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FEB FEST WILL BE A-MAZE-ING THIS WEEK!

February starts tomorrow and Downtown Kingston! is gearing up for its seventh annual winter celebration, Feb Fest!

None other than Canadian figure skating dance champions **Vanessa Crone & Paul Poirier** will be on hand to help kick off the fun. They will join local skaters as part of the annual **Imagination on Ice** show which begins at 7:00pm immediately following the Opening Ceremonies. Anyone who saw these two perform at Skate Canada in October will tell you that this is sure to be an entertaining, high-energy show not to be missed. Come early to guarantee yourself a good spot and enjoy the music of **Momentum Vocal Group** performing from the Market Street Stage.

The **Snow Slide and Snow Maze** in Confederation Park are coming along nicely. The **Winter Park** will be open for all to enjoy beginning first thing Thursday morning and continuing all weekend long. The **24 Snow Sculpture Competition** also begins this Thursday at noon with engineering teams from St. Lawrence College, Queen's and RMC. The theme for this year's sculptures is famous architects. Be at the Market Square Stage for 2pm on Friday to see which school is taking home the trophy.

Enjoy **live music** from some of Kingston's best bands on the Market Street Stage Friday and Saturday evenings while you skate. See details in attached schedule.

Hockey Day in Kingston is this Saturday! Come down to watch Kingston's finest up-and-comers from the Church Athletic League, Kingston Area Minor Hockey Association and the Ice Wolves as they hit the ice for friendly exhibition games. In between games, pick up some tips from the RMC and Queen's hockey teams. A ringette game will also be played in the afternoon to show that you don't need a puck to have fun on the ice.

Don't forget to drop by to meet Hockey Hall of Fame member and former Captain of the Toronto Maple Leafs **#27 Darryl Sittler** in Springer Market Square Saturday 12pm-1pm & 2pm-3pm.

All of this plus wagon rides, public skating, beavertails, a video screening and more! See attached schedule for a list of everything happening at Feb Fest.

Founded by a volunteer committee led by Kirk Muller, Downtown Kingston! BIA, Kingston Accommodation Partners, KEDCO, Queen's University and the City of Kingston, Feb Fest is a free event open to everyone to see the best of what a Kingston winter has to offer.



Thursday, February 3

- All Day! **Snow Maze & Snow Slide** in Confederation Park –NEW!
9am-11:30pm **Public Skating** presented by Tim Horton's
Noon **Sledge Hockey Game** at Springer Market Square
Noon **24 hour Snow Sculpture Competition Begins!** in Confederation Park
1pm-5:15pm **Public Skating** presented by Tim Horton's
4:15pm-5:15pm **Skate with the Frontenacs** at Springer Market Square
6:45pm **Opening Ceremonies** at Springer Market Square
7:00pm **“Imagination on Ice” Figure Skating Show featuring Canadian & Skate Canada ice dance champions Vanessa Crone & Paul Poirier**
7:30pm **Alan Jackson Concert** at the K-Rock Centre
8:30pm-10pm **Public Skating** presented by Tim Horton's

Friday, February 4

- All Day! **Snow Maze & Snow Slide** in Confederation Park –NEW!
12am-12pm **Snow Sculpture Competition continues!** in Confederation Park
9am-10pm **Public Skating** presented by Tim Horton's
Noon **Official Snow Sculpture Judging** in Confederation Park
2pm **Snow Sculpture winner announced on Market Street stage**
5pm-9pm **Free Live Music!** on the Market Street Stage -NEW!
5pm: Spencer Evans & Andy Love
6:30pm: The Torres Project
8pm: Rudy & Saddle Up
5pm-8pm **“Glide” Video Continuous Screening** presented by Modern Fuel –NEW!
7:30pm **Kingston Frontenacs Hockey Game** at the K-Rock Centre

Saturday, February 5

- All Day! **Snow Maze & Snow Slide** in Confederation Park -NEW!
9:30am-5pm **Hockey Day in Kingston** at Springer Market Square –NEW!
10am-2pm **Military Display** on Brock Street
12pm-1pm **Autograph signing with Darryl Sittler** in Market Square
2pm-3pm
5pm-9pm **Free Live Music!** on the Market Street Stage –NEW!
5pm: Jaime Flegg
6:30pm: Cherry Chapstick
8pm: Everlea
5pm-10pm **Public Skating** presented by Tim Horton's
7pm **Carr-Harris Cup** at Kingston Military Community Sports Centre Rink
7:30pm **Wayne McGregor – Random Dance** at the Grand Theatre

Sunday, February 6

- All Day! **Snow Maze & Snow Slide** in Confederation Park -NEW!
8am-1pm **Public Skating** presented by Tim Horton's
1pm **Annual Historic Hockey Series** in Springer Market Square
3pm-10pm **Public Skating** presented by Tim Horton's

AND! Toast to Tapas: for all four days of the festival some of your favorite downtown restaurants will be featuring an appetizer (made using locally sourced ingredients) and beverage pairing for only \$9.95!

Other happenings in Downtown Kingston...

Artignite – <http://www.queensu.ca/artignite/index.html>

Reel Out Film Festival: <http://www.reelout.com/Reelout12/Films/filmsIntro.php>

Kingston Yacht Club Winterfest (Feb 5th 1-4pm): Outdoor games for kids of all ages, skating, hot chocolate, beavertails and more! The club will be open to everyone so come and join the fun!

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