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## **MP Calandra Announces Funding for Markham Jazz Festival**

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(Markham, ON) - Paul Calandra, Member of Parliament for Oak Ridges-Markham today provided \$28,100.00 to the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Markham Jazz Festival. This grant will assist with project expenses, such as performer fees, staging and promotional costs.

The Markham Jazz Festival will showcase a wide variety of jazz music which will aim at increasing public engagement in the Markham area. The festival will include a variety of jazz music by many Canadian artists, including local artists, and will also feature a Friday night gala at the Markham Theatre.

“Our Government is proud to support the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Markham Jazz Festival,” said The Hon. James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages.

“I am pleased to support the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Markham Jazz Festival,” said Calandra. “This festival celebrates musical talent and helps to enrich Markham’s musical scene,” said Calandra.

"I am delighted that the Government of Canada is supporting the Markham Jazz Festival," said Markham Mayor Frank Scarpitti. "For 12 years, this festival has featured some of our most creative and diverse musical talents, and showcased Markham's thriving cultural life. It has become a tradition that many residents and visitors look forward to every summer," said Scarpitti.

“This Jazz Festival is a wonderful summer tradition in Markham. This donation from the Federal Government will ensure that this year’s Markham Jazz Festival ‘On Fire’ is a premier event not to be missed by Markham residents,” said Linda Briggs, Chair of the Markham Jazz Festival.

The Markham Jazz Festival takes place from August 14th to 16th. For more information please visit: [www.markhamjazzfestival.com](http://www.markhamjazzfestival.com)