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# FESTIVAL GUIDE 2017

More than 200 events—big, small, downright obscure—are heading this way to enliven your spring, summer and, shudder, fall. It's time to get busy.

# WRAP YOUR HEAD AROUND THIS


Our annual guide to festival season will put you in the centre of the action. It'll be like the summer revolves around you.

Ours is a circular path. The Earth around the sun. The days of the week, months of the year and the seasons.

The same is true of festivals, but while some annual get-togethers—the Calgary Stampede, Calgary Folk Fest, 4th Street Lilac Festival—have proven to be perennial that does not mean they are static. Each year brings a new spin on a classic, and 2017 is no different. This year the Stampede will crown new champions, reverse its parade route and discover a food that has not yet been deep-fried to good effect. The Folk Fest has a new lineup every year and the Lilac Fest has been growing like its eponymous plant

since its inception 28 years ago.

In the course of the 12 years we have been producing our annual festival (OK, so magazines can be a bit circular, too) we've seen the festival scene thrive in good times and bad. And, while our current times are closer to the latter than the former, those seeking fun—indoor, outdoor, paid and free—still have a wealth of options to choose from.

As some great philosopher once said—Nietzsche or Journey, we can never remember—“wheel in the sky keeps on turnin' / I don't know where I'll be tomorrow.” When it's festival season, we're only too happy to go around in circles. Hang on; it's going to be a dizzying ride. 

## May

### A Night at the Banff Mountain Film Festival

**WHEN:** Wednesdays and Sundays until May 31, June 16 to Sept. 15

**WHAT:** Featuring award-winners and audience favourites from the annual festival.

**WHERE:** Lux Cinema, 229 Bear St., Banff, Alta. 1-800-413-8368, banffcentre.ca.

### Ginapalooza

**WHEN:** Ongoing until Thursday, June 1

**WHAT:** Gin-focused festival celebrating local gin distillers, international gin brands and gin cocktails.

**WHERE:** Various venues. ginapalooza.com.

### Fairy Tales Queer Film Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, May 19 to Saturday, May 27

**WHAT:** Nine days of LGBTQA programming guaranteed to provoke, challenge and entertain. Now in its 19th season, Fairy Tales features more than 35 screenings of queer film from around the world as well as performances, parties and panels.

**WHERE:** The Plaza Theatre, 1133 Kensington Rd. N.W. fairytalesfilmfest.com.

### Calaway Park Grand-Opening Weekend

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 20 to Monday, May 22

**WHAT:** Western Canada's largest outdoor family amusement park opens for another season of fun.

**WHERE:** 245033 Range Rd. 33. calawaypark.com.

### Heritage Park Opening Weekend

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 20 to Monday, May 22

**WHAT:** The Historical Village opens for its 53rd summer season, offering horse-drawn wagon rides, the thrills of the antique midway and rides on the steam train.

**WHERE:** Heritage Park, 1900 Heritage Dr. S.W., 403-268-8500, heritagepark.ca.

### Little Britches Weekend

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21

**WHAT:** Featuring the annual parade, River of Music Festival, a Cultural Taste of High River and rodeo featuring events such as barrel racing, pole bending, goat tying, break away roping, calf riding and mutton busting.

**WHERE:** Throughout the town of High River. highrivertourism.com.

### One Tribe Community Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 20 to Monday, May 22

**WHAT:** Family-friendly community festival with workshops and music by Phutureprimitive, Mat the Alien and Nada Deva.

**WHERE:** Camp Chief Hector, Kananaskis. tribefestival.com.

### Serbian Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 20 and Sunday, May 21

**WHAT:** Featuring Serbian dances, cuisine, workshops, sports and displays.

**WHERE:** 16025 243rd Ave E., DeWinton, Alta. serbianfest.org.

### Calgary International Children's Festival

**WHEN:** Wednesday, May 24 to Saturday, May 27  
**WHAT:** Includes *Moon Mouse: A Space Odyssey*, *Rattle and Strum*, *Go Go Peekaboo* and *Secret Agent 23 Skidoo*.  
**WHERE:** Olympic Plaza, 228 8th Ave S.E. and Arts Commons, 205 8th Ave. S.E. calgarykidsfest.ca.

### Bach at Knox

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 25 to Saturday, May 27  
**WHAT:** Explore the many aspects of Johann Sebastian Bach with the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Ivars Taurins. Featuring performances of Bach's St. Mark Passion, Brandenburg Concerto No. 5 and Bach's organ classics.  
**WHERE:** Knox United Church, 506 4th St. S.W. 403-571-0849, calgaryphil.com.

### Scotiabank Calgary Marathon

**WHEN:** Thursday, May 25 to Sunday, May 28  
**WHAT:** More than 10,000 participants take part in the marathon, half marathon, 10K or 5K family walk and run. This year, the races celebrate Canada's 150th; all finishers will receive a commemorative toonie medal.  
**WHERE:** All races start and finish at Stampede Park. calgarymarathon.com.

### Banff Yoga Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, May 26 to Sunday, May 28  
**WHAT:** Participants will be refreshed and renewed in yoga classes, hiking adventures, and cultural and social gatherings.  
**WHERE:** Fenlands Recreation Centre, Banff, Alta. banffyogafestival.com.

### Canadian International Fashion Film Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, May 26 to Sunday, May 28  
**WHAT:** Screenings, panel discussions and an awards show centred around fashion-related movies.  
**WHERE:** Various locations. caniff.com.

### Canadian Rockies Cowboy Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, May 26 to Sunday, May 28  
**WHAT:** Performances by Drew Gregory, Lori Kole, Two Bad Apples, Tim Hus, Tristan Horncastle and more.  
**WHERE:** David Thompson Resort, Nordegg, Alta. (Three hours northwest of Calgary). 1-888-810-2103, davidthompsonresort.com.

### Chestermere Country Connections

**WHEN:** Friday, May 26 and Saturday, May 27  
**WHAT:** Celebrate spring with a pancake breakfast, farmers' market, fireworks and more.  
**WHERE:** Camp Chestermere, 1041 East Lakeview Rd., Chestermere, Alta. facebook.com/chestermerecountryfair.

### Royal Canadian Family Circus Spectac!

**WHEN:** Friday, May 26 to Sunday, May 28  
**WHAT:** Circus tradition that goes back to medieval

times featuring the Argentinian high wire, aerial motor cycle cyclone, acrobatic strap and silk act, Zerbini Liberty horses, hula hoop maze and more.

**WHERE:** Spruce Meadows, 18011 Spruce Meadows Way S.W. royalcanadiancircus.ca.

### Waterton Food Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, May 26 to Sunday, June 4  
**WHAT:** A 10-day showcase of the finest, most delicious and unique cuisine that Waterton has to offer.  
**WHERE:** Various locations in Waterton, mywaterton.ca.

### Best of Calgary Ideas Week

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 27 to Friday, June 2  
**WHAT:** Share ideas and talk about homegrown innovations. The Best-Of Bash goes May 31 and celebrates the best things in the city, from food and drink, to music and entertainment, to arts and culture.  
**WHERE:** Various locations. bestofcalgary.city.

### Crossroads Multicultural Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 27  
**WHAT:** A celebration of the diversity of the community of Crossroads with an international buffet, sporting event, dancing and music.  
**WHERE:** Crossroads Community Association, 1803 14th Ave. N.E. crossroadscommunityassociation.com.

### Festival of Quilts

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 27 to Sunday, May 28  
**WHAT:** Western Canada's largest outdoor quilt show, featuring workshops, special displays, a merchants mall and hundreds of homemade quilts decorating Heritage Park.  
**WHERE:** Heritage Park, 1900 Heritage Dr. S.W. 403-268-8500, heritagepark.ca.



# May is for the kids

Before the semi-anarchic summer months, kids are treated to a smorgasbord of organized fun in May.

It begins with the **Banff Centre Children's Festival** (May 16), a busy day of fun that includes Dancers of Damelahamid, an indigenous dance company from B.C.; Edmonton-based magician Sheldon Casavant; and Québécois musicians De Temps Antan.

The good times keep rolling with the opening weekends of **Heritage Park** and **Calaway Park** (May 20-23). Once kids and parents have worked up a little stamina, they can test their mettle at the **Calgary International Children's Festival** (May 24-27). The four days of fun include the puppet shows *The Man Who Planted Trees* from Scotland and *A Heart in Winter/Le Coeur en Hiver* from Quebec's Théâtre de l'Oeil.

And, if families survive the comparative marathon that is the kids' fest, they may want to check out the **Scotiabank Calgary Marathon Race Weekend** (May 25-28). We're not suggesting parents and kids contest the marathon, but the Goodlife Fitness 5K Family Walk & Run (May 28) might appeal.



