



Springtime in Paris will take over Lions Park on June 4 and June 5. Things get started with a butterfly release, top left, on Saturday at 10 a.m. and a performance by the Paris-Port Dover Pipe Band, top middle. Activities include pony rides, top right, and rafting, bottom right. Rose Cora Perry and The Truth Untold, bottom left, are the special music performers at 1 p.m. on Sunday. BRANT NEWS PHOTOS

# Musician hopes to inspire at Springtime in Paris

Annual festival full of entertainment for June 4 and June 5 at Lions Park

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**R**ose Cora Perry has battled depression and anorexia. Music proved to be her release from pain.

When she and her band, The Truth Untold, perform at Springtime in Paris, Perry hopes that her music will help others discover that they too can break free from their struggles.

"I had a bit of a tough go upbringing wise and I was really tormented a lot in high school because I was kind of a weirdo," Perry

said. "I went to a Catholic prep school and I was this weird eccentric artistic person and I never really felt that I fit in. I definitely got targeted a lot."

In 2010, Perry embarked on a solo career and at the same time founded a not-for-profit organization called Music Saves.

"The aim is to be able to impart onto youth the capacity of music and art to deal with things like depression or high school bullying because in my own life those are issues that I can personally relate to," Perry said. "If it weren't for the amazing

musicians that inspired me I wouldn't have been able to overcome those challenges without turning to things like substance abuse.

"Something that is really important to my mandate and my agenda as an artist is trying to promote a positive version of a rock musician as opposed to continuing to glamorize the sex, drugs and rock and roll kind of thing."

Rose Cora Perry and The Truth Untold will perform at the Lions Park bandshell Sunday at 1 p.m. Fans will hear a collection of songs from her upcoming album, *Onto the Floor*, that is set

for release in the fall.

Copies will be available at Springtime in Paris by donation.

"With this album, as with my last one, the goal is to raise proceeds so that I can eventually go on a nationwide tour across high schools, talking a bit about my own struggles that I had with depression and anorexia and high school bullying and being able to play the songs that helped me get through those things," Perry said.

"Being able to express myself lyrically at first and then melodically through writing music really helped

tremendously, just being able to find a positive outlet to express all of those emotions that I was feeling at the time. What was really amazing was when I started performing live and seeing that other people could actually relate to my experiences too, that really helped with the healing process."

Rose Cora Perry and The Truth Untold, which features Jeremy Sieberer and Tyler Randall, are just one of the featured acts and activities that will take place during the annual Springtime in Paris Festival June 4 and 5.

The festival officially

kicks off Saturday at 10 a.m. with a live butterfly release at the Lions Park bandshell and a performance by the Paris-Port Dover Pipe Band. The fifth annual soapbox derby races down Broadway Street hill take place Saturday at 9 a.m.

Other highlights include kids activities, crafts, guided rafting tours, garden tours, a bike rodeo, food booths, interactive animal displays and an 1800s military camp demonstration.

For more information or to register for the soapbox derby, visit [www.springtimeinparis.ca](http://www.springtimeinparis.ca).