

Welcome to the 20th Annual

Sparks Street Mall International Busker Festival!

Get Ready... Get Set... Go.

It's finally here — the 20th Annual Sparks Street Mall International Busker Festival is about to begin.

Grab a seat on the side walk or stand behind them, it is your choice as you get ready to be amazed, scream and just laugh until your sides hurt. The Sparks Street Mall has once again obtained acts that will amaze you, more new acts than ever seen before.

The Sparks Street Mall International Busker Festival and the Mall's Merchants believe in one aspect of the Festival that must be maintained year after year, and that is that this festival will cost you nothing to get in. No charge allows all members of our Great City and our visiting tourist affordable entertainment for the whole family.

Please do remember though that the Buskers, that we have brought to you, do not in any way get paid by us or anyone else to come here so when the show is over, don't forget the "hat" as this is the only way that they can make their living. If you've enjoyed their show be sure to drop some money in their "hat" and help support this unique art form.

This year, with the help of our partners, the Sparks Street Mall and the performers will leverage this incredible community event to help raise funds for the Children's Wish Foundation. We are trying to grant two wishes this year.

On behalf of The Sparks Street Mall, the Performers and the many volunteers, we wish you a fun filled experience you will never forget. Remember, the Busker festival runs every year over the August long weekend. See you next year where we will see even more amazing shows!

Please e-mail us your questions, comments and evaluations to info@sparksstreet.com

Sharon McKenna

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Executive Director

BendyEm

Emma Kerger is a former National Gymnast and dancer originally from the United Kingdom who now resides in Sydney Australia. This pint-sized entertainer will have you on the edge of your seat as she comedically bends and contorts her body into freakily mind-boggling positions. If you want to see something memorable and entirely out of the norm watch Bendy Em squeeze herself into a tiny 16" Perspex Box balanced on a 7ft rig. This show should not be missed! www.bendyem.com



The Fireguy

ALL A-Board! ALL A-Board! Fireguy's Skateboard fire show is rolling into town. You see Fire Juggling on a Skateboard, Fire Eating, Launching off a ramp through a flaming star. Fireguy really makes ASH out of himself. It's the Skatest show on earth! www.fireguy.ca



The Checkerboard Guy



With almost three decades of manipulating everything from flaming torches, 13th century battle axes to really stinky shoes, often while balancing on top of unicycles or unsupported 8-foot tall aluminum ladders (and we're not talking step ladders here), it's no wonder The Checkerboard Guy is known around the globe as a Comic Daredevil! www.checkerhead.com

Flame Oz

FlameOz, an entertainment company formed in 2002 in Australia — now based in the UK. For the past 7 years we have been performing our sensational, innovative, musically choreographed, high energy fire shows around the world. Our shows are an exciting mix of dance, acrobatics, martial arts, circus and special effects set to a funky, upbeat soundtrack. FlameOz Fire Shows have astonished audiences across the globe at a diverse range of events — from intimate private parties through to large corporate events, many street theatre festival for all different languages, for indoor theatres and tents and to audiences of over 4000 people in stadium shows. People remember the FlameOz Fire Show for their uplifting high energy, awesome level of skill, the sheer magnetism of the fire and because there simply isn't a show like it anywhere else...



Bike Boy

Extreme entertainment, extreme fun! World-renowned street entertainer and astounding performer Sean Bridges mixes amazing bicycle stunts, incredible juggling tricks and his spontaneous, zany humour to put on a thrilling, fearless funny show. Trained in Europe's biggest circus and largest theme park, and performing at the extreme games. Sean has awed audiences around the world. With experience on a variety of stages, Sean finds street performing his most exciting challenge yet. And it is this excitement, energy and thrill that always leaves his audiences laughing for more. www.bikeboy.net/



The Cowguys

The Cowguys have been delighting audiences worldwide since 1990. Their show is fast paced, jam packed with comedy juggling stunts, circus tricks, shenanigans and fun for the whole family! This year check out their new Great Escape show, where they battle locks, chains and a giant wooden box in an effort to escape in front of your eyes.



Kate Mior

Combining engaging performance with elaborate self-made costumes, Kate Mior produces visually stunning creative-movement based living art and mime; from street theatre installations to art-house theatre shows and bawdy vaudeville, she performs with professional circuses in shows and tours as a solo performer in the world of buskerfests.



The Puppet Tamer Show

Get Set for More Laughs than you can Shake a Stick-Puppet at... the Puppet Tamer Show - A Fast-Action Comedy Stunt Ventriloquist Show including Juggling, Unicycling, and On the spot Improvising. This show brings the best in live theatre to life. Tim Holland has performed across Europe, Asia and Australia. He has performed for the President of Singapore, trained with masters of comedy and has taught a rubber-chicken to dance the can-can.



Thom Sellectomy

Part side show and part standup comedy, Thom Sellectomy's unique brand of sword swallowing has delighted audiences of all ages on stages and streets across North America, in Europe, Down Under and even on the high seas. Swallowing swords while sharing stories from 20 years of performing and finally enlisting a helper from the audience to prove the swords are real, Thom is just the guy next door with a very different job! www.swordswallowing.com

Juggle Bugs

Introducing Ontario's hottest... and tiniest...new busking duo, the Juggle Bugs! When these two pint-sized pals aren't terrorizing opposing Pee Wee goalies on the ice, they are thrilling thousands of onlookers with their unique "kid powered" unicycle and juggling prowess. They're fun, charming and are an inspiration for other youngsters to turn off their TV's and to grab some fresh air and exercise. Bring the whole family! Juggle Bug fun is guaranteed... or your money cheerfully refunded!



Stunt Double Circus

Stunt Double Circus is an extremely high energy acrobatic troupe that offers a variety of performance and stunt work services filled with character based humor! Watch as these absurdly stereotypical out of work stuntmen perform big time stunts in a number of rare circus art forms! They might very well be the only group in the world to offer their audience such a unique combination of circus acts! www.stuntdoublecircus.com



Trulee Odd Show

Whether he is eating fire, juggling three knives blindfolded on a ten foot unicycle, just goofing around with members of the audience or tearing up the street on his chainsaw motorcycle Trulee Odd packs his show with amazing feats and in your face zaniness. This show, the result of watching too many Looney Tunes, has something for everyone. Bring your friends and family; see why people from all over the globe are talking about the Trulee Odd Show www.truleeoddshow.com

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