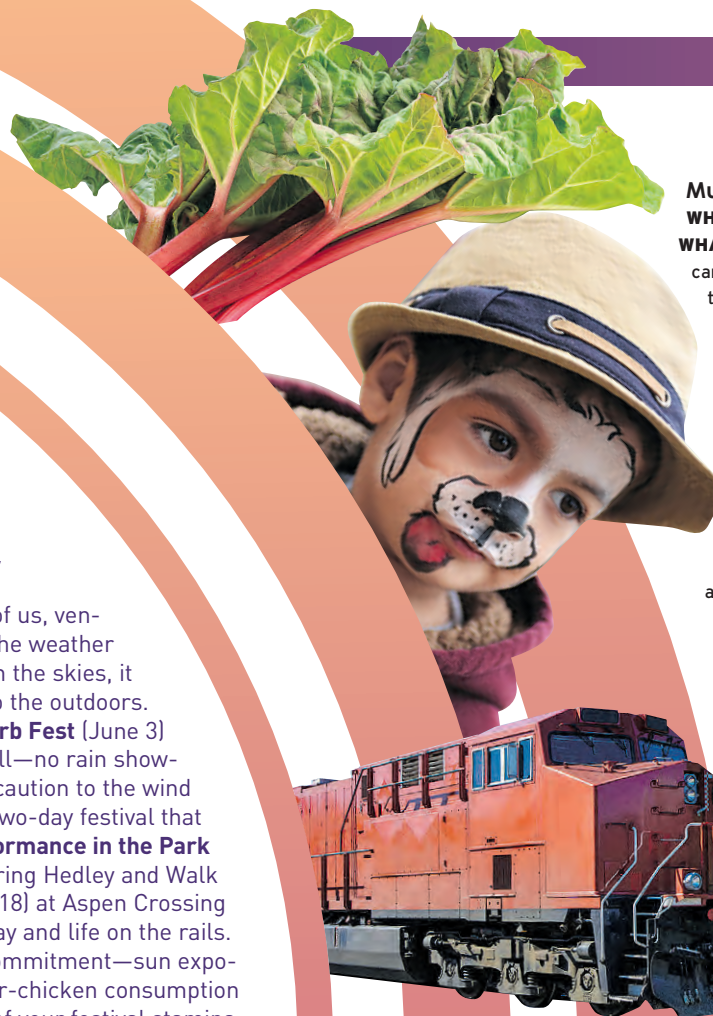
# Weather Watch

The festivals of June are a bit like the rest of us, venturing outside for brief periods, unsure if the weather can be trusted. So, while keeping one eye on the skies, it might be best to devise a gradual return to the outdoors.

Start out with a one-day festival like **Rhubarb Fest** (June 3) or the **Lilac Festival** (June 4). If that goes well—no rain showers, hail storms or plague of frogs—throw caution to the wind (hopefully, a gentle breeze) and take in a two-day festival that has nothing to do with vegetation. The **Performance in the Park** (June 9-10) is two nights of concerts, featuring Hedley and Walk off the Earth in Banff. **Train Days** (June 17-18) at Aspen Crossing is a chance to celebrate Father's Day and life on the rails.

Once you've mastered the two-day commitment—sun exposure within acceptable tolerances, butter-chicken consumption not yet critical—consider further tests of your festival stamina.

**The JazzyYC Summer Festival** (June 15-18) serves up four days of music, and the **Waterton Wildflower Festival** (June 15-20) offers the chance both to indulge in a busy get-together and to stop and smell the blooms of those plants that braved early June.



## Mutt Strut

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 27  
**WHAT:** Bring your favourite canine and raise funds for the Cochrane & Area Humane Society.  
**WHERE:** Mitford Park, Cochrane, Alta. cochrane-tourism.ca.

## History in the Hills

**WHEN:** Tuesday, May 30 to Friday, June 2  
**WHAT:** Set in a traditional camp circle around an archeological dig, History in the Hills celebrates aboriginal culture and the history of the Cypress Hills. Learn about environmental awareness and respect, watch a hide-tanning demonstration and have a ban-nock snack.  
**WHERE:** Cypress Hills Interprovincial Park, Elkwater, Alta. 403-527-3371 ext. 7601, historyinthehills-society.com.

## June

### Empathy Week

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 1 to Wednesday, June 7  
**WHAT:** Presented by Humainologie. A week of interactive, multimedia events that promote and heighten individuals' capacity for empathy, personal connection and recognition of shared humanity.  
**WHERE:** Various locations, humainologie.com.

### FunnyFest

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 1 to Saturday, June 11  
**WHAT:** Eleven days and nights of comedy featuring performances, workshops, seminars and a golf tournament that will leave participants laughing for a change.  
**WHERE:** Venues around Calgary. 403-228-7888, funnyfest.com.

## Royal Canadian Family Circus Spectac!

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 1 to Sunday, June 4  
**WHAT:** Circus tradition that goes back to medieval times featuring the Argentinian high wire, aerial motor cycle cyclone, acrobatic strap and silk act, Zerbini Liberty horses, hula hoop maze and more.  
**WHERE:** CrossIron Mills. royalcanadiancircus.ca.

## Spur Festival Calgary

**WHEN:** Friday, June 2 to Sunday, June 4  
**WHAT:** This year, Canada's national festival of politics, art and ideas considers the subject of risk. "What are we willing to risk to build a more equitable society?" Subjects will include risk and the environment, climate change, sport, the economy, geopolitics, and more.  
**WHERE:** Various locations. spurfestival.ca/calgary-2017.

## Vantopia 4

**WHEN:** Friday, June 2 to Sunday, June 4  
**WHAT:** Camping concert with priority parking for vans. Bands include Chron Goblin, The Weir, Buffalo Bud Buster, Sweet Grass and Riot City.  
**WHERE:** Equity, Alta. facebook.com/vanditsvc.

## Calgary Mental Film Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3  
**WHAT:** This mental-health festival includes a screening of *Hollywood Beauty Salon* and an art exhibition featuring local artists.  
**WHERE:** Globe Cinema, 617 8th Ave. S.W. mentalfilmfestival.ca.

## Calgary Ukrainian Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4  
**WHAT:** A fun-filled day for the whole family. Come experience true Ukrainian hospitality, cuisine and culture. Check out amazingly energetic performances, delicious home-style cooking, children's craft area and a spectacular marketplace.  
**WHERE:** Acadia Recreation Complex, 240 90th Ave. S.E. calgaryukrainianfestival.ca.

## Clothesline Festival and Art Sale

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4  
**WHAT:** Featuring more than 1,000 original unframed artworks hung outdoors on clotheslines, including pottery, jewelry, glass, sculpture and fine craft. Plus kids' activities.  
**WHERE:** Leighton Art Centre, 15 minutes outside Calgary. 403-931-3633, leightoncentre.org.

## Footstock

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4  
**WHAT:** Participate in Western Canada's premier race weekend featuring a 5K, 10K, duathlon and iron kids triathlon.  
**WHERE:** Cochrane, Alta. cochrane-tourism.ca.

## Okotoks Rotary Soap Box Derby

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3  
**WHAT:** The Okotoks Rotary Club hosts the 28th annual races.  
**WHERE:** Crystal Ridge Drive between Downey Road and North Railway Street, Okotoks, Alta. portal.clubrunner.ca/970.

#### Panel One Comic Creator Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3

**WHAT:** Celebration of local comic creators with workshops and panels.

**WHERE:** Hillhurst-Sunnyside Community Centre, 1320 5th Ave. N.W., p1ccf.ca.

#### Rhubarb Fest Calgary

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3

**WHAT:** A community festival featuring live music, face painting, beer garden, skate park and more.

**WHERE:** Southwood Community Hall, 11 Sackville Dr. S.W.

#### Turner Valley's Discovery Days and Diamond Valley Parade

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3

**WHAT:** Featuring parade, barbecue, pancake breakfast, duck derby, live music, petting zoo, bounce houses, artisan market and more.

**WHERE:** Parade starts at 10 a.m. in Black Diamond, Discovery Days events at various locations throughout the towns of Black Diamond and Turner Valley (about 30 minutes south of Calgary). town.blackdiamond.ab.ca.

#### Wild Rose Draft Horse Field Pioneer Days

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4

**WHAT:** Events include draft horses working in the field, wagon rides, vendors, jam session, roast beef supper, pancake breakfast and Cowboy Church.

**WHERE:** Double Tree Village Museum, Spruce View, Alta. (Northwest of Calgary, 36 km west of Innisfail, Alta. on Highway 54). wrdha.com.

#### 4th Street Lilac Festival

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 4

**WHAT:** Thousands of attendees enjoy the pedestrian-friendly street festival featuring music on six stages, over 500 vendors, kid's entertainment and perfect people watching.

**WHERE:** 4th Street S.W. from 13th Avenue to Elbow Drive. lilacfestival.net.

#### Two Wheel Sunday

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 4

**WHAT:** Motorcycle groups and scooter clubs gather to celebrate life on two wheels.

**WHERE:** 3907 3A St. N.E.

facebook.com/twowheelsunday.

#### Ignite! Calgary's Festival for Emerging Artists

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 6 to Saturday, June 10

**WHAT:** Sage Theatre's annual showcase of new works of theatre, dance, spoken word, music, and site-specific performance.

**WHERE:** Pumphouse Theatre, 2140 Pumphouse Ave. S.W. and West Village Theatre, 2007 10th Ave. S.W. 403-264-7243, sagetheatre.com.

#### Spruce Meadows National

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 7 to Sunday, June 11

**WHAT:** The best show-jumping athletes and horses from throughout the world compete while you

enjoy shopping, pony rides, face-painting, wagon rides and the Re/Max Prairie Dogs.

**WHERE:** Spruce Meadows, 18011 Spruce Meadows Way S.W. sprucemeadows.com.

#### The Hills Are Alive

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 8 to Sunday, June 11

**WHAT:** Music and dance cultural festival featuring instruction in music, dancing and craft-making and Métis history, elders storytelling, Michif lessons, tours and more.

**WHERE:** Eagles Nest Ranch, Elkwater, Alta. 403-526-0756, miywasin.ab.ca.

#### Brooks Pro Rodeo

**WHEN:** Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10

**WHAT:** Competitors from across North America gather to participate in the high-stakes rodeo events. The fun also includes carnival games, midway rides, beer gardens, live entertainment, parade and more.

**WHERE:** Silver Sage Community Corral, Brooks, Alta. brookskinsmen.ca.

#### Doors Open Cochrane

**WHEN:** Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10

**WHAT:** A behind-the-scenes look at town facilities and local businesses, including Studio West Foundry & Gallery, Krang Spirits and Half Hitch Brewing Company.

**WHERE:** Around Cochrane, Alta. doorsopencochrane.ca.

#### Inglewood Night Market

**WHEN:** Friday, June 9; Friday, July 14; Friday, Aug. 11; Friday, Sept. 8

**WHAT:** Up to 50 vendors, including artisans, artists, urban and rural farmers and food trucks. Also, live music, beer and wine patio at Cafe Gravity and street food at Bite Groceteria.

