is March 4th**.



The T-Shirt Design Contest Page

Submission Deadline: Wednesday, February 22nd, 2017

Would you love to have your design featured on the 2017 Blue Skies T-shirt? Get out your pencils, markers, computer or whichever medium you feel most creative with and design a contender for the 2017 T-shirt. The contest winner will receive 2 free weekend camping passes to the 2017 Blue Skies Music Festival! A number of runners-up to the winner will have their designs published in the 2017 Blue Skies program. Please make sure your name and contact information is on the back of the submission.

To be a winner your design should:

- refer to music! It is a music festival after all
- give a sense of Blue Skies' unique atmosphere
- actually state "Blue Skies Music Festival" & "2017"
- be submitted in colour (up to 3 colours)
- avoid a large area of material that is completely coloured in
- avoid a lot of broken lines or shading - this is difficult to print on a shirt

Please note: if you want to retain the original copy of your design, please submit a colour photocopy. Write your name in pencil on the back of the design.

No more than 3 designs may be submitted by the same person.

Blue Skies Music Festival T-Shirt Design Contest
PO Box 216
Kingston, Ontario
K7L 4V8

Or, (new innovation), to submit electronically:
tshirtdesign@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca



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Remember – The Deadline is Wednesday, **February 22, 2017**



The Kids Area workshops Page

Application Deadline: Saturday, February 18th, 2017

Kids of all ages come to explore the arts, whether it's to listen to music, create some wonderful crafts, to learn new skills or just to meet some new friends. We provide a wide range of activities so that everyone finds something they will enjoy. If you love kids as much as we do, please consider proposing a Kids Area Workshop.



Tween Workshops - NEW

We will be offering some Tween Workshops for those who are ready to move on from the Kids Area, or have been gone for a while, and for those who are not ready to join the adult Holistic workshops. We envision an array of opportunities from henna, to acro, poi, T-shirt redesign, and learning songs to play around the campfire. The possibilities are endless!

NEW - Kids and Holistic areas are working more closely together to share workshop topics and presenters this year. Priority will be given to applicants who will provide workshops that run once for Kids or Tweens **AND** once for Adults as part of the Holistic Workshop Area **OR** who will provide two different Kids or Tweens workshops, one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Send all your fun, innovative Kids and Tweens proposals to blueskieskids@gmail.com.

Please include:

- a description of your workshop(s) and the target age group(s)
- a short write up to be printed in the program (for each workshop)
- whether or not you are willing to hold your workshop on both Saturday and Sunday
- whether or not you could also present the same workshop adapted for adults
- your address, email and phone info.

Application Deadline: Saturday, February 18th, 2017

Successful proposals will be contacted in early March.

Please keep in mind we have no running water or electricity in the kids area.

If my application is accepted, I understand that, as a workshop provider, (even if I am presenting two different workshops or the same workshop twice), I will receive one preselected Blue Skies Camping Pass order form. I will use this form to order and pay for all tickets required by me and my co-presenter (if I need a co-presenter). My personal ticket will be free. Children 12 and under are free. For example, my order may look like this: 1 free presenter, 1 spouse or partner or support person, 1 co-presenter, 1 co-presenter spouse or partner or support person = 4 camping passes. My children 12 and under are free.

The Holistic Workshops Page

Application Deadline: Saturday, February 18, 2017

Holistic workshops are a wonderful part of the Blue Skies experience. They can introduce us to different ways of looking at ourselves and the world, and whet our appetite to know more and do more. We are eager to hear your creative ideas for this year's program.

Have you got a talent, passion or area of expertise that you would like share? Have you wanted to lead a workshop at the Festival? This may be your opportunity!

We welcome proposals for Blue Skies 2017 in the following areas:

- The Arts -- music, dance, visual, writing, and dramatic
- Sustainable Living and the Environment
- Peace, Justice and the Human Condition
- Wellness and Healing: physical, emotional, mental, family and relationships, communication
- Crafts - creating beauty with our hands



We are also looking for 'hands on' style 'reuse, restyle, reconfigure' workshops. Can you lead a workshop on repairing an old tool, macraméing a chair seat, turning old T-shirts into a quilt?

New this year: Kids and Holistic Areas are working together to share workshops. Also, Holistic and Kids Area workshop presenters may be asked to present both Saturday and Sunday or in both Holistic and Kids areas.

Are you a Registered Massage Therapist willing to volunteer?

Please contact the Holistic Hat at blueskiesholistic@gmail.com.

To apply to be a Holistic Workshop Presenter, please complete and send in the application form that follows on the very next page ...

Holistic Workshop Application Deadline: Saturday, February 18, 2017

Holistic Workshop Presenter Application Form for 2017

Please complete **ALL** of the following sections below and submit the information electronically to blueskiesholistic@gmail.com. Workshop proposals must be received on or before **Saturday, February 18, 2017**. Given the volume of proposals received, only complete proposals that are submitted on time (and to the correct e-mail address) will be considered. Priority will be given to applicants who will provide the workshop on both Saturday and Sunday, or will adapt the workshop to provide it to kids or tweens as well.

