

PRESS RELEASE FRANK MARINO

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Legendary Montreal Guitarist Frank Marino Returns for a rare free outdoor concert

Montreal, QC. ItalfestMTL is proud to announce that legendary Montreal guitarist **Frank Marino** - who returns to a stage after many years - will headline a rare free outdoor concert in the heart of Little Italy on Friday, August 7, 2026, at 9.15pm, as part of the opening weekend of ItalfestMTL 2026.

Presented by the Caisse Populaire Desjardins Canadienne Italienne, the concert, free to the public, will transform Little Italy into a vibrant open-air celebration of music, culture, and Montréal heritage, bringing together festivalgoers, music lovers, and longtime fans for an unforgettable evening.

Recognized internationally as one of Canada's most influential rock guitarists and celebrated for his groundbreaking work with Mahogany Rush, Frank Marino has left a lasting mark on generations of musicians and rock fans around the world. His return to the Montréal stage for this special performance promises to be one of the highlights of the city's summer cultural season.

Welcoming Frank Marino to ItalfestMTL is both an honour and an exciting moment. He is not only an iconic artist, but also an important part of Montreal's musical legacy. ItalfestMTL is thrilled to offer the public the opportunity to experience such an exceptional performance free of charge in the unique atmosphere of Little Italy.

The concert will take place on the festival's main stage during the opening night festivities of ItalfestMTL 2026, which runs from August 7 to 16 across several Montréal neighbourhoods with concerts, cultural programming, gastronomy, fashion, cinema, and community events celebrating Italian culture and its influence in Montreal.

About ItalfestMTL

ItalfestMTL is one of Montréal's leading cultural festivals, celebrating Italian culture, gastronomy, music, and lifestyle through a diverse and inclusive program of free and ticketed events presented across the city. Organized by the National Congress of Italian Canadians – Québec Region, the festival welcomes hundreds of thousands of visitors each year.


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