**WHERE:** 10th Street and 9th Avenue S.E. inglewoodnightmarket.ca.

#### Performance in the Park

**WHEN:** Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10

**WHAT:** Two nights of concerts. Friday features Ria Mae and Hedley; Saturday, Amistad and Walk off the Earth.

**WHERE:** Cascade Gardens at the Parks Canada Administration Building, Banff, Alta. 1-800-413-8368, banffcentre.ca.

#### Suncor Energy Stage One Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, June 9 to Saturday, June 24

**WHAT:** Presented by Lunchbox Theatre. Series of free staged readings of new works and audience members are invited to give feedback.

**WHERE:** Lunchbox Theatre, 160, 115 9th Ave. S.E. 403-265-4292, lunchboxtheatre.com.

#### Bridgeland Cultura Fest

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 10

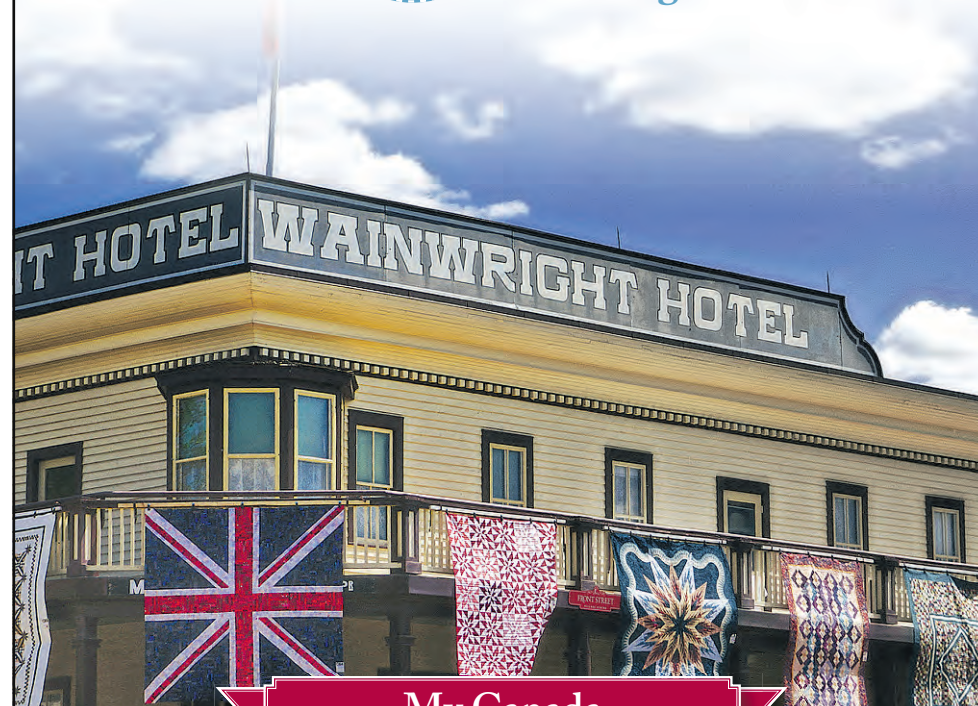
**WHAT:** Street fair with live music, beer gardens, local vendors and family activities.

**WHERE:** 1st Avenue N.E. between 8th Street and 9th Street. brccalgary.org/cultura\_fest.

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### Summer Skirmish

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11  
**WHAT:** Watch re-enactments and demonstrations, Viking raids, medieval duels, gladiatorial combat, musketry and cannonades. Interact with heroes of battle dressed in period costumes and uniforms.  
**WHERE:** The Military Museums, 4520 Crowchild Tr. S.W. summerskirmish.com.

### Banff World Media Festival

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 11 to Wednesday, June 14  
**WHAT:** The world's largest multi-platform production and development marketplace and conference. Guests include Jean-Pierre Blais, chairperson and CEO of the CRTC; Rick Brace, president of Rogers Communications; and Channing Dungey, president of ABC Entertainment.  
**WHERE:** The Fairmont Banff Springs Hotel, 405 Spray Ave., Banff. banffmediafestival.com.

### Pops in the Park

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 14 and Thursday, June 15  
**WHAT:** Presented by Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra. Light-hearted musical evening includes a western barbecue.  
**WHERE:** Heritage Park, 1900 Heritage Dr. S.W. 403-571-0849, calgaryphil.com.

### Spruce Meadows Continental

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 14 to Sunday, June 18  
**WHAT:** A five-star tournament with world-class show jumping in a relaxed atmosphere with free admission and parking.  
**WHERE:** Spruce Meadows, 18011 Spruce Meadows Way S.W. sprucemeadows.com.

### Cochrane Street Market

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 15; Thursday, July 20; Thursday, Aug. 17; Thursday, Sept. 14  
**WHAT:** Market vendors, artisans, food trucks, music, buskers and late night shopping at local businesses.  
**WHERE:** 1st Street W., downtown Cochrane. cochrane-tourism.ca.

### JazzyYC Summer Festival

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 15 to Sunday, June 18  
**WHAT:** Headliners include Renee Rosnes, Neil Swainson, Joel Miller Quartet, Brett McDonald Quartet, Cheryl Fisher, Al Muirhead, Laila Biali, Gypsophilia, Gabriel Palatchi Trio and Nobuki Takamen Trio.  
**WHERE:** Various venues. jazzyyc.com.

### Pig & Pinot Festival

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 15  
**WHAT:** Presented by City Palate in support of Calgary Meals on Wheels. Sip and savour a global selection of red and white pinot wines. Using free-range pork from Spragg's Meat Shop, 12 teams of chefs compete for the Divine Swine trophy.  
**WHERE:** Hotel Arts, 119 12th Ave. S.W. citypalate.ca.

### Waterton Wildflower Festival

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 15 to Tuesday, June 20  
**WHAT:** A visit to Waterton in June is like walking

through a bouquet. Enjoy six days of guided flower walks and hikes, photography and art workshops.  
**WHERE:** Waterton Lakes National Park. 1-800-215-2395, watertonwildflowers.com.

### Kids Can Catch

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 17  
**WHAT:** This get-together has a real hook, as kids and adults (those with fishing licences) are invited to try their luck with a rod and reel.  
**WHERE:** Mitford Park, 201 West Rock Rd. cochrane-tourism.ca.

### Okotoks Parade & Children's Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 17  
**WHAT:** A fun day full of free activities including a community pancake breakfast and the annual parade, followed by the children's festival with well-known family entertainers, face painting, crafts, bouncy castles and balloon creationists.  
**WHERE:** Elizabeth Street, downtown Okotoks, Alta. 403-938-4404, okotoks.ca/parade.

### Train Days

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18  
**WHAT:** Featuring model train displays, a children's train ride, railway tours, pancake breakfast and a Father's Day brunch buffet.  
**WHERE:** Aspen Crossing, west of Mossleigh, Alta. (one hour outside of Calgary on highway 24). Reserve your brunch spot at 1-866-440-3500 or aspencrossing.com.

### Wings & Wheels

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 17 and Sunday, June 18  
**WHAT:** Celebrate Father's Day weekend with family-friendly activities including building your own glider, indoor kite flying and vintage vehicle show and shine.  
**WHERE:** The Hangar Flight Museum, 4629 McCall Way N.E. thehangarmuseum.ca.

### Banff Marathon

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 18  
**WHAT:** Starting in the picturesque mountain village of Banff, participants run through a series of natural, wildlife and historical stages. Runs include

marathon, half-marathon and 10K.  
**WHERE:** Starting in Banff's Central Park. banff-marathon.com.

### Drum. Dance. Discover. Celebrate Indigenous Culture

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 18  
**WHAT:** A day full of performances, activities and exhibits. Watch First Nations and Métis dancing, play traditional games, enjoy drumming and fiddling, authentic food and more.  
**WHERE:** Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Drive S.W. 403-268-8500, heritagepark.ca.

### Medicine Hat JazzFest

**WHEN:** Sunday, June 18 to Sunday, June 25  
**WHAT:** Performances by GypSophilia, Dave Restivo, Cheryl Fisher, Al Muirhead with Laila Biali, Matt Savage, Craig Learmont and others.  
**WHERE:** Various locations around Medicine Hat, Alta. medicinehat-jazzfest.com.

### Shakespeare by the Bow

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 20 to Sunday, Aug. 27  
**WHAT:** Theatre Calgary and emerging Alberta actors present *As You Like It*.  
**WHERE:** Prince's Island Park. theatrecalgary.com.

### Sled Island Festival

**WHEN:** Wednesday, June 21 to Sunday, June 25  
**WHAT:** Annual independent multi-venue music and art festival showcasing emerging and established local talent alongside national and international musicians and artists. Headliners include Flying Lotus, Shonen Knife, Wolves in the Throne Room, Guitar Wolf and Waxahatchee.  
**WHERE:** Multiple venues in Calgary's downtown and Beltline. sledisland.com.

### Guy Weadick Days

**WHEN:** Thursday, June 22 to Sunday, June 25  
**WHAT:** Honouring one of the fathers of the Calgary Stampede with chuckwagon races and rodeo.  
**WHERE:** High River Agricultural Grounds, High River, Alta. highrivertourism.com.

### BuskersFest

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 24  
**WHAT:** Entertainers of all ages busk throughout the streets of downtown Okotoks for this fun, free street festival that also features a street market with over 100 vendors from Market Square.  
**WHERE:** Elizabeth Street, downtown Okotoks, Alta. 403-938-4404, okotoks.ca.