1. Title of the Workshop(s): As it would appear in the Blue Skies Program

2. Detailed Description of the Workshop(s):

- What are your goals?
- What can workshop participants expect to do and/or take away from your workshop?
- Resources needed. If you are looking to have the cost of your supplies reimbursed, please detail estimated materials and costs.
- Please provide enough information so those reading the proposal have a clear picture of exactly what you and the participants will be doing in the workshop.

3. Will you either:

- a. present the workshop on both Saturday and Sunday or
- b. present a second workshop by adapting your workshop for either tweens or kids or
- c. present your workshop once

4. Summary of the Workshop(s) (50 words max. as it would appear in the Blue Skies program)

5. Workshop Presenter Contact Information:

Presenter FIRST and LAST Name:

Phone Number:

Email Address:

Mailing Address:

6. Co-presenter (if applicable)

Co-presenter FIRST and LAST Name:

Email Address:

Explain why you require a co-presenter (maximum one paragraph)



7. Total number of tickets you will order:

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More information for Workshop Presenters . . .

Scenario #1



If I want to apply to provide a workshop aimed at **Tweens**: I will send my application to blueskieskids@gmail.com and I will provide the following:

- a description of the workshop(s) and the target age(s)
- a short write up to be printed in the program (for each workshop)
- my address, email and phone info

I will also indicate that I would like to either:

- a. present the same tween workshop on both Saturday and Sunday or
- b. present an adaptation of the tween workshop for either kids or adults or
- c. present a second tween workshop topic or
- d. present a second workshop aimed at another age group, either kids or adults or
- e. present the tween workshop once

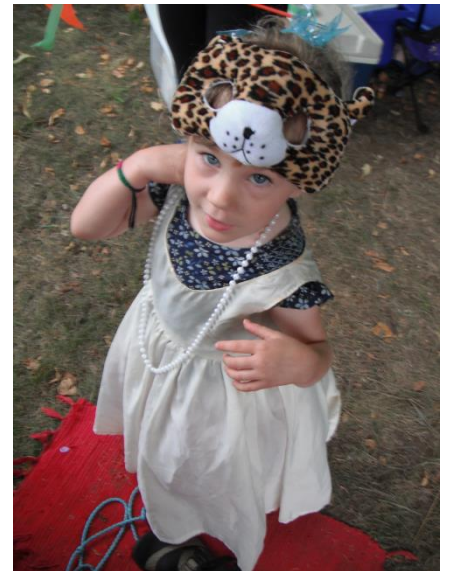
Scenario #2

Let's say I want to apply to provide a **Kids Area Workshop** aimed at kids. I will send my application to blueskieskids@gmail.com and I will provide the following:

- a description of the workshop(s) and the target age(s)
- a short write up to be printed in the program (for each workshop)
- my address, email and phone info

I will also indicate that I would like to either:

- a. present the same kids workshop on both Saturday and Sunday or
- b. present an adaptation of the kids workshop for either tweens or adults or
- c. present a second kids workshop topic or
- d. present a second workshop topic aimed at either tweens or adults or
- e. present the kids workshop once

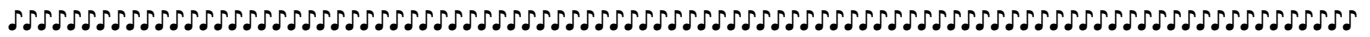


Scenario # 3

If I want to apply to provide a **Holistic Workshop** aimed at **Adults**, I will complete the Holistic Workshop Presenter Application form and send it to blueskiesholistic@gmail.com

Please Note:

If I do apply to present workshops in more than one area, Kids and/or Tweens and/or Adult Holistic, the information I provide will be shared by the Kids Area Hat and the Holistic Hat.



The Blue Skies in the Community (BSIC) Page

The BSIC committee is a dedicated group of volunteers who work year round to bring live music into the community. A little Blue Skies magic for everyone! Would you like to join us? For more information and detail please contact Deb Chatreau at roels.chatreau@gmail.com.

**Blue Skies Arts Camp - Mon – Fri, July 24-28, 2017
for children ages 7 – 13**

Registration begins April 1, 2017

Mark your calendars! We are pleased to welcome our new co-directors Janine Devries and Jenn Ayer who have created a fresh and exciting arts program for our campers. Registration is \$250.00. Register online at www.blueskies-in-the-community.ca

The process is quick and simple.



Support for live musical activities for children and adults

This year we have supported school events with: Meaghan Blanchard, Leo Brooks, Meghan Robinson, and Ariana Gillis. Want to bring a musical project to your school or community but don't know where to start? Our Community Granting Program can support up to 50%. Get an application from Brian at brian.robertson85@gmail.com

We also remain committed to offering music lesson bursaries, an instrument lending program and our lending library of choral music.

Blue Skies Fiddle Orchestra



The Blue Skies Fiddle Orchestra continues to grow. Offering an exciting program at every skill level and special events for community and members alike, director Cindy McCall continues to amaze us all with her enthusiasm and innovative ideas.

Donations gratefully received to continue our work, check the website to find out how.
www.blueskies-in-the-community.ca