



2021 Call for Talent

The City of Thunder Bay invites performing artists to apply to participate in the City's annual summer events series. Performance opportunities have the potential for in-person and virtual programming. In response to Provincial orders and physical distancing mandates, the City's programming will look different than prior years. With public safety being top priority, events staff are planning innovative ways of delivering events without encouraging the large gatherings that typically occur with events of this scale. The new normal requires us to have an outside the box approach to our summer programming. We are looking for performing artists who are willing to take this journey with us. This summer's programming will take a different approach and may include performances that are live, pre-recorded, or live streamed.

Canada Day – Thunder Bay's inaugural event. Multi-disciplinary performance opportunities are encouraged. This event is an opportunity to showcase the talent and multi-culturalism of our community. The main focus of this event is civic pride.

Live – Thunder Bay's Performance Series featuring local acts and award-winning Canadian talent. Each concert includes multiple performances. This series includes acts from a multitude of genres and performances including but not limited to: dance, music, children's acts, etc. Multi-lingual and multi-cultural acts are encouraged to apply.

City Hall Sounds – City Hall Sounds takes place each Thursday in August in McGillivray Square, the public space in front of City Hall. Each event will include live music, food trucks, and community partner information booths.

The City of Thunder Bay strives to promote our events and present participating artists in a professional manner. In order to facilitate this, we require the following **four (4)** items:

- A completed **Call for Talent application form** that has been accurately filled in.
- An **internet link of file, video, or audio sample** of artist or group that will be used for selecting talent. *All applicants **must** provide a sample in digital format, even if the applicant has previously participated in City-produced events.*

**** DISCLAIMER: Ensure all links to performances are active and correct. If links do not work, your application may be considered incomplete and may not move forward to the jury process. ****

- A link or file of a **digital hi-resolution photograph** of the artist or group that is clear (professional) and will reproduce well in printed black and white publications.
- A **technical rider and stage plot** in a digital format. *All applicants **must** provide this item in digital format, even if the applicant has previously participated in City-produced events. If this item is not received, the submission will be considered incomplete.*

Please check **all** available dates on which you can perform. If you are no longer available for the date(s) indicated below when the booking occurs, the booking offer may be withdrawn. *Note: Bookings will be finalized in early May.*

Please indicate the events/dates that you are interested in performing:

July 2021

- Thursday, July 1, 2021** – Canada Day
- Wednesday, July 14, 2021** – Live
- Wednesday, July 28, 2021** – Live

August 2021

- Thursday, August 5, 2021** – City Hall Sounds
- Wednesday, August 11, 2021** – Live
- Thursday, August 12, 2021** – City Hall Sounds
- Thursday, August 19, 2021** – City Hall Sounds
- Wednesday, August 25, 2021** – Live
- Thursday, August 26, 2021** – City Hall Sounds

*** *Please be advised dates are not confirmed and may change.* ***

Other

- Willing to receive requests to perform at other City-hosted events in 2021, such as *SnowDay on the Waterfront, Youth Arts Week Showcase, Culture Days, etc.*

City Events Staff often receive calls requesting information on local performing artists. All inquiries will be forwarded to www.thetrunk.org, so please be sure to create/maintain your profile (local acts only).

Please note:

- Incomplete and/or late applications may not be considered.
- The decision of the City Events Staff, with the advice of the Public Art Committee, will be final.
- While on stage, artists are expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is suitable for a family venue (i.e. no use of profanity, no smoking, no consumption of alcohol, arriving on time with all equipment, etc.).
- City Events Staff reserves the right to program set lengths/placement in entertainment line ups.
- City reserves the right to seek and select additional talent outside of this process.

By signing below:

The performer(s) release(s) the right to the City of Thunder Bay to use all or a portion of any audio, visual, or text material submitted as part of this application for promotional purposes which may include, but is not limited to: social media, radio/TV promotion or commercials, or on-site use.

Name (Print): _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Questions/Inquiries:

All questions and inquiries regarding this application form must be directed in writing to culture@thunderbay.ca.

Applications, including tech riders and stage plots, are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2021 and must be emailed to: culture@thunderbay.ca

Band/Artist Contact Details

Name of Band/Artist:

Genre of Performance:

Do you perform originals, covers:

Number of Performing Members in the Act:

Links to Website and Performances:

Preferred Contact Name (e.g. Group Leader):

Phone Number:

Email:

Mailing Address:

Postal Code:

Band/Artist Bio:

Performance Fee (Negotiable; H.S.T. extra, where applicable): \$

Please outline how you will engage with the audience both in-person (note: this may include smaller social distanced crowds) and virtual formats (i.e. live streaming/pre-recorded).

Do you have the capacity, ability, and technical requirements to record or live stream a quality performance if required?