### For the Time Being: 2017 Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 24 to Sunday, Sept. 19  
**WHAT:** The 10th biennial "approaches the political implications of self-organization and wayfinding in new and unknown territories that may or may not be visible."  
**WHERE:** Walter Phillips Gallery, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity, 1-800-413-8368, banffcentre.ca. (The biennial also runs at the Art Gallery of Alberta, Edmonton May 27 to Sept. 10.)

### Parkland Summerfest

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 24  
**WHAT:** Community festival for all ages with musical performances by Trooper and The Static Shift.  
**WHERE:** Park 96, Parkland Community Centre, 14660 Parkland Blvd. S.E. parklandsummerfest.com.

### Water Valley Celtic Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, June 24  
**WHAT:** The 19th annual festival features more than 200 musicians performing in nine weather-protected venues. Camping available.  
**WHERE:** Water Valley, Alta. (about 40 minutes northwest of Calgary). watervalleycelticfestival.org.

### Ponoka Stampede

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 27 to Monday, July 3  
**WHAT:** Rodeos, pro chuckwagon races, beer gardens, fireworks and a midway. Performances by Clint Black and Dallas Smith.  
**WHERE:** Ponoka Stampede grounds, Ponoka, Alta. (two hours north of Calgary). 403-783-3120, ponokastampede.com.

### Spruce Meadows Pan American

**WHEN:** Tuesday, June 27 to Sunday, July 2  
**WHAT:** The tournament now combines events from the former Canada One and Pan American tournaments and features riders from throughout North America.  
**WHERE:** Spruce Meadows, 18011 Spruce Meadows Way S.W. sprucemeadows.com.

### Otafest

**WHEN:** Friday, June 30 to Sunday, July 2  
**WHAT:** A celebration of Japanese animation and culture featuring costumes, film screenings, concerts, art displays, vendors, gaming and much more.  
**WHERE:** Telus Convention Centre. otafest.com.



## NO MAN IS AN ISLAND

As guest curator of Sled Island, Flying Lotus has booked some of his favourites, including Ash Koosha and Seven Davis Jr. June 21-25.

July

**Barn Birthday and Family Festival**

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 1  
**WHAT:** Featuring games, arts and crafts, music and entertainment, eats and treats and more.  
**WHERE:** The Great Canadian Barn Dance near Hill Spring, Alta. (Two hours south of Calgary). 1-866-626-3407, gcdbd.ca.

**Canada Day at Aspen Crossing**

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 1  
**WHAT:** "Celebrating our railroad ties" with a pancake breakfast, children's activities, train tours, fireworks and the Diefenbaker dining car.  
**WHERE:** Aspen Crossing, west of Mossleigh, Alta. (one hour outside of Calgary on highway 24). aspencrossing.com.

**Canada Day at Fort Calgary**

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 1  
**WHAT:** Celebrate the nation's birthday at the place our city began. Free pancake breakfast at 9 a.m. (first-come, first-served), music, food trucks and family activities.  
**WHERE:** Fort Calgary, 750 9th Ave. S.E., fortcalgary.com.

**Canada Day in the Rockies**

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 1

**WHAT:** The celebration of Canada's 150th birthday begins with a pancake breakfast, continues with live entertainment as well as a parade and concludes with fireworks.  
**WHERE:** Various locations in Banff National Park. banfflakelouise.com.

**Chestermere Canada Day Celebration**

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 1  
**WHAT:** Family-friendly celebration of Canada Day. Events start with a pancake breakfast and end with fireworks and entertainment. In between there is a tug-of-war, Latin dancing and wagon rides and more.  
**WHERE:** John Peake Park, 100 John Morris Way, Chestermere. 403-207-7050, chestermere.ca.

**Cochrane Canada Day Family Festival**

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 1  
**WHAT:** Celebrate Canada's 150th birthday with live entertainment, roving performers, food trucks and more.  
**WHERE:** Mitford Park, Cochrane. cochrane-tourism.ca.

**Confederation Park Canada Day Celebrations**

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 1  
**WHAT:** The park named for Canada's 100th birthday is the perfect place to celebrate the 150th.

The fun goes 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and includes the opening of a 1967 time capsule.  
**WHERE:** Confederation Park, 905 30th Ave. N.W. Calgary. calgary.ca.

**Heritage Park Canada & Dominion Day Celebration**

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 1  
**WHAT:** Celebrate Canada's birthday the old-fashioned way with a free pancake breakfast for the first 2,017 guests. A variety of musical and cultural performances, family-friendly games, ranch activities and more.  
**WHERE:** Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Drive S.W. 403-268-8500, heritagepark.ca.

**Music in the Plaza**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 5 to Wednesday, Aug. 23  
**WHAT:** Bring the family and a picnic, or reserve a table on the patio of the Selkirk Grille restaurant and enjoy free outdoor concerts every Wednesday, from 6-8 p.m. in Heritage Town Square. Concerts proceed rain or shine.  
**WHERE:** Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Drive S.W. 403-268-8500, heritagepark.ca.

**Kopernikus**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 6 and Saturday, July 8

**WHAT:** A chamber opera by Montreal composer Claude Vivier that explores themes of loss, longing and reconciliation.  
**WHERE:** Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. 1-800-413-8368, banffcentre.ca.

**Spruce Meadows North American**

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 6 to Sunday, July 9  
**WHAT:** Equestrian tournament with the Spruce Meadows North American Show Jumping Championship, family entertainment and shopping opportunities.  
**WHERE:** Spruce Meadows, 18011 Spruce Meadows Way S.W. sprucemeadows.com.

**Blue Rodeo**

**WHEN:** Friday, July 7  
**WHAT:** The iconic Canadian band returns to Banff for its annual concert.  
**WHERE:** Shaw Amphitheatre, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. 1-800-413-8368, banffcentre.ca.

**Calgary Exhibition and Stampede**

**WHEN:** Friday, July 7 to Sunday, July 16  
**WHAT:** A 10-day hoedown, international rodeo and exhibition that transforms the city into Wrangler-wearing, pancake-eating, beer-loving Cowtown. Stuff yourself at Stampede breakfast events before heading to the grounds for a day on the midway.

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# High Heat for the High Season

Who doesn't love a month that begins with a party? This year's Canada Day celebrations, coming as they do on the nation's 150th birthday, promise to be more plentiful and more bountiful. In fact, determined patriots might be able to hit four or five celebrations in the course of the day. These folks would be well advised to begin by fortifying themselves with a pancake breakfast at **Heritage Park**. They could then swing by **Fort Calgary** to take in further celebrations, before heading for **Confederation Park** for the opening of the 1967 time capsule. The truly ambitious could then head for the parties going on in **Banff** or **Chestermere** to end the day with fireworks.

Once the birthday hoopla dies down, July reverts to its status as the land of festival giants. **The Calgary Exhibition and Stampede** (to give it its full name) kicks off July 7 with the parade (don't forget this year's mind-bender: the route is reversed) and free admission to the grounds from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

When the 10-day hoedown is over, July rolls on with **Fiestaval Latin Festival** (July 21-23), the **Calgary Folk Music Festival** (July 27-30) and the **Calgary International Blues Festival** (July 31 to Aug. 6).



**WHERE:** Events take place all over the city, but main events are held at Stampede Park. calgarystampede.com.

## La fête franco-albertaine

**WHEN:** Friday, July 7 to Sunday, July 9  
**WHAT:** Camping festival celebrating Franco-Albertans. Featuring mini-golf, hiking, a bike rally and more.  
**WHERE:** David Thompson Resort, Nordegg, Alta. (three hours northwest of Calgary). 1-888-810-2103, fetefrancoalbertaine.ca.

## Roundup MusicFest

**WHEN:** Tuesday, July 11  
**WHAT:** Duran Duran headlines the annual Stampede bash. This year, a portion of the proceeds will go to Canadian Armed Forces personnel and their families.  
**WHERE:** Shaw Millennium Park. roundupmusicfest.com.

## Foothills Bucking Horse Futurity

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 13  
**WHAT:** Cowboys get their chance to win a large cash prize while competing in the Foothills Bucking competition. Enjoy concessions and a beer garden and let the best man win.  
**WHERE:** Cochrane Lions Rodeo Grounds, 109 5th Ave. W., Cochrane. cochrane-tourism.ca.

## 24 Hours of Adrenalin

**WHEN:** Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16  
**WHAT:** Now in its 20th year, this race has become one of the most popular relay mountain-biking events in North America.  
**WHERE:** Canmore Nordic Centre, 1988 Olympic Way, Canmore, Alta. 24hoursofadrenalin.com.

## Beef & Barley Days

**WHEN:** Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 16  
**WHAT:** Festivities include a rodeo, fireworks, pancake breakfast and one of the best parades in rural Alberta. There's also a trade and craft show, kids' games and activities, pet show, ball games, food vendors, a roast beef dinner and more.  
**WHERE:** Carstairs, Alta. 403-337-3341, carstairs.ca.

## Cyclepalooza

**WHEN:** Friday, July 14 to Sunday, July 23  
**WHAT:** A community-driven, do-it-yourself bicycle festival with a variety of bike-related events.  
**WHERE:** Around Calgary. cyclepalooza.ca.

## Corb Lund with Leeroy Stagger

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 15  
**WHAT:** The roots rockers team up for an outdoor concert that will feature a rocky backdrop.  
**WHERE:** Shaw Amphitheatre, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. 1-800-413-8368, banffcentre.ca.

## Parks Day

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 15  
**WHAT:** Special festivities in honour of parks.  
**WHERE:** Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park, Cochrane. grpfc.ca.

## Parks Day & Creekfest

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 15  
**WHAT:** A celebration of provincial parks and a chance to learn about little steps you can take on a daily basis towards a more sustainable planet.  
**WHERE:** Bow Valley Ranch, Fish Creek Provincial Park. friendsoffishcreek.org.

