

Old Fort Niagara to present 'Rebels at the Gates'

Old Fort Niagara Press Release

America's War for Independence comes alive on July 27 and 28, as Old Fort Niagara hosts the Grand National Encampment of the American Revolution. Eight hundred reenactors will gather at the fort to stage four battle reenactments, artillery duels, 18th century clothing programs, a period hospital and much more.

The event, titled "Rebels at the Gates," depicts an American attack on Fort Niagara in the summer of 1779. Although the fort was securely in British hands throughout the American Revolution, battle demonstrations will illustrate the tactics employed by both the British and American armies, and present broader themes about the uprising on the New York frontier.

National reenactor organizations, including The Brigade of the American Revolution, the Continental Line and the British Brigade, selected Old Fort Niagara as the site of their Grand National Encampment because of the fort's rich history and commitment to living history programs.

When they arrive at Old Fort Niagara, reenactors will establish large period camps that display many of the camp activities that took place on a daily basis during the War for Independence. Camp life will play out

much as it did during the 18th century with military formations, colors ceremonies, medical displays and martial drills.

Highlights of each day will be two large-scale battle reenactments, artillery duels and fife and drum music by the assembled music corps of both British and American armies. Period merchants will also set up camp, offering their wares to participants and public alike. Others will demonstrate period crafts, showing how artisans provided items needed to keep armies in the field.

During the American Revolution, Fort Niagara served as British headquarters on the Great Lakes, as a base for frontier raids and a destination for Loyalist refugees. The fort features several original 18th century buildings that predate the war. During the event, hundreds of reenactors will bring the fort's venerable buildings and fortifications to life as they recreate the New York frontier of the 1770s.

"Rebels at the Gates" is the fort's kickoff event for the nation's multi-year 250th birthday celebration. The program aligns with New York state's proclamation of the years 2024 to 2033 as the "Era of Commemoration." More information is available at www.oldfortniagara.org.

Upcoming double-features in Academy Park

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Coming soon to Academy Park, two marvelous midsummer evenings!

"The Lewiston Council on the Arts is proud to present two special 'double-features' that we know you won't want to miss," LCA Executive Director Maria Fortuna Dean said.

The Buffalo Philharmonic Orchestra returns at 7 p.m. Saturday, July 27, sponsored by Di-Mino's Lewiston Tops. Led by Argentinian conductor Fernanda Lastra, this world-class orchestra is playing a fun, family-friendly concert of favorite, familiar tunes.

While you enjoy the music, raise a glass and have a bite to eat with the wineries of the Niagara Wine Trail.



On Monday, July 29, at 6:30 p.m., a concert by Tom Keefer and Celtic Cross will "book-end" an hour-long telling of "A Midsummer Night's Dream." Shakespeare In Delaware Park will perform the classic tale of

the King and Queen of the fairies, Oberon & Titania, and their sidekick in mischief, Puck, meddling with the lives of four confused lovers, and a ragtag troupe of would-be actors.

Niagara Wine & Food Festival at Academy Park

The Niagara Wine & Food Festival returns to Academy Park in Lewiston on July 27-28. The 14th annual event is sponsored by the Niagara Wine Trail and will include two days of wine tasting: noon to 6 p.m. Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets, valid for both days,

are \$40 presale (until 9 p.m. July 26) or \$45 at the door. Admission includes a tasting wristband for each day (ID required for this age-21-plus option), three tastes at each participating winery once during the event, one keepsake wine glass (while supplies last); and shopping and pickup service

to keep your hands free while tasting (purchases will not be kept overnight).

Designated drivers will be admitted free.

View participating wineries and vendors at <https://niagarawine-trail.org/niagara-wine-trail-festival/>.

NFMMC to host free 'Party in the Park'

Niagara Falls Memorial Medical Center invites the community to "Party in the Park," a free public event at Schoellkopf Park on Thursday, Aug. 1.


Organizers said, "The event will celebrate the revitalization of the park, made possible by a Community Development Grant from the City of Niagara Falls.

Sponsored by Seneca Niagara Resort & Casino, 'Party in the Park' will feature live music, food trucks, and an opportunity for the community to come together and enjoy the newly enhanced Schoellkopf Park."


The event runs from 4-7 p.m. at 650-660 Portage Road, Niagara Falls. Highlights include:

- Live entertainment with the band White Chocolate. A press release noted, "Known for their energy-packed dance and party music, White Chocolate has been a part of the Buffalo music community for over 10 years. They bring vibrant tunes from the Temptations to Nelly, making appearances at weddings, parties, clubs and, now, this community event."

- Onsite food trucks: A variety of local food trucks will offer different options for attendees.



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