The Buzz

Your monthly guide to arts and entertainment in the Gatineau Hills



Folk Collusion: Michel-André Vallières

Celebrating 25 years as a bilingual folk singer, Michel-André Vallières brings humour, energy and an eclectic mix of guitar, banjo, mandolin and harmonica. A lively performer bridging French and English through music.
Date/time: Dec. 1, 7 p.m.
Location: Le Hibou, 757 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: Free

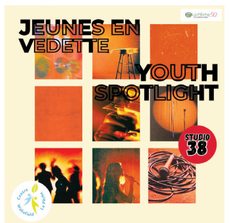
Tuesday Open Mic



Rock star, Sunday poet or budding comedian? Take the stage at La Cocktailerie every Tuesday to discover new talent, perform and enjoy a warm, welcoming evening.
Date/time: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.
Location: La Cocktailerie, 248 Old Chelsea Rd., Chelsea
Tickets: Free

Youth Spotlight

A weekly show where young community members have the chance to step under the spotlight.



Date/time: Wednesdays until Dec. 16, 5:30 p.m.
Location: Centre Wakefield La Pêche, 38 Ch. de la Vallée-de-Wakefield, Wakefield
Tickets: $5

Open Stage with Christine Graves

Join us for a magical evening of music, community and creativity. Whether you're a seasoned performer or just want to enjoy great local talent, you're welcome here.
Date/time: Dec. 3, 7 p.m.
Location: Motel Chelsea, 1418 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: Free

Nicholas Campbell



Nicholas Campbell is a true force in the world of roots music, blending slick rockabilly-swagger with smooth honky-tonk crooning. Campbell picked up the guitar at 10 and was performing by 11, a young prodigy with passion for classic country sounds.
Date/time: Dec. 4, 8 p.m.
Location: Kaffé 1870, 715 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: PWYC

Jane Siberry

Jane Siberry returns with an intimate evening of ethereal vocals, poetic storytelling and genre-defying songs, blending beloved classics with new music in a deeply moving performance from one of Canada's most visionary and influential artists.



Date/time: Dec. 4 & 5, 8 p.m.; Dec. 6, 4:30 p.m.
Location: Motel Chelsea, 1418 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: $55

Angels Share

After 22 years, Angels Share raises its final toast with a heartfelt celebration of music, comedy and community. Join one last time while supporting three local charitable organizations.
Date/time: Dec. 5, matinee: 2:30 p.m.; soiree: 7:30 p.m.
Location: Mill Road Community Space, 8 Mill Rd., Chelsea
Tickets: youth 5-17, $7; adults $30

Foire de Noël à Wakefield Christmas Market

More than 60 local vendors selling handmade arts, crafts and food.
Date/time: Dec. 5, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: Centre Wakefield La Pêche, 38 Ch. de la Vallée-de-Wakefield, Wakefield
Tickets: $5

Val-des-Monts Christmas Market

Come enjoy a magical Christmas atmosphere for the weekend and support our local artisans and creators.
Date/time: Dec. 5-6 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Location: 2197 Montée Paiement, Val-des-Monts
Tickets: Free

Michael Bernard Fitzgerald

Michael Bernard Fitzgerald is a Canadian folk singer-songwriter, whose career has been defined by a combination of heartfelt songwriting, optimism and genuine human connection.



Date/time: Dec. 5, 3 p.m.
Location: Motel Chelsea, 1418 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: $50

Canadian Beauties Exhibit

Drop by to see our new beauties! The 11 Galerie owners are putting on a show to glorify this amazing country – it's what our artist's eyes and hearts have captured.
Date/time: Until Jan. 10, 2027, 12 to 6 p.m.
Location: Galerie Old Chelsea, 783 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: Free

Starburst: Emerging Artists Concert



Discover the future of classical music as award-winning young local musicians, aged 15 to 26, showcase extraordinary talent in an exhilarating concert curated by Carleton University's Nicole Presentey.
Date/time: Dec. 6, 4 p.m.
Location: La Fab sure Mill, 8 Mill Rd., Chelsea
Tickets: $25; $15 students

Folk Collusion: Heather Farrow

Heather Farrow is a singer-songwriter whose original music blends folk with country and roots influences.
Date/time: Dec. 8, 7 p.m.
Location: Le Hibou, 757 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: Free

Live & Local: The Carsten Podehl Quartet



An evening of gritty ballads and soulful jazz standards featuring the tenor sax.
Date/time: Dec. 10, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Motel Chelsea, 1418 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: Free

Thursday Live Jazz

Free live jazz every Thursday, featuring professional musicians from the local jazz scene, handpicked by drummer Andrew Ferderber, in a relaxed and welcoming setting.
Date/time: Thursdays, 7 p.m.
Location: La Cocktailerie, 248 Old Chelsea Rd., Chelsea
Price: Free

Luther Wright & Friends

Enjoy classic homemade Ukrainian perogie night with all the fixings while being serenaded by Luther Wright.
Date/time: Dec. 10, 5 p.m.
Location: Kaffé 1870, 715 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: PWYC for music

Christmas from the Pontiac

Step back in time with Gail Gavan as she shares stories and songs from her childhood at Gavan's Hotel. It'll be a celebration of family, music and cherished Christmas memories from the Pontiac.