## Westerner Days Fair & Exposition

**WHEN:** Wednesday, July 19 to Sunday, July 23  
**WHAT:** Central Alberta's largest summer celebration. Enjoy five days of live entertainment, good food and great company.  
**WHERE:** Westerner Park, 4847A 19th St., Red Deer, Alta. westernerdays.ca.

## Dance Action Lab

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 20 to Saturday, July 22  
**WHAT:** The dancers and choreographers of Dancers' Studio West's Dance Action Group present *Metamorphosis*.  
**WHERE:** DJD Dance Centre, 111 12th Ave. S.E., dswlive.ca.

## Milky Way Nights

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 20 to Saturday, July 22  
**WHAT:** Join researchers to observe the dark night sky and gaze at the Milky Way. Conditions are perfect for viewing planetary nebula, distant galaxies, Jupiter, Mars, Venus and Saturn. Bring a flashlight.  
**WHERE:** Rothney Astrophysical Observatory, east side of Highway 22, south of Highway 22X. 403-931-2366. ucalgary.ca/rao.

## Fiestaval Latin Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, July 21 to Sunday, July 23  
**WHAT:** A celebration of Latin American culture in Calgary featuring live music, dance lessons, food,



beer gardens and a kids' area.

**WHERE:** Olympic Plaza, 228 8th Ave S.E., Calgary. [fiestaval.ca](http://fiestaval.ca).

## Langdon Days

**WHEN:** Friday, July 21 to Sunday, July 23

**WHAT:** A small-town celebration of community spirit. Includes a slo-pitch tournament, parade, pancake breakfast, horseshoe tournament, kids activities, live music, car show and more.

**WHERE:** Langdon Community Park, Langdon, Alta. (30 minutes east of Calgary). [goodlucktown.ca](http://goodlucktown.ca).

## South Country Fair

**WHEN:** Friday, July 21 to Sunday, July 23

**WHAT:** A planet-friendly, peace-oriented, outdoor-camping-style roots-and-folk-music festival (with spoken word and other forms). Featuring William Prince, Dana Sipos, Spencer Murray and Pipeslinger, Bad Pop, Ben Rogers, Chicken-Like Birds and more.

**WHERE:** 249 Lyndon Road, Fort Macleod, Alta. [southcountryfair.com](http://southcountryfair.com).

## Chestermere Water Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 22

**WHAT:** Wander through the artisan market to the sounds of the Summer Music Showcase, take in the Rubber Duck Race and marvel at the classic cars in the Show 'n' Shine. There are also lake tours and fireworks.

**WHERE:** John Peake Park, Chestermere. [chestermere.ca](http://chestermere.ca).

## Medieval Day

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 22

**WHAT:** Pretend sword fighting and jousting for kids. Food trucks and vendors for all.

**WHERE:** Cochrane Public Library, 405 Railway St. W., Cochrane, Alta. [cochrane-tourism.ca](http://cochrane-tourism.ca).

## Taste of Okotoks

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 22

**WHAT:** Experience all of the delicious food and drinks Okotoks has to offer. The streets are closed for this pedestrian-friendly event that includes live music, food, family fun and crafts, boutique shops and an artisan street market.

**WHERE:** Elizabeth Street, downtown Okotoks, Alta. 403-938-4404, [okotoks.ca](http://okotoks.ca).

## Vul-Con

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 22 to Sunday, July 23

**WHAT:** Two days of Star Trek-related fun. Special guests, costume contest, auctions, vendors, parade and more.

**WHERE:** Vulcan, Alta. 403-485-2994, [vulcanconvention.com](http://vulcanconvention.com).

## Sarah Harmer

**WHEN:** Sunday, July 23

**WHAT:** The singer-songwriter comes to Banff. Perhaps a song or two from her 2005 album *I'm a Mountain* would be in order.

**WHERE:** Shaw Amphitheatre, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. 1-800-413-8368, [banffcentre.ca](http://banffcentre.ca).

## Calgary Folk Music Festival

**WHEN:** Thursday, July 27 to Sunday, July 30

**WHAT:** Eight stages featuring more than 70 local and international artists. Headliners include Blue Rodeo, Coeur De Pirate, Tanya Tagaq, Barenaked Ladies, City and Colour, Billy Bragg and Joe Henry, and Dave and Phil Alvin.

**WHERE:** Prince's Island Park. [calgaryfolkfest.com](http://calgaryfolkfest.com).

## Historic Calgary Week

**WHEN:** Friday, July 28 to Monday, Aug. 7

**WHAT:** Presented by the Chinook Country Historical Society. Showcasing our history, culture and community through walks, tours, programs, presentations, family events, museums and community visits.

**WHERE:** In and around Calgary. 403-261-4667, [chinookcountry.org](http://chinookcountry.org).

## Kootenay Gut Buster

**WHEN:** Friday, July 28 and Saturday, July 29

**WHAT:** Canada's only outdoor comedy concert features comedians Casey Corbin, Richard Lett, Jess Salomon, Eman El-Husseini and others.

**WHERE:** Creston, B.C. (approx. six hours from Calgary). For tickets and directions contact 403-800-7320, [kgbcomedy.com](http://kgbcomedy.com).

## Monster Energy Center of Gravity

**WHEN:** Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30

**WHAT:** The hottest beach festival in Canada, with a lineup that includes Snoop Dogg, Marshmello and Dirty Radio.

**WHERE:** Kelowna City Park, Kelowna, B.C. [centerofgravity.ca](http://centerofgravity.ca).

## Terminus

**WHEN:** Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30

**WHAT:** Dark electronic, synth and industrial festival featuring 3 Teeth, The Birthday Massacre, Pig, The Gothsicles and more.

**WHERE:** Dickens Pub, 1000 9th Ave. S.W. [terminus-festival.com](http://terminus-festival.com).

## Willow Creek Gospel Music Jamboree

**WHEN:** Friday, July 28 to Sunday, July 30

**WHAT:** A weekend celebration of western Canada's gospel musicians. Performers include Darrel Janz, The Banksons, The Gripping Family and The Liberty Quartet.

**WHERE:** Granum, Alta. (1.5 hours southeast of Calgary). [gospelmusicjamboree.com](http://gospelmusicjamboree.com).

## CentreFest

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30

**WHAT:** Red Deer's international street performer festival. Downtown Red Deer comes alive with street performers of all kinds including contortionists, jugglers, magicians and others.

**WHERE:** Downtown Red Deer, Alta. [centrefest.ca](http://centrefest.ca).

## Foothills Highland Games

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 29

**WHAT:** Competitive event dedicated to furthering Scottish culture and sees over 3,000 spectators and 350 competitors from across Alberta and neighbouring provinces. Competitions include piping and drumming, dance and heavy events.

**WHERE:** St. John Paul II Collegiate School, 53 Cimarron Dr., Okotoks. [foothillshighlandgames.com](http://foothillshighlandgames.com).

## Pet-A-Palooza

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30

**WHAT:** Pet festival featuring a bulldog race, on-site teeth cleaning, trims, red carpet photo ops, live music and vendors.

**WHERE:** Eau Claire Market, 200 Barclay Parade S.W. [petapaloozawest.com](http://petapaloozawest.com).

## Wings Over Springbank Airshow

**WHEN:** Saturday, July 29 and Sunday, July 30

**WHAT:** This two-day event celebrates "everything aviation" and features a performance by the Canadian Forces Snowbirds.

**WHERE:** Springbank Airport, 175 MacLaurin Dr. [wingsoverspringbank.com](http://wingsoverspringbank.com).

## Calgary International Blues Festival

**WHEN:** Monday, July 31 to Sunday, Aug. 6.

**WHAT:** A week-long blues party culminates (Aug. 3-6) in four days and nights of mainstage performances by the likes of Mr. Sipp, Toranzo Cannon, Lil' Jimmy Reed, Amos Garrett, Paul DesLauriers Band and many more.

**WHERE:** Mainstage at Shaw Millennium Park, 1220 9th Ave. S.W. [calgarybluesfest.com](http://calgarybluesfest.com).

## August

### Afrikadey!

**WHEN:** August

**WHAT:** A celebration of African culture that features music, literature, arts, dance and cuisine.

**WHERE:** Prince's Island Park and other local venues. [afrikadey.com](http://afrikadey.com).

### Calgary Fringe Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 4 to Saturday, Aug. 12

**WHAT:** The fest brings local and international theatre acts to town. All proceeds from ticket sales go back to the artists.

**WHERE:** Venues around Inglewood. [calgaryfringe.com](http://calgaryfringe.com).

### Loud as Hell Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 4 to Sunday, Aug. 6

**WHAT:** Western Canada's "decibel-breaking heavy metal festival" features Battlecross, Black Wizard, Bison and Aggression.

**WHERE:** Dinosaur Downs Stampede Grounds, Drumheller, Alta. [loudashell.com](http://loudashell.com).

### Nanton Roundup Days

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 4 to Monday, Aug. 7

**WHAT:** The parade goes Monday, but the fun goes all weekend, with a slo-pitch tournament, the Nite Rodeo Finals and fun throughout the town.

**WHERE:** Nanton, Alta. [nanton.ca](http://nanton.ca). Bomber Command Museum, [bombercommandmuseum.ca](http://bombercommandmuseum.ca).

### Strathmore Stampede

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 4 to Monday, Aug. 7

**WHAT:** Events include the second-most famous Running with the Bulls event (patterned after Spain's Pamplona), daily entertainment, chuckwagons and the third-largest CPRA Rodeo.

**WHERE:** Strathmore exhibition grounds, (25 minutes east of Calgary, Highway 817). 403-934-5811, [strathmoreroodeo.com](http://strathmoreroodeo.com).

### Canmore Folk Music Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 5 to Monday, Aug. 7

**WHAT:** Alberta's longest-running folk festival celebrates its 40th year with a lineup that includes Bruce Cockburn, Whitehorse, Blackie and the Rodeo Kings and Foy Vance.

