



## **Culture Days is One Week Away!**

*Explore creativity, arts and culture starting September 24, 2021*

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**TORONTO September 16, 2021** A colourful adventure begins in just one week, with the launch of [Culture Days](#) on Friday, September 24, 2021, and continuing through to October 24. Grassroots community volunteers, public libraries, independent artists, major arts, culture, and heritage institutions, speciality festivals, and municipalities stand ready to reopen the portal to a world of art and expression, again bolstering our creative curiosity and connection to each other when we need it most. There's something for every taste with more than 1,600 free, immersive arts and culture events and activities planned for people to enjoy across the country outdoors, indoors or right from the comfort of home.

Culture Days activities will once again align with regional and provincial health and safety guidelines, including requiring that all registered in-person events adhere to local regulations. Participants can also rest a little easier with flexible options, including a robust catalogue of online events to be enjoyed regardless of health, geographic, travel or personal restrictions.

"This is the second time we've expanded Culture Days to embrace hybrid and digital programs, extending the traditional three days to a jam-packed four weeks. We're inviting everyone across Canada to take advantage of the extraordinary variety of activities," said Shannon Bowler, Executive Director of Culture Days. She adds, "We encourage everyone to take part in whatever way they feel most comfortable, whether by attending events in their local community, connecting with millions across the country through online workshops and performances, or rediscovering their creative spark in art-making from home."

"The past 18 months have presented enormous challenges to cultural organizations, artists, and creatives who thrive on interacting directly with their communities," says Sarah Iley, Chair of the Culture Days Board of Directors, "We are grateful to our partners for recognizing the importance of supporting arts and culture. We hope people embrace Culture Days as an opportunity to find reconnection through arts and culture and renew their support of a thriving cultural sector—one that benefits everyone across Canada in communities large and small."

## **RE:IMAGINE Arts and Culture**

Culture Days is documenting this year's journey through [a special blog series](#) and companion [video series](#) featuring the inspiring stories of writers and creatives, each one a reimagining of how we create, share and sustain arts and culture.

### **Rediscover Your Creativity**

It's easy to find events using Culture Days' comprehensive search system, allowing you to discover events by location, type, language or date, plus, enjoy a handy Collections feature allowing you to curate a personal list of must-see/do events and programs. [Search for Events by Region, Type or Date](#), or visit [culturedays.ca](http://culturedays.ca) to learn more, find featured events, or explore online offerings.

Join some of Canada's favourite landmark organizations and institutions who have registered programs for Culture Days, including: The Royal Conservatory, Toronto International Festival of Authors, TO Live, Luminato, the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Massey Hall, the National Arts Centre, TD Niagara Jazz Festival, Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, Nuit Blanche Winnipeg, the Art Gallery of Regina, Nuit Blanche Saskatoon, Jubilee Auditoria, Edmonton Opera, and City of Vancouver Public Art Program.

Free programs are offered in nearly every corner of the country, from Halifax to Whitehorse. Discover in-person and online hubs of activities in St Catharines, Halton Hills, Scugog, Oakville, Milton, Vaughan, North Bay, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Edmundston, Winnipeg, Portage la Prairie, Dauphin, Flin Flon, The Pas, Yorkton, Weyburn, Humboldt, Prince Albert, Edmonton, Calgary, Canmore, High River, Grande Prairie, Red Deer, Kelowna, Richmond, Mission, Victoria, Salmon Arm, North Vancouver, Surrey, Nanaimo, and more!

Full listings of Alberta Culture Days events, which got a head start on celebrations on September 1, can be found [here](#). Our sister celebration [Journées de la culture](#) in Québec, have even more [events on offer here](#).

**Culture Days 2021 is September 24 to October 24, 2021.**

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### **About Culture Days**

Culture Days has become the largest cultural event in Canada, attracting an estimated 2 million annual attendees to thousands of free activities and performances hosted by artists, cultural organizations and municipalities in hundreds of communities across Canada. Now in its 12th year, Culture Days programs invite the public to get hands-on and behind-the-scenes to highlight the importance of arts and culture by connecting communities and creators.

The Culture Days national office works with [provincial partners](#) and a wide network of event organizers, from grassroots community volunteers to major institutions. As a leading national voice for an active and engaged cultural life, Culture Days provides a range of tools and skill development resources that lead to greater cultural engagement. Culture Days is a registered charity, visit [culturedays.ca](http://culturedays.ca) for more information and to donate.

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