Date/time: Dec. 10, 7 p.m.
Location: The Black Sheep Inn, 753 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: $35

'Christmas Carol: Solo'

Bring a little Christmas magic to your holiday season with "A Christmas Carol: Solo," featuring Ottawa actor and playwright Pierre Brault in a captivating one-man performance of Charles Dickens' timeless classic.
Date/time: Dec 11, 7 p.m.
Location: Motel Chelsea, 1418 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: $30

Christmas with Dr. Jazz

Enjoy a family-friendly Christmas jazz concert featuring sing-alongs, interactive instrument demonstrations and Ottawa musicians. Discover festive favourites, musical stories and rhythms, with a post-show opportunity to meet performers.
Date/time: Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.
Location: Centre Wakefield La Pêche, 38 Ch. de la Vallée-de-Wakefield, Wakefield
Tickets: Adults, $25, under 16, $5

DIVKA

DIVKA's bold folk fusion blends Ukrainian and global women's musical traditions through ethereal harmonies, bandura and viola.
Date/time: Dec. 12, 7 p.m.
Location: Kaffé 1870, 715 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: PWYC for music

Shame 106 – XMAS Rated Edition

A mix of the hits your parents listened to. Bad music done right. Is playing them good? Questionable. Entertaining? No doubt.
Date/time: Dec. 12, 8:30 p.m.
Location: Kaffé 1870, 715 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: $10 suggested donation

La Pêche Christmas Activities & Parade

Célébrez Noël à La Pêche le 12 avec un tournoi de volleyball, un marché de Noël, une chorale, des animations de village, l'illumination d'un arbre, le passage du Père Noël, des photos et de la musique avec Dude le chansonnier (musique à 10 $). NOTE: Les fermetures de route débutent à 16 h pour le défilé.
Date/time: Dec. 12, all day
Location: Downtown Masham
Tickets: Free

The Angels Sang

Join Castenchel Choir for The Angels Sang, a festive mix of classic carols, contemporary favourites and even a country-gospel sing-along! Featuring The Ottawa Brass Initiative (TOBI) quintet. Thank you to the Municipality of Chelsea and Team Paul Lemelin for your generous support of this concert.
Date/time: Dec. 12, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 13, 2 p.m.
Location: St. Stephen's Church, 212 Old Chelsea Rd., Chelsea
Tickets: $25 for adults; children 12 and under, free

The Christmas Carol: A Reading

Eleanor Crowder of Bear & Co. will direct a staged reading of Charles Dickens' 'The Christmas Carol', including a traditional carol sing-along. Tea and treats available.



Date/time: Dec. 12 & 13, 3 p.m.
Location: Centre Wakefield La Pêche, 38 Ch. de la Vallée-de-Wakefield, Wakefield
Tickets: By donation (reserve online)

John Dapaah Trio, Michael Curtis Hanna and Roxanne Goodman



With the festive season in full swing, this show will have you feeling warm, cozy and ready for the big day. Experience the joy of classic Christmas songs with a modern, jazzy twist.
Date/time: Dec. 13, 4 p.m.
Location: La Fab sur Mill, 8 Mill Rd., Chelsea
Tickets: $30

Folk Collusion: Johnny Mac

Local legend Johnny Mac performing your favourites, like 'City Girl'.
Date/time: Dec. 15, 7 p.m.
Location: Le Hibou, 757 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: Free

Jazzy Little Christmas Sing-Along

Come sing your heart out, 'Let It Snow' and enjoy your 'Favourite Things in a Marshmallow World' as we have ourselves a jazzy little Christmas sing-along. If you love the holiday tunes of the '40s and '50s as much as we do, come 'Home for the Holidays' and join the Woodshed Jazz Quartet.



Date/time: Dec 17, 7:30 p.m.
Location: Motel Chelsea, 1418 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: Free

Theatre Wakefield Improv

Theatre Wakefield's Improv troupe is back again. Join us for an evening of Christmas cackles, where your input makes you as much a part of the show as the Improvisors. It's an 18-plus show.
Date/time: Dec. 17, 7 p.m.
Location: The Black Sheep Inn, 753 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Ticket: $10 suggested donation

Christmas Groove: DJs Disko Dave, Trevor Walker + Plush

Come and kick off the holidays for a full night of house music, disco, funk beats and break beats – all spun on vinyl. With live bassist Greg Howlett. Advance tickets on sale now.
Date/time: Dec. 18, 8 p.m.
Location: Kaffé 1870, 715 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: $15 in adv./$20 at the door

Anna Ludlow's Celtic Christmas

Celebrate the holiday season with an East Coast twist as award-winning fiddler and vocalist Anna Ludlow brings her Celtic Christmas show to Chelsea.