**WHERE:** Centennial Park, 5th Avenue and 5th Street, Canmore, Alta. 403-678-2524, [canmorefolkfestival.com](http://canmorefolkfestival.com).

### Chasing Summer Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 5 and Sunday, Aug. 6

**WHAT:** Two days of electronic music courtesy of a lineup that includes Tiësto, Nghtmre, Zedd and many others.

**WHERE:** Max Bell Centre, 1001 Barlow Tr. S.E. [chasingsummerfestival.com](http://chasingsummerfestival.com).

### Inglewood Sunfest

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 5

**WHAT:** A feisty summer festival in the heart of Inglewood. At this all-ages event you can discover a great new band, be wowed by street performers, jump in the kids' bouncer, choose a perfect summer patio or search for a trendy fashion.

**WHERE:** Mainstreet Inglewood, 9th Avenue S.E., Calgary. [inglewoodsunfest.ca](http://inglewoodsunfest.ca).

### A Tribe Called Red

**WHEN:** Sunday, Aug. 6

**WHAT:** The DJ crew brings its unique sound to the great outdoors.

**WHERE:** Shaw Amphitheatre, Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. 1-800-413-8368, [banffcentre.ca](http://banffcentre.ca).

### Heritage Day

**WHEN:** Monday, Aug. 7

**WHAT:** Celebrate Heritage Day with aboriginal games, train, boat and antique midway rides, a variety of musical performances and much more.

**WHERE:** Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Dr. S.W. 403-268-8500, [heritagepark.ca](http://heritagepark.ca).

### Tour de Bowness Street Festival

**WHEN:** Monday, Aug. 7

**WHAT:** A festival of buskers, food booths, vendors and kids' activities that runs in conjunction with the annual bike race.

# Get Festive While You Still Can

August is a bit like a young athlete who suffers a knee injury. It starts out with heat and promise but concludes with a chill in the air and a valedictory feel.

In those early days, the heat will be augmented by the **Calgary Fringe Festival** (Aug. 4-12), the 40th anniversary of the **Canmore Folk Festival** (Aug. 5-7) and, despite the hint of despair in its title, the **Chasing Summer Festival** (Aug. 5-6).

The fun continues through mid-month with **Taste of Calgary** (Aug. 10-13), **GlobalFest** (Aug. 15-26) and **Calgary ReggaeFest** (Aug. 17-19). Those are all annual favourites, but this year provides a one-off festival that sounds intriguing. Like the Canmore Folk Festival, **Loose Moose Theatre** is celebrating its 40th birthday. For the occasion the improvisatory geniuses are organizing a two-day bash (Aug. 18-19) featuring alumni from all stages of its history.

But just when the good times are rolling and it's starting to feel like an endless summer, August will pull its old climatic trick, and you will find yourself giving voice to old chestnuts like, "It's starting to feel like fall," as you pull on a sweater while refusing to leave a windswept patio. The festival lineup also begins to reflect the changing times, with the **Taber Cornfest** (Aug. 24-26) celebrating the sugar-fixing properties of cold nights, and the **Okotoks Chillifest** (Aug. 26), whose very existence serves notice that the salad days are drawing to a close.



**WHERE:** Along Bowness Rd. N.W. facebook.com/tourde-bownessstreetfest.

## Human Rights Forum

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Aug. 8 to Saturday, Aug. 12

**WHAT:** Presented by GlobalFest. Panel discussions on a variety of topics structured around the UNESCO's Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination.

**WHERE:** John Dutton Theatre, Central Library, 616 Macleod Tr. S. 403-569-9679, globalfest.ca.

## Canmore International Improv Festival

**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 10 to Sunday, Aug. 13

**WHAT:** Eight shows provide a wide variety of improv experiences with performers from across the globe including Colombia, Norway, U.S. and Canada. Loose Moose's famous *Super Scene* and Rapid Fire Theatre's hit *Off Book: The Improvised Musical* are featured.

**WHERE:** Artspace, 950 8th Ave., Canmore, canmoreinternationalimprovfest.ca.

## Opera in the Village

**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 10 to Sunday, Aug. 13 and Thursday, Aug. 17 to Sunday, Aug. 20

**WHAT:** This year's offering is *South Pacific*. With hits like "Some Enchanted Evening," "Happy Talk," and "I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Outa My Hair," it is perhaps the greatest musical from the team of Richard Rodgers and Oscar Hammerstein.

**WHERE:** Enmax Park, Stampede Grounds. calgaryopera.com.

## Taste of Calgary

**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 10 to

Sunday, Aug. 13

**WHAT:** Outdoor festival of food and drink from the city's restaurants and beverage companies. Also features daily live entertainment, artisans and interactive activities. Sampling tickets \$1 each; admission is free.

**WHERE:** Eau Claire Festival Plaza, 200 Barclay Parade S.W. 403-293-2888, tasteofcalgary.com.

## Pioneer Acres Museum Annual Show and Reunion

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 11 to Sunday, Aug. 13

**WHAT:** The past lives and breathes during this event: equipment demonstrations, tractor pulls, exhibits and crafts. This year the reunion features Canadian-made tractors and equipment in a celebration of the country's 150th birthday.

**WHERE:** Pioneer Acres, Highway 9 and Township Road 274, near Irricana, Alta. (45 minutes north-east of Calgary). 403-935-4357, pioneeracres.ab.ca.

## Southern Alberta Music Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 11 and Saturday, Aug. 12

**WHAT:** This festival is back for another year to help to promote local artists. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to STARS.

**WHERE:** 1 km west of Mossleigh, Alta., on Highway 24. aspencrossing.com.

## When Words Collide

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 11 to Sunday, Aug. 13

**WHAT:** A festival for readers, writers, artists and publishers of commercial and literary fiction. Including genres, YA, children's books and poetry. Guests include Jennifer Estep, Will Ferguson, Sam Hiyate, Harold Johnson, C.C. Humphreys and Guy Gavriel Kay.

**WHERE:** Delta Calgary South, 135 Southland Dr. S.E. whenwordscollide.org.

## Calgary Dragon Boat Race & Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 12 and Sunday, Aug. 13

**WHAT:** Over 1,850 competitors work as teams to manoeuvre the massive long boats. Also includes cultural performances and entertainment, kids' activities, food trucks, beer gardens and more.

**WHERE:** North Glenmore Park, calgarydragonboatsociety.com.

## Calgary Japanese Festival Omatsuri

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 12

**WHAT:** The Omatsuri or "traditional festival" celebrates Japan, its people and, of course, Japanese-Canadians. Featuring arts and crafts, cuisine, sake tasting, beer gardens and games and bouncy houses for kids.

**WHERE:** Max Bell Arena, 1001 Barlow Tr. S.E., calgaryjapanesefestival.com.

## Calgary Police Rodeo

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 12

**WHAT:** Grounds open at 8 a.m., with a free children's carnival. Rodeo action kicks off at 1 p.m.

Tickets at the gate. Barn dance to goes at 8 p.m..  
**WHERE:** Cochrane Lions Rodeo Grounds, 109 5th Ave. W., Cochrane. calgarypolicerodeo.com.

## Marda Gras Street Festival

**WHEN:** Sunday, Aug. 13  
**WHAT:** Marda Loop's annual New Orleans-themed festival fills the streets with entertainment, live music, a kid's quarter and even a pet pageant.  
**WHERE:** 33rd Avenue and 34rd Avenue S.W. between 19th Street and 22nd Street. 403-685-5667, mardagrass.ca.

## Okotoks Show and Shine

**WHEN:** Sunday, Aug. 13  
**WHAT:** A family-oriented event for the general public and car enthusiasts. The streets of downtown Okotoks are filled with over 500 unique cars, trucks and motorcycles.  
**WHERE:** Elizabeth Street, downtown Okotoks, Alta. 403-938-4404, okotoks.ca.

## GlobalFest

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Aug. 15 to Saturday, Aug. 26  
**WHAT:** GlobalFest showcases cultural pavilions, ethnic food, performance stages, night market, international bar, children's activities and, of course, the Trico Homes International Fireworks Festivals, featuring pyrotechnic displays choreographed to music. This year's event celebrates Canada's 150th birthday with an all-Canadian fireworks competition.  
**WHERE:** Elliston Park, 1827 68th St. S.E. 403-569-9679, globalfest.ca.

## Calgary ReggaeFest

**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 17 to Saturday, Aug. 19  
**WHAT:** Featuring world-class musical performers from Canada and the world, ReggaeFest is a family-friendly event that unites cultures.  
**WHERE:** Thursday at Studio Bell, NMC. Mainstage: Friday and Saturday at Shaw Millennium Park. 403-355-5696, reggaeifest.ca.

## Jazz at the Lake

**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 17 to Sunday, Aug. 20  
**WHAT:** Concert series featuring renowned artists, including Johnny Summers Little Big Band, Jon Faddis, Cheryl Fisher and Jack Semple.  
**WHERE:** Sylvan Lake, Alta. jazzatthelake.com.

## Milky Way Nights

**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 17 to Saturday, Aug. 19  
**WHAT:** Join researchers to gaze at the Milky Way. Dark sky conditions are perfect for viewing planetary nebula, globular clusters, distant galaxies, Mars and Saturn. Bring a flashlight.  
**WHERE:** Rothney Astrophysical Observatory, east side of Highway 22, south of Highway 22X. 403-931-2366. ucalgary.ca/rao.

## Canadian Rockies East Coast Kitchen Party

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 18 to Sunday, Aug. 20

**WHAT:** Outdoor music festival featuring spectacular mountain scenery, lively Celtic music, evening jam sessions and a lobster dinner. Performers include Derina Harvey Band, The Nova Scotiabes, Cod Gone Wild, Three Finger Shot and Squidjigger.  
**WHERE:** David Thompson Resort, Nordegg, Alta. (Three hours northwest of Calgary). 1-888-810-2103, davidthompsonresort.com.

