fire & ICE

WINTER FESTIVAL

JAN. 31

&

FEB. 1

2026

AltonMill
ARTS CENTRE

WELCOME

The Fire & Ice Festival is our annual invitation to embrace winter the Alton Mill way: Creative, cozy, and full of wonder. The festival brings together artists, performers, families, and friends for two-days of unforgettable experiences. Take your time exploring, warm up with food and drink, meet our artists and don't forget to join the Fire & Ice Quest for a little extra adventure.

HISTORY

Built in 1881 by William Algie as the Beaver Knitting Mill, the structure was largely destroyed by fire in 1908 but rebuilt.

Industrial Past: It produced wool, then later, under the Western Rubber Company, manufactured items for WWII, including condoms and gloves.

The "Ice" (Waterpower & Location): It was water-powered until 1982, sitting directly on the Shaw's Creek, which remains a central feature.

The Festival's Birth: The Fire & Ice Festival grew from the "Mill Pond Classic" hockey tournament, originally a fundraiser for the rehabilitation of the mill pond, which started around 2010.

Modern Tradition: The festival, held in late January/early February, now includes a "burn" of a major fire sculpture, typically designed by artists like Paul Morin or Brian Oates, serving as a "pièce de resistance" for the event.

The Mill was restored starting in the late 1980s by Jeremy and Jordan Grant and officially transformed into an Arts Centre by 2009 blending the heritage of the site with contemporary art and culture

SITE MAP

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2026 fire & ICE WINTER FESTIVAL

Presented By:

TORONTO
at Osprey Valley

FIRE & ICE QUEST

Brought to you by:

Deja Vu Diner

Ready for an Adventure?

Complete the Fire & Ice Quest, sponsored by DeJa Vu Diner, by following the clues, capturing photos, and exploring all that the Fire & Ice Festival has to offer!

How It Works:

- **Follow the clues (in any order you wish)**
- **Take a photo or selfie at each location**
- **Share your journey on Instagram for a chance to win!**

(Be sure to tag: @alton.mill and hashtag: #FireAndIceQuest)

- **Scan to complete the contest entry form– *Not on Instagram? Not to worry! Upload your images via the contest QR Code***

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#1. Sweet traditions stretch like taffy. Follow the scent of maple and warmth.

#2. Lace up and glide where the water reflects the sky. This winter playground waits on nature's approval.

#3. Where water once powered industry, it now sings all winter long. Find the place where the waters play a rushing song.

#4. Frozen blocks become fleeting art. Seek the masters at work where sharp tools meet clear ice.

#5. I live in stories and Scottish lakes, but today I'm made of cement. Humps above the surface and a neck held high, you found Nessie!

#6. This musician never takes a bow. Find the oil painting of a man playing his violin– his music captured forever in oil on canvas.

#7. In this studio you'll find art that's sweet, but don't be fooled, this food you can't actually eat!

#8. Reds and gold... an explosion of freedom... This painting is my Libertango.

#9. Look for me, do not rush. Upon a shelf, I hold a brush. I may be small, but I'm quite a sprite, do say hello and be polite! (hint: I am inside a studio)

#10. Look for a framed artwork of a Eurasian song bird. Small, colorful, and easy to spot: Blue wings and crown, white cheeks, yellow belly.

#11. Where wax warms up to make art– Look for the flare surface where the magic starts.

#12. Not outdoors, but still near the pond, look around for gifts both small and grand– is within this maker's land.

#13. From heat comes movement and light. Follow the glow to where fire dances against the night.

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HOT MIC
COMEDY & CONCERT

7:30 PM

FEATURING

Stoney Lonesome Band

Manny Mangat
Stephen Kamazyn
Finn Bogi
Kaya Luna
Alex DeWitt
Oliver Kouprie

$40 IF AVAILABLE

Music meets laughs in one unforgettable night! Secure your spot and get ready to tap your feet and double over in laughter.

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THE SECORD STAGE

SECORD
PAINTING

Liam Balch
Sat 1:30

KURTZ & LIEGE
THE LAWBREAKERS 3:30 PM

STONEY LONESOME
5 PM

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 31, 2026

10:00 am to 6:00 pm

- Open Studios
- Tarot Readings in Studio 206
- Artisan Markets
- Shops
- Silent Auction Bidding
- Pond Skating
- Food Trucks
- Lumberjack Lounge
- Visit a Fire Truck

11:00 am to 6:00 pm

- Kids Crafts
- Encaustic Bee Ornament Workshop 216
- Family Mini Photography Sessions
- Face Painting
- Hot Stove Lounge
- Family Activity Zone
- Super Snow Slide
- Roasting S'mores (while supplies last)

12:00 pm

- Opening Ceremonies

12:00 pm to 5:00 pm

- LIVE Ice Carving Demonstrations
  VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE
- Caricature Artist

6:30 pm

- The Big Burn!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2026

10:00 am to 4:00 pm

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11:00 am to 4:00 pm

- Kids Crafts
- Family Mini Photography Sessions
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12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

- LIVE Ice Carving Demonstrations
  VOTE FOR YOUR FAVOURITE

3:00 to 4:00 pm

- Ice Sculpture voting

Thank You for supporting the arts

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Martin Kouprie
GM Festival Director

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