july hot tickets

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 **CANADA DAY** Celebrations abound! Signal Hill, Cape Spear, Pippy Park and George Street. In Mount Pearl check out the parade and St. David's Park festivities. Stock up on fireworks. **FESTIVAL 500** opens today. The headliner this year is Anuna, best known as the original vocal group in Riverdance. (July 1 – July 8) www.festival500.com	**2** **MASH UP MONDAYS** Every Monday night the Rox Solid Sound Crew mix pop cheese with fat beats at Pulse Nightclub. (While you're there, check out the amazing saltwater aquarium on the second level... Lionfish vs. blowfish!)	**3** **THE TRANSFORMERS MOVIE** opens today. When the evil Decepticons attack a US military base in Qatar the do-gooder Autobots swoop in to save the world. Meets you right between the eyes. **KATE POLSKY**, singer-songwriter and activist is in from Vancouver for the Festival 500. The Ship. (Also at The Fat Cat on July 4)	**4** **ABRACADABRA ILLUSION SHOW** Peter Duchemin brings his classic world of dark and beautiful magic to The Rabbittown Theatre. Original musical score performed by Evelyn Osborne & Chris Driedzic. (Jul 4 – Jul 8) 739-8220	**5** **FOLK NIGHT** at The Ship featuring the soulful Sherry Ryan	**6** **URBAN AUDIO CLASH FINALS** at Distortion. (It's like a battle of the bands but harder and meaner and cooler)	**7** **PARTICIPACTION IN YOUR ENVIRONMENT** arts & environmental festival—St. John's first ever—wraps up with a Live Earth all-day concert on the George Street outdoor stage. Festival runs June 23 – July 7. See the box in our events listing for details.
8 **SIGNAL HILL TATTOO** The first day of its season and 18th Century military might with cannons, musket fire and the fife & drum (11am & 3pm daily.) **CBC CELEBRITY SOCCER GAME** starring Mark Critch, Rex Goudie, Buddy Wasisname & The Other Fellers, Jonathan Crowe, Colleen Power, Karl Wells, Jeff Gilhooly & Krysta Rudofsky at King George V Field.	**9** **STAND UP COMEDY** Bust a gut at Victory Tavern's new Open Mic Comedy Night, hosted by Sherri Levesque. (Hey, that name sounds familiar!) Free. **MIDDLE COVE** On this day in 2006 Middle Cove Beach was alive with capelin scull. This year, Rhonda Pelley will be setting up an outdoor art installation at the site—but only when the capelin are there.	**10** **MS MAASDAM** At 220 metres long and with 2,000 passengers, Holland's MS Maasdam is the mastodon of cruise ship traffic this month. Have some butter on hand in case we need to grease The Narrows. You can watch her squeeze in at 8 a.m. Ignore the naysayers who start singing "My Heart Will Go On."	**11** **WHEN HARRY MET SALLY**, The Girl from the Bay. Outport humour with live music, this marks Spirit of Newfoundland's newest dinner theatre show of the summer season. (Most Wednesdays to Fridays in summer) spiritofnewfoundland.com	**12** **WAX MANNEQUIN** The psychedelic folk rocker will fly down on his magic mushroom cloud from Hamilton for a night of sonic weirdness at Distortion. Part of his Canadian CD release tour. A second show at CBTGs will happen July 13.	**13** **A/V** The one-man synth-wielding band returns with The Kettle Black at Distortion. Also at The Ship on July 12.	**14** **RISING TIDE THEATRE** A repertoire of fifteen different shows based on historical events as well as Newfoundland fiction. Today's schedule includes the New Founde Lande Trinity Pageant at 2:30pm, Shenanigans dinner theatre at 5:30pm, and No Man's Land, adapted from Kevin Major's novel of the same name at 8:30pm. Check the calendar at risingtidetheatre.com