## Cochrane Fair

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 18 to Sunday, Aug. 20  
**WHAT:** This action-packed fair includes a midway, team-roping and equestrian events, a children's fun zone, and a marketplace.  
**WHERE:** Cochrane Agricultural Society Grounds (northwest corner of Highways 1A & 22). cochrane-tourism.ca.

## Country Thunder

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 18 to Sunday, Aug. 20  
**WHAT:** Country music festival with Brad Paisley, Thomas Rhett and Blake Shelton.  
**WHERE:** Prairie Winds Park, 223 Castleridge Blvd. N.E. countrythunder.com.

## Expo Latino

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 18 to Sunday, Aug. 20  
**WHAT:** Music festival celebrating Latino culture with a weekend of live bands, dancing, a food fair, art market and beer gardens.  
**WHERE:** Prince's Island Park. For more info 403-271-2744, expolatino.ca.

## Loose Moose 40th Homecoming

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 18 and Saturday, Aug. 19  
**WHAT:** Weekend of shows featuring special guests from throughout Loose Moose's 40 years as a company.  
**WHERE:** Loose Moose Theatre, 1235 26th Ave. S.E. loosemoose.com.

## Shady Grove Bluegrass Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 18 to Sunday, Aug. 20  
**WHAT:** A family oriented weekend of bluegrass music for all to enjoy, featuring John Reischman and the Jay Birds, Back Porch Swing, Go Ask Earl, Fire in the Hole and many more. There will be

workshops and plenty of jamming around the camp fire in the Blue Sky Pavilion.  
**WHERE:** Broadway Farm, 18-km east of Nanton, Alta. on Highway 533. foothillsbluegrass.com.

## Cochrane Classic Bull Riding

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 19  
**WHAT:** An evening of thrilling professional bull riding followed by a dance, which could also be thrilling.  
**WHERE:** Cochrane Agricultural Society Grounds (northwest corner of Highways 1A & 22). cochrane-tourism.ca.

## SpringHill Charity Show & Shine

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 19  
**WHAT:** Annual classic car show with live entertainment, a large outdoor barbecue and more. (Rain date: Aug. 26.)  
**WHERE:** SpringHill RV Park, 41216 Big Hill Springs Rd., Cochrane, Alta. 403-804-6240, springhillrvpark.com.

## Brewery & the Beast

**WHEN:** Sunday, Aug. 20  
**WHAT:** Calgary's ultimate festival of meat offers protein-focused creations from local chefs and restaurants. Plus live music from The Electric Timber Co.  
**WHERE:** Pumhouse Park, 2140 Pumhouse Ave. S.W., breweryandthebeast.com/calgary.

## Lethbridge Whoop-Up Days

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Aug. 22 to Saturday, Aug. 26  
**WHAT:** Pro rodeo, food, games, a midway and more.  
**WHERE:** Exhibition Park, 3401 Parkside Dr. S., Lethbridge, Alta. exhibitionpark.ca.

## Motion Notion

**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 24 to Monday, Aug. 28.  
**WHAT:** The electronic music festival is back for the 18th year with an eclectic lineup of internationally renowned and beloved regional electronic artists. Plus riverside camping, workshops, a vendor village, performers, public art wall and more.  
**WHERE:** Beaverfoot Lodge, 4220 Beaverfoot Rd., Golden, B.C. motionnotion.com.

## Taber Cornfest

**WHEN:** Thursday, Aug. 24 to Saturday, Aug. 26  
**WHAT:** Celebrate the return of this delicious staple crop with a corn-eating competition, midway, exhibitions and more.  
**WHERE:** Confederation Park, Taber, Alta. 403-223-2265, destinationtaber.com.

## Calgary Pride Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 25 to Monday, Sept. 4  
**WHAT:** Festival celebrating our city's diverse and inclusive community, including the free signature parade and Pride in the Park (Sept. 3), complete with live music, marketplace and food trucks, beer gardens and family zone.  
**WHERE:** Throughout Calgary. Parade on 6th Avenue and 6th Street downtown. Pride in the Park at Prince's Island Park. pridecalgary.ca.

## Calgary Ribfest

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 25 to Sunday, Aug. 27  
**WHAT:** Competitors from across Canada fire up the grills and whip up their secret sauces to compete for rib supremacy. The real winners are the folks who come to watch and eat.  
**WHERE:** Eau Claire Market. calgaryribfest.ca.

## Okotoks Pro Rodeo

**WHEN:** Friday, Aug. 25 to Sunday, Aug. 27  
**WHAT:** Contestants from Canada, the U.S., Europe, Asia and Australia compete in bareback, barrel racing, bull riding, tie down roping, saddle bronc, steer wrestling, team roping, wild horse racing and mutton bustin'.  
**WHERE:** Okotoks Recreation Centre, 99 Okotoks Dr. okotoksprorodeo.com.

## Country Kickback

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 26 and Sunday, Aug. 27  
**WHAT:** Western Canada's rural history comes to life during this weekend full of special activities, exhibits and demonstrations.  
**WHERE:** Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Dr. S.W. 403-268-8500, heritagepark.ca.

## Okotoks ChiliFest

**WHEN:** Saturday, Aug. 26  
**WHAT:** Taste the chili cook-off creations or register a team and compete. Spice up your weekend with children's activities, live music, and an outdoor artisan street market.  
**WHERE:** Elizabeth Street, Downtown Okotoks, Alta. 403-938-8950, okotoks.ca/chilifest.

## Shaw Charity Classic

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Aug. 30 to Sunday, Sept. 3  
**WHAT:** One of two Canadian stops on the PGA Champions Tour.  
**WHERE:** Canyon Meadows Golf & Country Club, 12501 14th St. S.W. shawcharityclassic.com.



# There Goes the Sun

The fall festival season comes as a kind of consolation for the end of the summer. But let's be clear: these are not consolation festivals.

Things kick off with top-shelf events like the **Banff Centre International String Quartet Festival** (Sept. 1-3) and the **Honens Festival** (Sept. 7-10). Both festivals are born out of triennial competitions, and give fans a chance to see, hear and contemplate classical music in non-competition years.

Those who have other ways of coping, might want to check out **BBQ on the Bow** (Sept. 2-3), the annual salute to Southern barbecue, or **Calgary Oktoberfest** (Sept. 22-23). As always, we urge you to cope responsibly and in moderation.

If you like to think of summer as a comedian (and, really, who doesn't?) the **YYComedy Festival** (Oct. 16-21) arrives to leave you laughing before winter arrives in earnest. That word—"earnest"—is not one that has ever been used in connection with the Cochrane

**Outhouse Races** (Sept. 30), an event that also guarantees a few grins.

The **Calgary International Burlesque Festival** (Oct. 13-15) is a similarly unbuttoned event, though because it will be flat-out cold when it opens its kimono, it should serve as a final reminder that winter is on its way.



## Fall

### Banff Centre International String Quartet Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 1 to Sunday, Sept. 3

**WHAT:** The festival features performances from past winners of the Banff International String Quartet Competition as well as by emerging artists.

**WHERE:** Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. [banffcentre.ca](http://banffcentre.ca).

### Tour of Alberta

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 1 to Sunday, Sept. 4

**WHAT:** The fifth anniversary of the multi-stage bicycle race.

**WHERE:** The first stage is in Jasper, and the race concludes with three stages in the Edmonton region. [tourofAlberta.ca](http://tourofAlberta.ca).

### BBQ on the Bow Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 2 to Sunday, Sept. 3

**WHAT:** Canada's oldest barbecue competition features \$10,000 in prize money as well as children's craft tents and entertainers, concessions, vendors and more.

**WHERE:** Montgomery Community Centre, 5003 16th Ave. N.W., [bbqonthebow.com](http://bbqonthebow.com).

### Calgary Scottish Highland Games

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 2

**WHAT:** A celebration of Scottish and Celtic heritage with Celtic music, cultural events, Highland dancing and more.

**WHERE:** Springbank Park For All Seasons, 32224A Springbank Rd. S.W. [calgaryhighlandgames.org](http://calgaryhighlandgames.org).

### Cochrane Lions Labour Day Rodeo

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 2 to Monday, Sept. 4

**WHAT:** This lively rodeo includes all the classic events: bareback, saddle bronc, bull riding, steer

wrestling, barrel racing and more.

**WHERE:** Cochrane Lions Rodeo Grounds, 109 5th Ave. W., Cochrane. [cochrane-tourism.ca](http://cochrane-tourism.ca).

### Cochrane Labour Day Parade

**WHEN:** Monday, Sept. 4

**WHAT:** An annual parade through historic downtown Cochrane. It begins at 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Cochrane. [cochrane-tourism.ca](http://cochrane-tourism.ca).

### Spruce Meadows Masters

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Sept. 6 to Sunday, Sept. 10

**WHAT:** The best athletes from the world's top show-jumping nations compete for prize money and international acclaim. Also, family entertainment and shopping opportunities.

**WHERE:** Spruce Meadows, 18011 Spruce Meadows Way S.W. [sprucemeadows.com](http://sprucemeadows.com).

### Alberta Dance Festival

**WHEN:** Thursday, Sept. 7 to Saturday, Sept. 9; Thursday, Sept. 14 to Saturday, Sept. 16

**WHAT:** Dancers' Studio West's 36th annual festival showcases Alberta contemporary dance over two weekends of performance.

**WHERE:** Victor Mitchell Theatre, Pumphouse Theatres, 2140 Pumphouse Ave. S.W. 403-244-0950, [dswlive.ca](http://dswlive.ca).

### Honens Festival

**WHEN:** Thursday, Sept. 7 to Sunday, Sept. 10

**WHAT:** The competition doesn't come around again until 2018, but this four-day festival, featuring performances by Cecilia String Quartet and Luca Buratto, Montrose Trio, and Katherine Chi should keep fans of classical piano satisfied until then.

