



Halton Freedom Celebration Festival

Saturday August 3, 2019 • 12:00 noon to 11:00 pm

Halton Black History Awareness Society (HBHAS) • www.hbhas.ca • hbhas2015@gmail.com

SPENCER SMITH PARK, BURLINGTON, ONTARIO

CAPACITY 1000+

Master of Ceremonies: *Dejehan Hamilton (Luckystickz)*

Graduate of Berkley School of Music - Youth Empowerment Speaker - HBHAS Director

12 Noon Festival Introduction - Drum Workshop with Baba Williams
Children & Youth Activities - DJ Michael Gibson

1:50 Luckystickz

2:50 Special Regards

3:10 The Neema Project

4:10 "Community, Roots & Culture"

4:20 Street Talk

5:40 Sponsor Acknowledgement

5:50 Errol Skipah Blackwood

6:50 Contributor/Vendor Appreciation

7:05 Blackburn

8:15 Musical Interlude

8:35 Jordan John

9:45 Movin' Groovin' with Michael Gibson

10:00 Michael Dunston & Soul Stew

★ **Luckystickz:** Dejehan Hamilton is one of the premier Steelpan/percussionists in Canada having performed with such legends as Harry Belafonte, Brian Mcknight and Chili (of TLC).

★ **The Neema Project:** 20 Orphaned Youth from Uganda mesmerizing with Dance, Drums & Song.

★ **Michael Dunston & Soul Stew:** Full out Award Winning 7 piece Dance – R&B, Funk & Soul.

★ **Errol Skipah Blackwood:** 7 piece Award winning – Reggae with Horns.

★ **Jordan John:** Aretha Franklin Opening Act Toronto – R&B, Funk, Soul.

★ **Street Talk:** Internationally Recognized – Calypso Reggae.

★ **Blackburn:** Rolling Stone Magazine "Best Blues Band in Canada" (2015) - Juno nominees (2016) – Funk, Soul, R&B.

★ **Baba Williams:** "One of Canada's most prolific and respected drumming instructors".

★ **Mike "DJ GIBS" Gibson:** (formerly Attitude Sound Crew) specializes in HipHop, R&B, Dancehall and Reggae; Mike was a finalist in several DJ competitions, including the Canadian DMC mix-off and supported concerts with artists like Run-DMC, Fat Man Scoop, Rampage, Kardinal Offishall, Jully Black.

2019 HALTON FREEDOM CELEBRATION MUSICIANS



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. Jordan has jammed on drums with Prince when he was 16 and has played with Johnnie 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 descendants 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.



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."



Luckystickz led by our own Board member, **Dejehan Hamilton** who is one of the premier Steelpan/percussionists in Canada, having performed with Harry Belafonte, Brian McKnight and Chili of TLC. Dejehan 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.



Neema Children's Project from Uganda will revisit with us for their 3rd year appearance. - 20 talented orphans dancing, singing and drumming towards fundraising to send supplies to schools, hospitals and orphanages back home.

