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Edmonton grabs stars for a super folk fest

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Goodness gracious, look at the lineup the Edmonton Folk Festival has assembled for this weekend (Aug. 7 to 9) at Edmonton's Gallagher Park.

Rosanne Cash, Rodney Crowell and Guy Clark, sitting around for 11/2 hours Sunday night swapping songs like they would in their living room. Blaster Phil Alvin



doing a solo set. Country legend John D. Loudermilk doing a rarer than rare live performance.

And appearances by (among others) Eric Andersen, John Fahey, Ferron, Amos Garrett, Gene Taylor and Doug Sahm, Humphrey and the Dumptrucks, Christine Lavin, Ellen McIlwaine, Murray McLauchian,

Danny O'Keefe, the Oyster Band, Rare Air, John Renbourne, the Romaniacs, John Sebastian, the Shuffle Demons, Spirit of the West, Shari Ulrich, Sneezy Waters and Townes Van Zandt. Randy Newman has cancelled due to illness, but has been replaced by Rick Danko of the Band.

Weekend passes at the door will be \$40 for an adult, \$30 for a youth -\$10 cheaper than the Vancouver Festival, which doesn't have nearly the big names. Ticket prices are being kept down by a number of government grants, plus corporate sponsorship by the likes of Molsons, Canadian Airlines, Lotto West and Shell. Single-day prices are \$20 per day (youth, \$15), \$15 for the evening show alone (youth, \$10).

CBC Radio (105.7 on the FM dial) will be doing a live broadcast from the festival Saturday from 8:05 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. featuring Phil Alvin, Humphrey and the Dumptrucks, the Oyster Band and others. CBC will be taping the Cash/Crowell/Clark set for later airing.

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