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## **\$57,000 OTF Grant is Music to Newmarket jazz+ Festival Organizers**

**Newmarket - Arts Music Festivals York Region** (“AMFYR”), Newmarket jazz+ Festival organizers are happy to announce it has received a \$57,000 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF). The two-year grant which will be formally announced on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> by OTF volunteer Wendy Dunlop, will enable the group to promote Riverwalk Commons as a cultural destination through the creation of the Newmarket jazz+ Festival.

“I’m pleased to see that Arts Music Festivals York Region continues to grow from strength to strength, especially in its promotion of York Region as a must-see music festival destination,” said Frank Klees, MPP for Newmarket-Aurora. “Congratulations to the group on receiving this grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation.”

Over the next two years, funds from the OTF grant will be used to help with staff salaries, artists’ fees and advertising costs. This weekend’s Newmarket jazz+ Festival will be featuring visual artists, children’s art programs, film screenings, arts workshops and culturally diverse food.

Celebrate the Birth of a new York Region Music and Art Festival designed to showcase York Regional Talent. Bring family and friends to enjoy live music, art, food vendors and much more at the Newmarket jazz+ Festival, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> at Riverwalk Commons.

For more information on the festival, please visit the website at: [www.artsmusicfestivals.com](http://www.artsmusicfestivals.com) or [www.Facebook.com/AMFestivalsYorkRegion](http://www.Facebook.com/AMFestivalsYorkRegion) or @AMFestivalsYR

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