**WHERE:** Various locations, 403-299-0140, [honens.com](http://honens.com).

### Artember

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 9 to Sunday, Oct. 1

**WHAT:** The month-long celebration begins with Airdrie Fest and wraps up with the unveiling of a mosaic celebrating Canada's 150th birthday.

**WHERE:** Various venues, Airdrie, Alta. [creativeairdrie.ca](http://creativeairdrie.ca).

### Calgary Produce Marketing Association Harvest Sale

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 9 to Sunday, Sept. 10

**WHAT:** Fresh fruit and veggies at old-fashioned prices. Come early to stock up on healthy food, then stay and enjoy a day at the park. Money raised goes to support local charities.

**WHERE:** Heritage Park, 1900 Heritage Drive S.W. 403-268-8500, [heritagepark.ca](http://heritagepark.ca).

### Chestermere Country Fair

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 9

**WHAT:** A celebration of the harvest that includes a parade, bicycle-decorating contest, mini-golf and bounce castles.



**WHERE:** 201 West Chestermere Dr. 403-919-0821, [chestermereagriculturalsociety.com](http://chestermereagriculturalsociety.com).

## Circle the Wagons

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 9  
**WHAT:** Travelling carnival of local food, beer, music, art and performance from the imaginations of BassBus, YYC Food Trucks and Village Brewery.  
**WHERE:** Location TBA. [circlethewagons.ca](http://circlethewagons.ca).

## Cochrane Classics Car Club Show and Shine

**WHEN:** Sunday, Sept. 10  
**WHAT:** Check out an assortment of classic automobiles in historic downtown Cochrane.  
**WHERE:** Cochrane. [facebook.com/cochraneclassics](http://facebook.com/cochraneclassics).

## Beakerhead

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Sept. 13 to Sunday, Sept. 17  
**WHAT:** An interactive smash-up of art, science and engineering. With engineered art, international ingenuity competitions, public performances, community challenges, backyard-built contraptions, and creations of your own making.  
**WHERE:** Various locations. 587-351-7787, [beakerhead.com](http://beakerhead.com).

## FozzyFest

**WHEN:** Thursday, Sept. 14 to Sunday, Sept. 17  
**WHAT:** Featuring local and internationally acclaimed DJs, musicians and artists, food and merchandise vendors, workshops and spacious camping.  
**WHERE:** Big Springs Campground, Lake Koochanusa, B.C. [fozzifest.com](http://fozzifest.com).

## Calgary International Film Festival

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Sept. 20 to Sunday, Oct. 1  
**WHAT:** A 12-day showcase of up to 200 multi-genre films from Canada and over 40 other countries, highlighted by a series of gala events, awards and special presentations.  
**WHERE:** Various cinemas around the city. 403-283-1490, [calgaryfilm.com](http://calgaryfilm.com).

## Calgary Oktoberfest

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 22 and Saturday, Sept. 23  
**WHAT:** Similar to the original Munich festival, which celebrates local beer and food, Calgary Oktoberfest will feature a wide selection of local craft and Bavarian beers and delicious foods to sample from, along with authentic Oktoberfest music, dancers, games, and more.  
**WHERE:** Upper Big Four Building, Stampede Park. [albertabeerfestivals.com](http://albertabeerfestivals.com).

## Waterton Wildlife Weekend

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 22 to Sunday, Sept. 24  
**WHAT:** Alberta's most spectacular wildlife experience includes wildlife-viewing field trips, photography workshops and special presentations.

**WHERE:** Waterton, Alta. (about 2.5 hours south of Calgary). Information at 1-877-780-1998 or [mywaterton.ca](http://mywaterton.ca).

## Airdrie Empty Bowls Arts Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 23  
**WHAT:** A fundraiser in support of the Airdrie Food Bank, with music, hands-on demonstrations, local art and activities for kids. Bowls will be available for a suggested \$20 donation.  
**WHERE:** More info at [emptybowlsairdrie.com](http://emptybowlsairdrie.com).

## Railway Days

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 23 and Sunday, Sept. 24  
**WHAT:** Two days of train-related fun for the whole family. Double-headed steam train and caboose rides, turntable demonstrations, model railway displays, kids' railway challenge competition and much more.  
**WHERE:** Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Drive S.W. 403-268-8500, [heritagepark.ca](http://heritagepark.ca).

## ACFC Cochrane Has Arts Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 29 to Sunday, Oct. 1  
**WHAT:** A weekend celebration of the visual and performing arts.  
**WHERE:** Cochrane. [cochrane-tourism.ca](http://cochrane-tourism.ca).

## Alberta Culture Days

**WHEN:** Friday, Sept. 29 to Sunday, Oct. 1  
**WHAT:** Get a behind-the-scenes look at the rich art, culture and history of this authentic mountain community with a variety of exciting events and activities including artist receptions, tours, live performances and heritage interpretation.  
**WHERE:** Events throughout Calgary and the rest of Alberta. [culture.alberta.ca/culturedays](http://culture.alberta.ca/culturedays).

## Cochrane Outhouse Races

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 30  
**WHAT:** A friendly competition that sees teams of costumed locals race homemade outhouses down Cochrane's Main Street.

**WHERE:** 1st St. W., Cochrane. For more information or to register call 403-932-9288, [cochraneouthouseraces.com](http://cochraneouthouseraces.com).

## Print It Yourself Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, Sept. 30  
**WHAT:** Alberta Printmakers invites the public to participate in various printmaking activities.  
**WHERE:** Alberta Printmakers, 4025 4th St. S.E. 403-287-1056, [albertaprintmakers.com](http://albertaprintmakers.com).

## Kayben's Pumpkin Days

**WHEN:** Saturdays throughout October  
**WHAT:** Experience the magic of fall in the country with pumpkins, wagon rides, crafts, a farmers' market and more.  
**WHERE:** Kayben Farms, about 3 km north of Okotoks, Alta. 403-938-2857, [kayben.com](http://kayben.com).

## WordFest

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Oct. 10 to Sunday, Oct. 15  
**WHAT:** Readers and writers come together to experience the power of story through a literary festival featuring more than 90 local, national and international writers.  
**WHERE:** Various venues in Calgary. 403-294-9494, [wordfest.com](http://wordfest.com).

## Wide Cut Weekend

**WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 12 to Saturday, Oct. 14  
**WHAT:** The third annual festival features more than 30 artists from Canada and the U.S. offering up three days of roots, blues, alt-country and Americana music.  
**WHERE:** Ironwood Stage & Grill, The Blues Can, Mikey's Juke Joint, No. 1 Legion and the King Eddy. [widecutweekend.com](http://widecutweekend.com)

## Calgary International Burlesque Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 13 to Sunday, Oct. 15  
**WHAT:** Celebration of Calgary's burlesque and vaudeville communities featuring local talent and national and international performers.  
**WHERE:** Venue TBA. [cibf.ca](http://cibf.ca).

## Calgary Tattoo and Arts Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 13 to Sunday, Oct. 15  
**WHAT:** Featuring more than 400 of the best local and international artists, plus contests, retail exhibits and tattooing all weekend long.

**WHERE:** BMO Centre, Stampede Park. [calgarytattooshow.com](http://calgarytattooshow.com).

## Rocky Mountain Wine & Food Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct. 14  
**WHAT:** Sample an extensive variety of wine, scotch, imported beer and premium spirits, along with gourmet food from local restaurants, hotels and food purveyors. A portion of ticket sales will be donated to SAIT's culinary school.  
**WHERE:** BMO Centre, Stampede Park. 403-228-0777, [rockymountainwine.com](http://rockymountainwine.com).

## YYComedy Festival

**WHEN:** Monday, Oct. 16 to Saturday, Oct. 21  
**WHAT:** Sixth anniversary of the festival featuring local and internationally acclaimed comedians.  
**WHERE:** Various venues in Calgary. Full information to be released on [yycomedy.ca](http://yycomedy.ca).

## Fluid Festival

**WHEN:** Wednesday, Oct. 18 to Saturday, Oct. 28  
**WHAT:** A festival dedicated to outstanding performance and celebrating the vast spectrum of what dance can be. Featuring local, national and international artists, Fluid Fest ignites the city with performances, workshops, artist talks and happenings.  
**WHERE:** Various venues in downtown Calgary. [springboardperformance.com](http://springboardperformance.com).

## Ghouls' Night Out

**WHEN:** Thursday, Oct. 26 to Sunday, Oct. 29  
**WHAT:** Child-friendly Halloween evening event. Dress up and explore the park after dark. Have tea with the Mad Hatter, wander through the pumpkin patch, play Carnival games, dance with zombies and much more.  
**WHERE:** Heritage Park Historical Village, 1900 Heritage Drive S.W. 403-268-8500, [heritagepark.ca](http://heritagepark.ca).

## True North Festival

**WHEN:** Friday, Oct. 27 and Saturday, Oct. 28  
**WHAT:** Five Canadian composers collaborated on *True North* a "large-scale work for orchestra and dancers." It gets its world premiere as part of the festival.  
**WHERE:** Jack Singer Concert Hall, Arts Commons. [calgaryphil.com](http://calgaryphil.com).

## Banff Mountain Film and Book Festival

**WHEN:** Saturday, Oct. 28 to Sunday, Nov. 5  
**WHAT:** Nine epic days of mountain stories, including profound journeys, unexpected adventures, and ground-breaking expeditions told by authors, photographers, and filmmakers from around the globe.  
**WHERE:** Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. [banffcentre.ca](http://banffcentre.ca)



## BLINDED BY SCIENCE

Each year, when Beakerhead unveils its inflatable tentacles and pyrotechnics, it wraps the city in a warm embrace. Sept. 13-17.