



Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest Hosts 5th Annual Hansie Awards
Awards Ceremony Recognizes Festival Entertainment Favourites and
Outstanding Contributions from Volunteers and Festival Partners

(Waterloo Region, ON – November 19, 2015) – The Festival may be over for another year, but the fun continued for Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest, as the winners of a number of Festival awards were announced at the 5th annual Hansie Awards, at the Alpine Club in Kitchener. The format of the annual awards ceremony included a red carpet entrance, complete with paparazzi, and a Rock your Tracht prize for the most outstanding embellishment to original German Tracht.

★ ***Jack Link's Beef Jerky Ein Prosit Awards*** presented to bands that perform at the festhallen during the festival.

Large Band Category (5 Members or more)	The Golden Keys
Small Band Category (4 Members or less)	SevenCastles
People's Choice (voted via text message)	The Walter Ostanek Band

★ ***Best In Festin' Awards*** presented to the Festhallen who showed the best Bavarian themes.

Large Festhalle (+600)	Concordia Club
Small Festhalle (-600)	Hubertushaus

★ ***Jack Link's Beef Jerky Fester's Choice Awards*** as voted on by Festhallen visitors, were presented in the following categories:

Best Family Day	Schwaben Club
Best Side Dish	Alpine Club (Strudel)
Best Band Audience Participation	Black Forest Band
Best Service	Transylvania Haus

★ ***Family & Cultural Events*** coordinated by the Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest FCE Committee, were evaluated in the following categories:

Most Family Oriented	Oktoberfest Citizenship Ceremony
Most Oktoberfest Spirit	Waterloo Region Museum
Best New Event	Gymtoberfest
Best Overall Event	Cook Like Oma
Best Sporting Event	Bogenschuetzenfest

★ ***Media Meister Award 2015*** 91.5 The Beat - "Rappers Gemuetlichkeit"

★ ***So You Think You Can Tanz Winner*** The Transylvania Club Youth Group Dancers

★ ***Sponsor of the Year*** The Record

★ ***Most Engaged Sponsor*** Sobeys

★ ***Volunteer Awards***

Unsung Hero Award
Volunteers of the Year

Brian Chenier
Brad Coles
Brigette Budaker

Roll with the Punches Award

Jean Weiler (Parade)
Danielle Fritsch (Schools Program)
Tim Hattle (Downtown)

Volunteer All Stars

Brian Whiffin -
Alicia Panetta -
Hillary Salvian -
Marjorie Wood -
Cindy Brissette -
Shannon Straus -
Catheryne McCutcheon -
Reed McKenzie -
Andy Teminski -
Rob Hesch -
Christine Watkins -
Darlene Kroisenbrunner -
Marty Stanfel -
Tim Zinger -
Ali Bearinger -
Nicole Hamilton -
Tom Kret -
Jason Niblock -
Rich Van Donk -
Brian Madill -
Tracy McKechnie -
Linda Zensner -
Darren Jones -
Eric Scheffler -
Bengt Nyman -
Margit Fritsch -
Jen Halcrow -
Elise Congi -
Reinhold Schuster -
Darlene Stegner -
Heather Rodger -

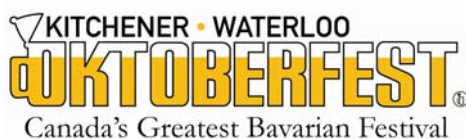
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A Blooming Affair
Conventions
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Culinary
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Downtown
Festival Entertainment
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Gemuetlichkeit
German Heritage
Golf Experience
Golf Experience
Marketing
Marketing
Mascots
Mascots
Maypole
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Miss Oktoberfest Gala Ball
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Parade
Parade
Schools Program
Schools Program
Special Projects
Tour de Hans
Tour de Hans
Women of the Year
Women of the Year

Most Rocked Tracht Award

Margit Fritsch (Mother Earth)

These groups and people truly reflect the hard working efforts of all volunteers affiliated with Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest.

Our 2016 Festival will be October 7th - October 15th, see you there!



About Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest

Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest is a not-for-profit Bavarian festival founded in 1969 by a group of volunteers committed to contributing to the social and economic vitality of Kitchener-Waterloo, Canada twin cities with German heritage. Canada's Greatest Bavarian Festival celebrates German heritage, food, music and festivities and is supported by more than 50 not-for-profit organizations. The festival is operated by eight year-round full-time staff, over 480 volunteers and 1,300 community and service club volunteers that stage the nine-day festival each October promoting a unique German cultural experience. As well as the \$22.2M economic boost the festival gives the local economy during the international festival, over \$1.5 million is raised each year by the not-for-profit organizations associated with Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest, one of the top three most recognized event brands in Canada.

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