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2019 Halton Freedom Celebration Musicians

Our 2019 Halton Freedom Celebration Festival will bring together musical acts, children's activities, cultural art, food, crafts, and inclusive/ new immigrant/ heritage, historical, genealogical and multi-cultural groups promoting inclusivity and community integration. The multi-cultural ambience will be infused with Canadian R&B, Reggae, Soul, Funk, African, Ska, Soca and Pop Artists including:

Jordan John, a multi-talented musician adept at playing drums, keyboards, lead guitar, bass and vocals which resemble Aaron Neville. This group opened for Aretha Franklin at the TD Toronto Jazz Festival, at her request. Jordan has also been signed by David Foster, at 26 years old, to do 5 CDs and has jammed with Prince (drums) when he was 16 - I've compared his drumming to Buddy Rich. He has played with other great musicians including Johnny Reid, Colin James, Jeff Healey, Burton Cummings, Wide Mouth Mason, Ronnie Spector, Deborah Cox, and Divine Brown. Jordan John has been endorsed by David Foster, Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds, John Mayall, Steve Jordan, Keith Richards, Robbie Robertson, and George Clinton, to name a few.

Jordan is accompanied by his father, **Prakash John**, bass, who is a 3x recipient to the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame being acknowledged as the "Legendary bassist for George Clinton's Parliament-Funkadelic, Lou Reed, Alice Cooper, James Brown, The Blues Brothers, Paul Shaffer, Dr. John, Junior Wells, Mike Bloomfield, Gene McLelland, Rory Block. Prakash has also played with Bush and Mandala and leads what many have stated, the best R&B band in Canada - the Lincolns who played for Wayne Gretzky's wedding

Michael Dunston & Soul Stew- 7 piece R&B band. Michael sings with Crack of Dawn, The Lincolns, played Bo Diddley in the film Mr. Rock & Roll: The Allen Freed Story; producer and vocalist for "Donny Hathaway", with Dave Young (bass of Oscar Pedersen fame); "Marvin Gaye" and "Luther Vandross" shows; was nominated for "Male Vocalist of the Year" at the Wave Awards (2011), collaborated with Andrew Scott in winning the "Urban Music Award". Soul Stew is the original bar band of the Bamboo Club and just celebrated both 40th Anniversaries. They have collectively and individually performed and recorded with The Boss Brass, Bruce Cockburn, Paul Butterfield, Tito Puente, The Parachute Club, Holly Cole, Marc Jordan, Gino Vanelli, Aretha Franklin, and Nelly Furtado to name a few. Blues, Jazz, R&B, & Funk - Full out Dance music.

"Blackburn" - Blues, R& B, Funk & Soul; 2016 Juno Nominees, "Best Blues Band in Canada", Rolling Stone Magazine (2015), and 2010 Maple Blues Award Winners. Four Brothers (Robert (songwriter/sax), Brooke (exquisite guitar & vocals): Duane mesmerizing keyboard and vocal eloquence; and Cory, scintillating rhythms and funk/soul drumming) joined up with classic funk bassist Andrew Stewart, extraordinary Sax from the infamous Neil Braithwaite and the "blow the barn down" trombone of Ted Peters,. This world class blues and soul band were brought to music through the influence of their bluesman father Bobby Dean Blackburn who was recently awarded the Mississauga Walk of Fame. These 7th generation slave descendents are Promoters of family, roots and culture through their "Messages of Positivity".

Errol Skipah Blackwood brings his 7 piece Reggae band with Horns. Errol has won 11 Canadian music/video awards including several CRMA and Much Music Video Awards; nominated in 15 awards including 2 Juno nominations. He and his members have played for Messanjah, Injah Band, Nasio Fontaine and Gregory Isaacs bands

Luckystickz led by our own Board member, Dejean Hamilton who is one of the premier Steelpan/percussionists in Canada, having performed with Harry Belafonte, Brian Mcknight and Chili of TLC. Dejean is the first steel pan percussionist Berkeley graduate. Music has given Luckystickz the opportunity to perform internationally in Trinidad & Tobago, Jamaica, Barbados, Puerto Rico, Singapore, the United States, and throughout Canada.

Amanda Reeve & Street Talk - an accomplished versatile vocalist and musician playing saxophone and flute and once performed with the legendary Percy Sledge, leads her band "Street Talk through exquisite renditions of Jazz, Pop, Reggae, Soca, Salsa, Classic & Modern Rock, Funk & R&B.

Baba Williams - Drum Circle - BA Music - diversified experience with classical piano, trumpet and drumming - can provide from 3 - 90 drummers offering performances, workshop and/or drum circle presentations. He has featured as djembe soloist at different concerts and productions and has also been involved in Theatre, chorales, and studio recordings across 3 continents. "He is regarded as one of Canada's most prolific and respected drumming instructors." We will also be implementing a Youth Art Exhibit within our Emancipation Art Exhibition next year and we're currently developing Youth Performing Arts programs for our next fiscal year.

And, the exceptionally talented **Neema Children's Project** from Uganda will revisit with us for their 3rd year appearance. - 19 talented orphans dancing, singing and drumming towards fundraising to send supplies to schools, hospitals and orphanages back home.

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"Creating awareness about black history"

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Lincoln Alexander Day - January 21, 2018