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Durham shows off its creative side in Culture Days

A message
from Durham
Tourism

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DURHAM -- Durham Region is rich in cultural spaces, places, attractions and special events. Our creative edge makes for a passionate community.

I've always believed that bringing artists and residents together to celebrate local culture and creativity is one of the best ways to create the unique character found only in Durham Region.

One of the most widespread and celebrated events the Region is proud to participate in is Culture Days.

Durham Tourism is inviting residents from all area municipalities, including event producers, and arts and heritage organizations, to celebrate art in our region during the Culture Days weekend, from Sept. 30 to Oct. 2.

This annual festival will be recognized nationwide, and includes free, hands-on, interactive activities.

Local residents are invited to participate "behind the scenes" and

discover the world of artists, creators, historians, architects, curators and designers at work in our communities.

Events in Durham Region will include studio tours, open houses, art exhibitions, heritage tours, concerts, performances, dance workshops, art lessons, a fashion show and more.

Visit www.culturedays.ca.

Fine-art lovers will also want to check out the Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts event this fall. Now in its 26th year, this art extravaganza offers the opportunity for local artists to showcase their talent right here at home.

From Sept. 16 to Oct. 8, head to north Durham for breathtaking paintings, sculpture, writing, food and everything in between.

This event will cover many genres of arts and culture, including food and culinary art, which is new this year.

No matter your preference, you're bound to find something that will captivate your artistic side.

Be sure to enter the Watch, Eat and Stay contest to win a VIP pass to all of the events during the three-week festival.

Visit www.celebration-ofthearts.ca.

The Oshawa Art Association's Fall Art Festival is another one you won't want to miss this season. Taking place at Camp Samac this weekend (from Sept. 16 to 18), this 30th annual event invites you to come out and enjoy the work of artists from across our region.

Live art demonstrations, great food and vibrant music all await you at this scenic site in Oshawa.

Visit www.oshawaartassociation.com.

This season, be sure to take in Durham Region's vibrant arts scene at our local art galleries, musical events, theatres and more.

For information on these (and more) festivities in Durham Region, visit www.durhamtourism.ca or follow us on Twitter at @DurhamTourism.

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