

JUSTIN RUTLEDGE COMES HOME TO THE JUNCTION ARTS FESTIVAL

The 2007 Junction Arts Festival is proud to be hosting a number of dynamic and innovative artists from around the Globe and headlining the musical acts this year will be Junction native Justin Rutledge. Local singer-songwriter Justin Rutledge will be playing on the Centre Stage Saturday, September 8 at 9:30pm.

"There are many great and talented musicians that live or who have grown up in the Junction and Justin Rutledge is one of its newest and brightest musical stars. The Junction Arts Festival is fortunate to have so many local artists from several different artistic mediums to choose from. It is a virtual hotbed of talent," stated festival producer Michael Menegon.

Justin Rutledge calls the Junction his hometown and his fondness for the West Toronto neighbourhood shows in his music and even inspired the name of his backing band, The Junction Forty. Described as unassuming, timeless and brilliant, Justin has since gone on to garner critical acclaim in Canada and Europe with his debut album, No Never Alone, and is sure to perform songs from his praised sophomore recording, The Devil On A Bench In Stanley Park.



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Now in its 15th year, the Junction Arts Festival is set to transform the Dundas West district like never before featuring four distinct categories: The Live Stages, The Green Village, the Hands-On KIDZONE and the Visual Arts Exhibitions. For the 100,000 visitors annually, the excitement will wonder and entice every member of the family with four days and nights of free fun and creativity.

The celebration will take place on Dundas Street West between Keele Street and Quebec Avenue starting Thursday, September 6 with the opening of the Juried Art Exhibitions, indoor installations and a new theatre piece, and will close down Dundas to pedestrian traffic only on the weekend, Saturday, September 8 and Sunday, September 9.

The Live Stages will occur at several locations along the one kilometre Dundas Street West footprint. The Centre Stage will act as the heart to the weekend festivities hosting the opening ceremony and many local and international musical and dance performances.

The Green Village, an initiative new to the festival this year, will feature daily lectures, workshops, demonstrations and activities on a wide range of environmental and sustainability topics that are of interest to the entire family.

The Hands-On KIDZONE will emphasize creative expression for the young and the young at heart, presenting daily interactive workshops and demonstrations in the visual arts, music, film, martial arts, circus performance and more.

For further details, visit www.junctionartsfest.com.