

Folk Night at the Registry: Season 18, 2025-2026

Season 18 of Folk Night is presented by **The Old Chestnuts Song Circle** in partnership with **The Registry Theatre**. We gratefully acknowledge the assistance of our volunteers, supporters, and subscribers, without whom our presentation of world-class and deserving but lesser-known artists would simply not be possible. We welcome singer-songwriters and traditional musicians from both near and far, bringing audiences the broad and evocative music that makes up “folk”.

Our 18th year continues our award-winning, intimate in-person shows and our outstanding Live Streams. Our innovative online concerts reach viewers from Vancouver to England.

All shows are at **The Registry Theatre**, 122 Frederick St, Kitchener. **Prices shown are Advance / At the door / Live Stream. Series passes** (for in-person and online) & **tickets** are available through www.folknight.ca and jhcole@mgl.ca.

 <p>MatthewByrne.net</p>	<p>MATTHEW BYRNE Saturday, October 4, 2025, 8pm. \$24 / \$27 / \$20 F-N LIVE Stream</p> <p>Newfoundland's Matthew Byrne celebrates the release of his 4th album "Stealing Time", recorded in the UK with folk legend Martin Simpson and many musicians from the UK scene. His rich and powerful vocals, refined guitar style, and compelling interpretations of unique traditional songs have made Matthew a favourite of folk audiences at home, throughout Canada, and abroad. We welcome him back to Folk Night, where he last appeared in September 2017.</p>
 <p>LennieGallant.com</p>	<p>LENNIE GALLANT Saturday October 25, 2025, 8pm. \$35 / \$40 / \$25 F-N LIVE Stream</p> <p>Lennie Gallant has released 15 albums (11 in English and 4 in French) of original songs which have won him a host of awards and nominations from the JUNOs, CFMAs, ECMAs, and Les Prix E'loizes. He has received the Order of Canada, Canadian Folk Artist of The Year Award, as well as 19 East Coast Music Awards, including the ECMA Entertainer of the Year, several times over. His trio performed for Folk Night in March 2017; it was one of our most memorable shows, and we are delighted to have them return.</p>
 <p>ArrogantWorms.com</p>	<p>THE ARROGANT WORMS Saturday December 6, 2025, 8pm. \$32 / \$35 / \$24 F-N LIVE Stream</p> <p>The Arrogant Worms have spent over three decades making fun of a big dumb world. Their songs have been played on the radio, the internet, and in outer space (on the space shuttle Endeavour). The Worms began at Queen's University in 1991 at the campus radio station CFRC. The Arrogant Worms (Chris Patterson, Mike McCormick, and Trevor Strong) have since toured ceaselessly across Canada (and select other parts of the world), released 13 albums, and recorded with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra. Their Happy Happy birthday song is a viral sensation with over one hundred million views of the various fan videos on YouTube. This is their first visit to Folk Night.</p>
 <p>WendellFerguson.com KatherineWheatley.com</p>	<p>WENDELL and WHEAT Saturday January 17, 2026, 8pm. \$25 / \$27 / \$20 F-N LIVE Stream</p> <p>Wendell Ferguson is the six-time Canadian Country Musician's Association Guitar Player of the Year. The Ottawa Citizen says that Katherine Wheatley is "a performer to keep you on the edge of your seat". They are the best of musical pals, and together they are dynamite. Her heartfelt lyrics and stunning voice and his honest and irreverent humour make their show both moving and hilarious. They performed a Christmas show for Folk Night in December 2011 that has had many requests for a reprise, and we welcome them back for a concert that may include some "memories of the Season".</p>
 <p>TerraSpencer.ca</p>	<p>TERRA SPENCER Sat. April 18, 2026, 8pm. (Roots Wknd) \$24 / \$27 / \$20 F-N LIVE Stream</p> <p>Award-winning Nova Scotian funeral director-turned-songwriter Terra Spencer charms audiences with her deft guitar, gospel piano, butterscotch voice, crackling wit, and wood-paneled warmth. Her startlingly intimate songs have caught the eye of collaborators including Dave Gunning, David Francey, Ben Caplan, and Matt Andersen. Every show is a knee-to-knee conversation with a natural storyteller. We are excited to welcome Terra to The Registry.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">The Registry Roots Weekend begins Friday April 17 with The HighBanks Bluegrass Band. <i>Presented by The Registry Theatre. Tickets for April 17 are \$25 (\$27 at the door).</i></p>
 <p>MelisandeMusic.com</p>	<p>MÉLISANDE Saturday May 2, 2026, 8pm. \$27 / \$30 / \$22 F-N LIVE Stream</p> <p>Multiple award-winning francophone singer Mélisande makes her first visit to The Registry. On her 2024 (CFMA nominated) album, Rembobine (<i>Rewind</i>), Mélisande revisits traditional songs from her first 4 recordings in authentic Québécois style. Accompanied by 4 seasoned musicians, including Alexandre de Grosbois-Garand of Genticorum, and featuring fiddle, flute, guitars, mandolin, and percussion, the result is a high-energy sound with strong vocal harmonies woven around Mélisande's infectious lead vocals. Her rich musical background and her mesmerizing voice give a fresh take on these traditional songs. Mélisande gets the crowd stomping, dancing, and singing wherever she goes.</p>

About our Live Streams. The amazing team of Folk Night volunteers, together with The Registry, has created an online show that is second to none. Using multiple pan-tilt-zoom cameras, we present the performers even closer than in person. We create a custom, dedicated sound mix to ensure that instruments and voices are perfectly matched. We add bonus content during the intermission, including an interview with the performers. And we make the concert available for days after the show, so that ticket holders can watch it again, at their convenience. For a 16 minute sample of one of our concerts, please visit <https://youtu.be/lcppPRlfDtk>.

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Please contact Jack Cole, jhcole@mgl.ca, 519-578-6298 for more information. **Tickets can be ordered online at www.FolkNight.ca**. Taxes are included in all prices. Concerts and series passes tend to sell out early. Part of the Grand River Folk Community, www.grandriverfolk.org.