15 **NAPOLEON SURRENDERS** An annual historical enactment of Napoleon's arrest as onlookers revel in port wine and toast to the health of the Queen. 1pm and free at the Newman Wine Vaults. **COUNT-DOWN-TO-MIDNIGHT PARTY** at Granny Bates. Be among the first in North America to get your hands on Happy Potter and the Half Blood Prince. Call 739-9233 for a ticket.	**16** **WHITE STRIPES** The grand finale of their epic Canadian tour, which includes Glace Bay and Iqaluit. Happens at Mile One. For tickets call 576-7657.	**17**	**18** **ST JOHN'S JAZZ FESTIVAL** Featuring Toronto Afro-funksters Mr. Something Something, Caribbean Latin groovers Canefire, The Jeff Johnston Quartet, klezmer & East Euro folk from Beyond The Pale, Saxy jazz with the Christine Jensen Quartet and folk & soul from Sillan & Young. Free daytime concerts at Harbourside Park. (July 18 – July 22) stjohnsjazzfestival.com	**19** **WONDERBOLT CIRCUS** opens this week, with Beni Malone and his crew transforming St. Bon's into a magical Big Top. (July 18 – July 29) wonderbolt.ca	**20** **QUEER PUNK PERFORMANCE ARTIST MIKE HICKEY** (aka mikiki) is always sure to raise eyebrows when he takes his antics around various locations in St. John's. (July 20 – July 28)	**21** **SALMON FESTIVAL** Good Charlotte, Alexisonfire, Hey Rosetta!, Matt Mays & El Torpedo, and Classified will be at the party in Grand Falls-Windsor. (July 19 - July 23) www.grandfallswindsor.com/salmonfestival/ **ANNUAL STAR PARTY** The Royal Astronomical Society's weekend of sky gazing, BBQ and fun at Butterpot park. (July 20 – July 22) More info at tinyurl.com/36sy9r
22 **WORDS & MUSIC** A night with Rheostatics (RIP) guitarist Dave Bidini, Jody Richardson, Sara Tilley, Andreae Prozesky, Anthony Brenton & Liz Solo at The Ship. **MEGA BIRTHDAY BLITZ** Outdoor concert in St. David's Field, Mount Pearl. More info here: www.mtpearl.nf.ca **THE 80TH TELY 10 ROAD RACE**, the largest road race in Atlantic Canada is today.	**23** **PRIDE WEEK** The party starts at 10am today with a flag-raising ceremony at City Hall. Pride Week continues until July 29. stjohnspride.net	**24** **HAIRSPRAY** An all-star remake of John Waters kitschy movie, starring John Travolta, Michelle Pfeiffer, Queen Latifah & Christopher Walken is to be unleashed upon the summer movie-going world. For some reason.	**25** **GEORGESTOWN NEIGHBOURHOOD FESTIVAL** The elusive and much-anticipated happening will be anytime now. Keep an ear to the ground.	**26** **GEORGE STREET FESTIVAL** It all begins today. Witness the city's population swell to drunken proportions. We live in the city of legends. (July 26-31)	**27** **JACK**! Mary Fearon tells traditional stories featuring the classic Newfoundland folk hero and everyman. Hear her at the Newman Wine Vaults. www.historictrust.com	**28** **SUMMERDANCE** An annual festival of dance on the front lawn of the Fluvarium in Pippy Park (July 28 & 29) **MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM** DJ Hatiras bangs at Pride week's final bash at Liquid Ice. **VICTORIA PARK LANTERN FESTIVAL** An exhibit of hundreds, if not thousands, of lit lanterns, each one unique and specially crafted. fovp.org/lanternFestival.html
29 **BOB WISEMAN** makes arty & political super 8 films which he accompanies live on accordion, guitar or piano. The Ship. (Also July 28) **1ST ANNUAL ACCORDION IDOL ON BELL ISLAND** The winner goes home with $3000. (July 28 & 29) More info at bellisland.net **LIGHTHOUSE READINGS** Join Agnes Walsh & Ramona Dearing in Ferryland. www.lighthousepicnics.ca	**30** **SHAKESPEARE BY THE SEA** is busy uncorking some spookiness at the Newman Wine Vaults with Rats in the Walls & Poe's classic Cask of the Amontillado. (Sundays & Mondays July 8 – Aug 20) www.nfld.com/~sbts/ **HOWL** at the full moon.	**31**				thescope