Date/time: Dec 18, 7 p.m.
Location: Motel Chelsea, 1418 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: $25

Lynn Miles: Another Frigging Christmas Show



It's that time of year again folks. Thankfully, Lynn Miles has written a seasonal show that addresses all the joys, frustrations, melancholia and ridiculousness of the holiday season.
Date/time: Dec. 19, 7:30 p.m.; Dec. 20, 4 p.m.
Location: La Fab sur Mill, 8 Mill Rd., Chelsea
Tickets: $35

BELT: An Improvised Holiday Musical

Get ready for a holiday musical packed with laughs, heart and festive surprises! Ottawa's Belt Improv creates every song, joke and plot twist on the spot.



Date/time: Dec. 19, 7 p.m.
Location: Motel Chelsea, 1418 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: $20

WAKED UP

Come enjoy live funk and northern soul, and get on that dance floor!
Date/time: Dec. 19, 8 p.m.
Location: Kaffé 1870, 715 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: $10

Trivia Night Fundraiser

Join TNR La Pêche's third annual Trivia Night fundraiser at Centre Vorlage! Enjoy festive fun, prizes and cat-themed trivia while supporting veterinary care and spay/neuter services for community cats.
Date/time: Dec. 19, 6 p.m.
Location: Centre Vorlage, 65 Burside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: TBD

Kimberly Gabie

Kimberly Gabie is a local country-rock powerhouse whose thunderous vocals, fiery stage presence and fearless blend of country soul and rock-and-roll attitude create unforgettable live performances that leave audiences wanting more.
Date/time: Dec. 19, 9 p.m.
Location: Brennan's Hill Bar, 133 Hwy 105, Low
Tickets: $10

Winter Solstice Lantern Walk

All-ages Lantern Walk through Wakefield. Start: Train Turntable at 4 p.m. End: the community centre around 5 p.m. for hot cocoa and a musical performance. Bring lanterns, glowsticks – whatever! – and join the parade.



Date/time: Dec. 21, 4 to 6 p.m.
Location: Start: Parc Roquebrune, 1 Ch. Manse. End: Centre Wakefield La Pêche, 38 Ch. de la Vallée-de-Wakefield, Wakefield
Event Price: Free

Folk Collusion: Tin Constellations Duo

Brent Smith and Andrew Robertson are two parts of the Ottawa orchestral indie-folk collective, Tin Constellations. Their sound is built on equal parts melodic narratives, compelling harmonies, soaring instrumentation and sing-along anthems.
Date/time: Dec. 22, 7 p.m.
Location: Le Hibou, 757 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: Free

Butterfingers

Get those junior chipmunks off screens and into live entertainment. Wakefield's Butterfingers brings Ms. Marbles, Twinkle Toes and Butterfinger for sing-alongs, face painting, bubbles and family fun.
Date/time: Dec. 27, 2 p.m.
Location: Motel Chelsea, 1418 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: $15

Kaffé Xmas Karaoke



Come one come all. Kaffé karaoke: Xmas edition, with host David Taggart. No cover, but there will be jars to tip your host.
Date/time: Dec. 27, 8 p.m.
Location: Kaffé 1870, 715 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: PWYC

Folk Collusion: Libby & Cal

Libby & Cal are a Gatineau/Kemptville-based contemporary-folk duo, featuring an autoharp, 12-string guitar and vocal harmonies.
Date/time: Dec. 29, 7 p.m.
Location: Le Hibou, 757 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: Free



NYE with PATOMAT

Your fave local cover band with Mat Falvai, Tom Werbo and Pat Maher. Tickets on sale soon – stay tuned! A dance party not to be missed.
Date/time: Dec. 31, 8 p.m.
Location: Kaffé 1870, 715 Riverside Dr., Wakefield
Tickets: $25 in advance/$30 at the door

NYE Party with Bosko Baker & The Do Makers, and DJ James Martinez

Two floors, two vibes: live roots music with Bosko Baker & The Do Makers downstairs, a dance floor with DJ James Martinez upstairs. Glass of bubbles at midnight included. 18+.



Date/time: Dec. 31, 9 p.m.
Location: Chelsea Pub, 238 Old Chelsea Rd., Chelsea
Price: $32

EMERGE 2027 NYE Party

Celebrate New Year's Eve alcohol-free with DJs, dancing, movement, intention-setting, cacao, food and welcoming spaces to connect, relax and ring in 2027 together at La Fab sur Mill.
Date/time: Dec. 31, 8 p.m.
Location: La Fab sur Mill, 8 Mill Rd., Chelsea
Tickets: Starting at $40 online

ALYSHA BRILLA

NYE dinner and a show package. Enjoy a delicious table d'hote starting at 6 p.m. and a wonderful show by one of our favourite artists: Alysha Brilla. She's a three-times Juno-nominated artist whose electrifying, rhythm-driven live show blends global percussion, soaring vocals and Indo-Tanzanian roots.
Date/time: Dec. 31, 6 p.m.
Location: Motel Chelsea, 1418 Hwy 105, Chelsea
Tickets: $140