

# Dauphin's COUNTRYFEST SINCE 1990

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## **DAUPHIN'S COUNTRYFEST 2016: Full list of artists released for this year's festival!**

March 17, 2016 (Dauphin MB) -- **Dauphin's Countryfest** is pleased to release the full list of artists slated to perform at Canada's longest running country music festival, taking place from June 30-July 3.

"It's our goal to provide fans with an exceptional and well-rounded music festival experience, and it all starts with the artists we bring out to Dauphin," says **Eric Irwin**, president of Dauphin's Countryfest. "It's no secret that the Canadian dollar is presenting challenges to the entertainment business. Despite that, Dauphin's Countryfest is happy to be presenting one stellar line-up this year."

This year's line-up includes classic and modern country, rock, blues, roots and folk – a little bit of something for everyone. "We are pumped to bring back our Countryfest Kick-Off Party Thursday night on the Hilltop, featuring acts like **Trooper**, **Blackjack Billy** and more," says Countryfest promoter **Rob Waloschuk**. "We haven't done a Kick-Off Party on the Hilltop since 2008, so we're very excited to be bringing back this tradition."

The Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries Main Stage gears up on Friday to celebrate Canada Day, with the biggest names in Canadian country headlined by fan-favourites **Dean Brody** and **Dallas Smith**. Saturday night welcomes chart-toppers **Thomas Rhett** and **Lady Antebellum**, and Sunday wraps up with superstar **Dwight Yoakam** and the one-and-only legendary **Merle Haggard**.

### **COUNTRYFEST ARTISTS FOR 2016**

*\*\*Denotes that an artist has already been announced*

**10 Stone**

**Aaron Goodvin**

**Aaron Pritchett**

**All Fired Up**

**\*\*Autumn Hill**

**Barracuda**

**Blackjack Billy**

**Brett Michael Monka**

**Chad Brownlee**

**\*\*Chris Janson**

**Clayton Bellamy**

**Cold Creek County**

**\*\*Dallas Smith**

**\*\*Dean Brody**

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Deric Ruttan  
Dirty Catfish Brass Band  
DJ Coop & Hunnicutt  
\*\*Dwight Yoakam  
JJ Shiplett  
Johnson Crook  
JoJo Mason  
\*\*High Valley  
Kendra Kay  
Kevin Roy  
Kimberley Dawn  
\*\*Lady Antebellum  
Leaf Rapids  
Leanne Pearson  
Longshot  
Marc Clement  
\*\*Merle Haggard  
Petric  
Quinton Blair  
Russell Lee  
The Ryan Keown Band  
Scenic Route to Alaska  
Terra Lightfoot  
Terri Clark  
The Lovelocks  
The Madtrappers  
The Matinee  
\*\*Thomas Rhett  
Tristan Horncastle  
Trooper  
Ultimate Escape  
Wes Barker

#### **LIMITED TICKETS REMAINING**

A limited number of weekend passes, VIPs, camping and day passes remain for the 2016 Dauphin's Countryfest. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.countryfest.ca](http://www.countryfest.ca), by calling 1-800-361-7300, or in-person at the Dauphin's Countryfest office (28 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NE in Dauphin). Ticket prices increase on May 1.

#### **ABOUT DAUPHIN'S COUNTRYFEST**

The 27<sup>th</sup> annual Dauphin's Countryfest takes place June 30-July 3, 2016. Canada's longest running country music festival has been attracting the biggest names in country music to one of the most beautiful regions of Manitoba since 1990. Situated on the edge of Riding Mountain National Park, the unique outdoor amphitheatre built into the side of an escarpment provides every patron a perfect view from any one of the 14,000 seats in the house.

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Dauphin's Countryfest is a not-for-profit organization that consists of a 12-member volunteer Board of Directors and a membership of more than 2000 loyal supporters. Organizers credit over 2000 volunteers who work tirelessly each year providing essential services for the festival weekend, while fundraising for their respective community organizations. In addition to various community contributions, Countryfest pays out approximately \$150,000 each year to community organizations that provide services for the festival.

Dauphin's Countryfest was named a finalist at the prestigious Canadian Tourism Awards in 2013, nominated in the category of Tourism Event of the Year. The festival was also awarded the 2012 Philanthropist of the Year Award from The Dauphin & District Community Foundation, given to individuals or businesses that show the true spirit of philanthropy and giving.

Stay connected with Countryfest all year on social media, or by signing up for e-news at [countryfest.ca](http://countryfest.ca).

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