Culture Days Launches with Thousands of Free Events Across Canada

Discover arts, culture and creativity nationwide starting September 18, 2026

TORONTO September 15, 2026 Friday marks the launch of Culture Days, Canada's largest annual celebration of arts, culture and heritage. **From September 18 through October 4, 2026**, the public is invited to enjoy thousands of free and pay-what-you-may participatory activities and events that showcase a rich diversity of community and creativity across the country.

Every year, millions of people venture out to experience the incredible array of artistic expression and culture that Canada has to offer without barriers. Last year, a record 9 million people participated in over 5,000 events across hundreds of communities, and this year's offerings are equally exciting. Whether you're exploring a local gallery, stepping into a dance workshop, or connecting with artists and storytellers, Culture Days reminds us of the essential role arts and culture play in our shared identities and wellbeing.

An Invitation to Celebrate Canadian Creativity and Culture

This year's celebration features thousands of free performances, workshops, concerts, festivals, and behind-the-scenes experiences from small galleries and studios to the largest arts, culture and heritage institutions and venues across Canada.

Over one hundred diverse Community Event Hubs will pop up in communities large and small across Canada, including St. Catharines, Brampton, Oakville, Sault Ste. Marie, Thunder Bay, Pictou County, Saskatoon, Regina, Prince Albert, Lethbridge, Vernon, Abbotsford, Richmond, and Vancouver. Across the country, marquee cultural organizations like the National Ballet of Canada, Canadian Museum for Human Rights, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Canadian Opera Company, Prismatic Arts Festival, Art Gallery of Alberta, Victoria Symphony, and more open their doors for free access experiences while Nuit Blanche events light up the nights in Winnipeg, Saskatoon and Toronto. On and around September 30, exclusively explore National Day for Truth and Reconciliation events to advance understanding of Truth and Reconciliation, highlighting the experiences and perspectives of First Nations, Métis, and Inuit people, artists, and cultures.

The listing of events offers participants multiple ways to curate their creative adventure by region, date or activity type, making it easier than ever to discover and get involved close to home. Explore the event listing to make the most of the incredible local offerings.

Culture Days 2026 takes place September 18, 2026, through October 4, 2026.

Find More at CultureDays.ca
Follow along as the cross-country celebration of arts and culture comes to life!
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About Culture Days
Culture Days has become Canada's largest cultural event, holding over 55,000 events with over 30 million attendees over the past 17 years. Culture Days is a welcoming annual event held in the fall, featuring free activities and performances hosted by artists, cultural organizations, and municipalities in over 500 communities across Canada.

Participants are offered a variety of experiences to engage in, ranging from arts, culture, and heritage events. Culture Days highlights, amplifies, and empowers the diverse arts and cultural life in our communities. As a leading national voice for an active, engaged, and inclusive cultural life, Culture Days provides a range of tools and skill development resources that contribute to the growth and vibrancy of the arts sector across Canada. The Culture Days annual national awareness campaign culminates in a multi-week celebration of the arts. Culture Days is a registered charity. Visit culturedays.ca for more information.

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