

OPENair

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A Summertime Reggae, Soca, Ska Party with Jamaica's **BYRON LEE AND THE DRAGONNAIRES!**

Sunday, August 21

TICKETS ON SALE Now!

McPherson Box Office (walk up or charge by phone: 386-6121)

Lyle's Place (cash only: 382-8422)

Doors: 7:00 pm Show: 7:30 pm

VICTORIA, BC, June 6, 2005—**BYRON LEE** is proud to point out that he and **THE DRAGONNAIRES** were responsible for “bringing ska to the uptown people in 1962 and bringing soca to the downtown population in 1990”. This summer, he and his band bring the hot sounds of the Caribbean to Open Air.

With **BYRON LEE** (aka The Dragon) as frontman, **THE DRAGONNAIRES** have been earning accolades from around the world since 1957. They were even featured in the first James Bond film (1961) at the start of their career. Their most recognizable hits include “Soca Tattie” and “Dancehall Soca”.

Over the past 48 years, more than 120 musicians from different Caribbean countries have played in the group, although it has never boasted more than 14 members at a time. Considered one of Jamaica’s finest musical ambassadors, **BYRON LEE** has been honoured with over 150 awards, including the prestigious UNICEF Award from the United Nations. <http://www.byronleemusic.com>

BYRON LEE AND THE DRAGONNAIRES are presented by OPEN AIR and ATOMIQUE PRODUCTIONS as part of a concert series sponsored by ROGERS WIRELESS. Other artists performing at OPEN AIR this summer include ALEXISONFIRE (July 13), SARAH HARMER (July 15), BUCK 65 (July 18), XAVIER RUDD (July 20) and JOHNNY CLEGG (Aug. 16).

OPEN AIR is a summer-long series of events presented by the Inter-Cultural Association of Greater Victoria (ICA) partnership with the City of Victoria and is produced by TNT Productions Inc. Located in Centennial Square, OPEN AIR also presents FLIX *al fresco!* and Big Band Boogie. For more information about OPEN AIR or volunteer opportunities, visit www.openairvictoria.com.

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