

Community culture

Durham Tourism is inviting area municipalities, event producers, and arts and heritage organizations to celebrate arts and culture in Durham Region during Culture Days weekend, which runs from September 27 to 29.

Now in its fourth year, Culture Days invites everyone to explore, discover and participate in arts and culture events in every community across the country. In 2012, the annual Culture Days weekend took place in more than 850 Canadian cities and towns, with attendance topping more than 1.6 million individuals. More than 1,500 activities were presented across Ontario, a 20 per cent increase over the event's first-year participation levels.

"We are encouraging all artists and venues to participate in this grass-roots event to celebrate Durham Region's culture and heritage," said Kerri King, Tourism Manager for Durham Region. "Last year, more than 50 activities happened here in Durham Region as part of Culture Days. This year, we hope that even more artists and venues get in

on the celebration."

Culture Days events are free, hands-on, interactive activities that invite the public to participate "behind the scenes" and discover the world of artists, creators, historians, architects, curators and designers at work in their communities. Last year, events in Durham Region included studio tours and open houses, art exhibitions, heritage tours, concerts, performances, dance workshops, art lessons, a fashion show and more.

Durham Tourism is requesting that all interested participants register Culture Days events online, as soon as possible, to have their event listed on both the Durham Tourism and Culture Days websites. Event organizers should register their event on www.durhamtourism.ca and www.culturedays.ca to be a part of both local and national marketing campaigns, where events will be promoted in the media and online.

For more information, contact Durham Tourism toll-free at 1-800-413-0017 or tourism@durham.ca.

