

THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE
MUSICAL RIDE

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Metcalfe – April 9, 2008 - One of Canada's most recognized icons, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) Musical Ride, will be performing at the Metcalfe Fairgrounds on Friday, May 16, 2008.

The RCMP Musical Ride represents a colourful Canadian tradition. The troop of 32 horses and riders will perform a variety of cavalry drills choreographed to music. Working through a unique medium, they support the RCMP community policing efforts throughout Canada.

The Musical Ride was developed in 1876 by early members of the North-West Mounted Police to display their riding ability and entertain the local community. It has evolved over the decades into a uniquely Canadian performance enjoyed by tens of thousands of spectators every year.

Members of the Musical Ride are first and foremost police officers. They all have at least two years experience in active police work before volunteering for duty with the Musical Ride. Surprisingly, most have no prior riding experience.

Advance tickets are available at the Fair Office or at Campbell's Metcalfe Variety Store until May 1st only. Adult tickets are \$5 in advance; \$6 at the gate. Tickets for children under 12 are \$2, in advance or at the gate. Children's tickets sold in advance will be eligible for a prize to be drawn at the event. Children under 2 are admitted for free. For more information call the Metcalfe Agricultural Society office at 613-821-0591. This is a fundraising event in support of the Metcalfe Fair.