

## News Release



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## Edmonton Folk Music Festival coolest place to be in August

Vibrant ... dramatic ... colourful ... and friendly. When describing the Edmonton Folk Music Festival, musicians and patrons are unanimous.

The 30th festival on Aug. 6 to Aug. 9 promises to be all that and more for the Edmontonians, visitors and volunteers who will claim their patch of grass on the hill at Gallagher Park to listen and move to the beat of 64 music-makers from the four corners of the globe.

"The eclectic lineup features artists from 18 countries," said festival producer Terry Wickham in announcing the 2009 lineup.

"Some festival favourites are back. We have several well-known artists, and there is always a handful of musicians who will turn heads and perk up our fans' ears with their unusual and exciting sounds," Wickham said.

Steve Earle, Boz Scaggs, Neko Case, Rodney Crowell, The Wailers, Steven Page, Arrested Development and Iron and Wine are this summer's headliners.

Yet artists like Jill Barber and Joel Plaskett, the Australian alt-country duo Kasey Chambers and Shane Nicholson, bluegrass notables such as Cherryholmes and Béla Fleck, musicians with diverse African roots, and the contingent from Great Britain and Ireland are just as certain to rev up and captivate an audience eager for exposure to a variety of music.

Set in the lush river valley with the city skyline as its backdrop, the festival is an annual gathering that has come to epitomize Edmonton as a "festival city." This is a family event whether you come to listen to music, reconnect with old friends, or join the army of 2,200 volunteers who keep the festival running as the top act it has become since it was started 30 years ago.

Our patrons have witnessed many changes over the years, especially concerning Gallagher Park. This year we have added extra water taps near the Cloverdale community hall to reduce the lineups at the washstands. A watering station has been set up between Stage 5 and Stage 6 to keep patrons well hydrated as they trek between session stages.

