



WINTER NEWSLETTER – 2019

46th Annual Blue Skies Music Festival

August 2nd – 4th

“So, what can we say about number 46?”

Did you know that 46 is the atomic number for palladium?

No, but my pals are coming to the 46th Blue Skies!

Did you know that if you climb all 46 Adirondack peaks of 4000 feet or more you are a “46-er”?

Sure, but an easier way to be a 46-er is to come to Blue Skies this year!

Thanks, Scribe.



Welcome to the 2019 Winter Newsletter with news about how to stay in touch on the Blue Skies Mailing List, how to help out with accessibility issues at Blue Skies, how to take part all year long in spreading Blue Skies magic with Blue Skies in the Community, how to register for Kids Arts Camp and Adult Music Camp, how to enter the t-shirt design contest and how to share your knowledge and enthusiasm by presenting Holistic, Teen or Kids Area workshops. Forty-six years of Blue Skies! What does Blue Skies #46 mean to you?

The Blue Skies Mailing List

What is the Blue Skies Mailing List?

The Mailing List is a database of all of the people who will receive a 2019 ticket request form when they are mailed out in March.

How do I know if I’m on the Blue Skies Mailing List?

Everyone on the mailing list receives an email from Blue Skies at the end of January and is asked to indicate if they want to remain on the list, drop off the list or update their contact information. This is how we keep the list up to date.

How do I get on the Blue Skies Mailing List for the 1st time?

Come to Blue Skies on a Day Pass and write your contact information in the big Blue Skies Mailing List Binder. That’s all there is to it! Hope to see you in August! You can also sign up by sending your preferred email and mailing addresses to maillist@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca



Accessibility Is An Important Issue For Us

We have been thinking a lot about barriers that people with disabilities might encounter at Blue Skies. We are working on ways we can be more inclusive, transparent and helpful. So far we have created an accessibility coordinator position, an accessibility policy, encouraged all our Hats, KVs and volunteers to participate in learning more about accessibility issues and created an email address for people to share questions and feedback.

How could you help?

Help me collect blueskies'ers experiences using accessible facilities at the festival! I would love to hear if you have experience using the accessible camping area or parking. What was good, not so good? Also, if you have ideas on how we can expand our learning. Email us at accessibility@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca



Blue Skies in the Community

Making Music Happen

The BSIC committee is a dedicated group of volunteers who work year round to bring live music into the communities surrounding the Blue Skies site. A little Blue Skies magic for everyone. We support live musical activities for both children and adults. Donations gratefully received to continue our work.

Community Granting Program

Want to bring a musical project to your school or community but don't know where to start? We can support up to 50% of the costs of a project. The application is on our website www.blueskies-in-the-community.ca We also offer music lesson bursaries, an instrument lending program and our lending library of choral music. Contact Linda Rush, lindarush@yahoo.com

Blue Skies Fiddle Orchestra

The Blue Skies Fiddle Orchestra offers an exciting music program to learn and interact with others at every skill level. Performances of the Orchestra support special community events and bring joy to members of long term facilities. Director Cindy McCall continues to amaze us all with her enthusiasm and innovative ideas. Contact Cindy at cindy.fiddlemusic.mccall@gmail.com or 613-278-2448 for more information, to donate instruments that need to be loved or to contribute to funding efforts.



Blue Skies Kids Arts Camp



Mark your calendars! The 18th annual Blue Skies Arts Camp begins **Monday, July 22nd and runs to Friday, July 26th, 2019**, on the magical Blue Skies Festival Site, near Clarendon, Onario.

You are invited to register your children, 7 – 13 years of age, beginning at **1:00 PM on April 13th, 2019**, online at

www.blueskies-in-the-community.ca. The fee is \$250.00 per child and includes a choice of arts' workshops taught by highly skilled professional instructors, two snacks a day, additional fun activities and an opportunity to develop leadership skills. The registration process is quick and simple. If you have any questions please contact Susan Walker susanann.walker12@gmail.com

Please note: In 2020 Arts Camper ages will be 8 – 13 years.

Blue Skies in the Community

Making Music Happen

Blue Skies Adult Music Camp 2019

Blue Skies in the Community is very excited to announce the 2019 Blue Skies Adult Music Camp! This camp will take place from the evening of **Sunday July 28th to midday on Wednesday July 31st, 2019**, just a few days before the festival, at the lovely, rural Blue Skies site, near Clarendon, Ontario. (So unlike other music camps, we'll actually be camping outdoors, with tents 'n' stuff.)



The Jazz Ensemble is suitable for those with an intermediate ability on their favourite instrument, and 'Singing Around the



Campfire' is designed for folks who know at least a few chords on a guitar, ukulele, or mandolin, and would like to sing and play with others in a casual, welcoming setting.



The cost for this event is \$180. For more information, or to sign up, please visit our website: blueskiesmusicfestival.ca, and click on 'Adult Music Camp 2019'. Don't delay, it's going to be fun and spaces are limited - last year was sold out!

T-Shirt Design Contest

Submission Deadline: February 16th, 2019

Would you love to have your design featured on the 2019 Blue Skies T-shirt? Get out your pencils, markers, computer or whichever medium you feel most creative with and design a contender for the 2019 T-shirt. The contest winner will receive 2 free weekend camping passes to the 2019 Blue Skies Music Festival! A number of runners-up will have their designs published in the 2019 Blue Skies program. Please make sure your name and contact info 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, 2019"
- be submitted in colour (up to 3 colours in addition to the T-shirt colour)
- 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.

Please submit
a **Maximum**
of 3 designs.

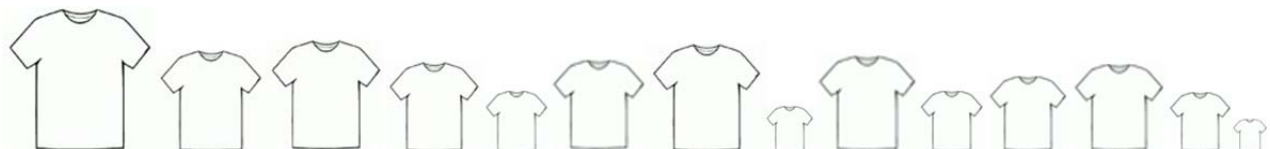
Blue Skies Music
Festival T-Shirt
Design Contest
PO Box 216 KINGSTON, ON K7L 4V8



Photo by Tom Dowdall

To submit electronically: tshirtdesign@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca

Remember – The Deadline is **February 16th, 2019**



Kids Area workshops

Application Deadline: Friday, February 16th, 2019

Kids and teens of all ages come to explore the arts, whether it's to listen to music, to 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 to share your talents with others, please consider proposing a Kids and/or Teen Workshop.



Back again - Teen Workshops

We will be offering some Teen 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!

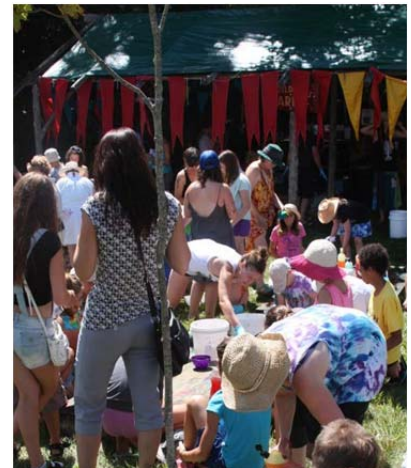
The Kids, Teens and Holistic areas are working closely together to share workshop topics and presenters again this year. All presenters are asked to present two different workshops, either on the same day or on two different days. Scheduling is tricky so we ask that you please be flexible and understanding. Send all your fun, innovative Kids and Teen proposals to blueskieskids@gmail.com

Please include:

1. a description of your workshop(s) and the target age group(s)
2. if you intend to present your workshop with a co-presenter
3. a short title and write up to be printed in the program (for each workshop)
4. your mailing address, email address and phone number
5. the number of immediate family members (partner, kids) that you will require tickets for, as well as those of your co-presenter (if you have one)

Application Deadline: Friday, February 16th, 2019

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 only 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 have 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, three of which I will pay for. My children 12 and under are free. Please send in your order as quickly as possible so we can confirm numbers for our weekend camping pass lottery.

Holistic Workshops

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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 2019 in the following areas:

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

Are you a Registered Massage Therapist interested in volunteering?

Please contact Michelle at holistic@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca

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

Submit to: holistic@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca

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Holistic Workshop Application

Deadline: February 16, 2019

Please complete **ALL** of the following sections below and submit the information electronically to holistic@blueskiesmusicfestival.ca

- 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?
 - 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. Summary of Workshop (50 words max)** As you would like it to appear in the Program
- 4. Can you see your workshop being presented:**
 - a. Both Saturday and Sunday for any age group in any workshop location?
 - b. Only at a certain time(s), area(s) or level of skill/understanding/age
 - c. One time only in a specific area or time
- 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:
Please clarify reasons why you require a co-presenter (maximum one paragraph)

