

# City of Thunder Bay, 2024 Summer Events Guide

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## 2024 Summer Events Series

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July 1<sup>st</sup>, Canada Day on the Waterfront, Marina Park

July 9<sup>th</sup>, Teddy Bears Picnic, Vickers Park

July 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, August 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup>, Live on the Waterfront, Marina Park

August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, Summer Send Off, Marina Park

September 20<sup>th</sup> to October 13<sup>th</sup>, Culture Days, Various Locations

September 21<sup>st</sup>, Neighbour Day, Various Locations

## Welcome!

Get ready to dive into the lively summer scene of Thunder Bay! The Cultural Development, Community Programming & Events team is thrilled to unveil a dynamic lineup of free events. From the enchanting rhythms of live music to the captivating performances of cultural dance groups, you'll be immersed in the rich fabric of our diverse community. Treat your taste buds to delicious offerings from our food vendors, take part in family-friendly activities that spark joy, and explore the multitude of experiences that celebrate our community and artistic expression. But hold on, the excitement doesn't stop there! Our much-loved Movie Nights in the Parks are back as part of Community Programming! Whether you're a movie enthusiast or simply looking for a cozy night out with loved ones, these outdoor screenings are not to be missed. So gather your friends and family, pencil in the dates, and get ready to dive into the best that Thunder Bay has to offer. Don't miss out – come and join us for an unforgettable summer!

## Bienvenue!

Préparez-vous à plonger dans la scène estivale animée de Thunder Bay ! L'équipe du Développement culturel, de la programmation communautaire et des événements est ravie de dévoiler une programmation dynamique d'événements gratuits. Des rythmes enchanteurs de la musique en direct aux performances captivantes des groupes de danse culturelle, vous serez immergé dans le riche tissu de notre communauté diversifiée. Régalez vos papilles avec les délicieuses offres de nos vendeurs de nourriture, participez à des activités familiales qui suscitent la joie, et explorez la multitude d'expériences qui célèbrent notre communauté et l'expression artistique. Mais attendez, l'enthousiasme ne s'arrête pas là ! Nos très appréciées Soirées cinéma dans les parcs sont de retour dans le cadre de la programme communautaire ! Que vous soyez un passionné de cinéma ou que vous cherchiez

simplement à passer une soirée agréable avec vos proches, ces projections en plein air sont à ne pas manquer. Alors, rassemblez vos amis et votre famille, notez les dates et préparez-vous à plonger dans le meilleur que Thunder Bay a à offrir. Ne manquez pas cette occasion – venez nous rejoindre pour un été inoubliable !

## Canada Day on the Waterfront

Monday, July 1, 1 :00pm to 6 :00pm, at Marina Park

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Join Us For Canada Day!

Canada Day on the Waterfront is an opportunity to come together and celebrate our culturally diverse community. Join us at Marina Park for an afternoon of music, dance, arts, crafts, games, food, and more. We continue to commit to the re-envisioning of Canada Day on the Waterfront, to reflect and recognize that Canada Day means something different to everyone, and to move forward in an inclusive, thoughtful, and meaningful way.

Joignez-vous à nous pour la Fête du Canada

La Fête du Canada au Waterfront est une occasion de se rassembler et de célébrer la diversité culturelle de notre communauté. Rejoignez-nous au parc Marina pour un après-midi de musique, de danse, d'arts, d'artisanat, de jeux, de nourriture, et bien plus encore. Nous restons engagés à réinventer la Fête du Canada au Waterfront afin de refléter et reconnaître que cette journée a une signification différente pour chacun, et d'avancer de manière inclusive, réfléchie et significative.

## Canada Day Schedule - Programme de la fête du Canada

MAIN STAGE | 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Scène principale

Festival Area | Zone du festival

1:00 PM - 1:30 PM Opening Ceremonies | Cérémonies d'ouverture

1:30 PM - 2:30 PM Curubandé and Italian Touch Latin Dance School

2:30 PM - 5:00 PM Afternoon of Live Performances | Après-midi de spectacles

5:00 PM - 6:00 PM Aysanabee

SECOND STAGE | 1:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Deuxième scène

Market Square Parking Lot Area / Green Lawn

## Place du marché à l'aire du stationnement / Espace vert

Enjoy an afternoon line up of live music and cultural performances featuring Mariachi Rio Rojo (Mariachi Band) at 3:00 PM. Musique en direct et spectacles culturels, dont un concert de Mariachi à partir de 15 heures.

## Canada Day Main Stage Headliner/Tête d'affiche de la scène principale

### AYSANABEE

(Ace-in-abbey) is a two-time JUNO award-winning Oji-Cree artist. With a swirling mix of indie, soul, and electronic sounds and pulse-quickenning fingerpicking, his music featured on his 2023 EP *Here and Now* and his 2022 debut LP *Watin* is both hypnotic and melodious. Aysanabee made history as the first Indigenous artist to win the JUNO Awards for **Alternative Album of the Year** and the coveted **Songwriter of the Year**, for **Here and Now**. He is the first Indigenous artist to hit Number 1 on Mediabase Canada's Alternative Rock chart. He has been short-listed for the 2023 Polaris Prize and performed close to 300 shows on major stages, festivals, and venues across Canada and globally.

Aysanabee (Ace-in-abbey) est une artiste oji-crie deux fois lauréate d'un prix JUNO. Avec un mélange tourbillonnant de sons indie, soul et électroniques et un jeu de doigts qui accélère le rythme, sa musique, qui figure sur son EP *Here and Now* de 2023 et sur son premier LP *Watin* de 2022, est à la fois hypnotique et mélodieuse. Aysanabee est entré dans l'histoire en devenant le premier artiste autochtone à remporter le prix JUNO de l'album alternatif de l'année et celui, très convoité, de l'auteur-compositeur de l'année, pour *Here and Now*. Il est le premier artiste autochtone à atteindre la première place du classement Alternative Rock de Mediabase Canada. Il a été présélectionné pour le prix Polaris 2023 et a donné près de 300 spectacles sur des scènes, des festivals et des lieux importants au Canada et dans le monde entier.

**Be sure to join us for this free event on July 1!**

**Assurez-vous de nous rejoindre pour cet événement gratuit le 1er juillet !**

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## VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR - TRACY LYNN HURLBERT

Tracy has been a long standing volunteer with the City of Thunder Bay dedicating her time, enthusiasm and willingness to help at City run events for over 25 years. Tracy has volunteered with many of the City run events including but not limited to: Teddy Bears Picnic, Live on the Waterfront (previously known as summer in the parks), SnowDay on the Waterfront, Canada Day, Movie Nights, PRO Kids Family Skate, Youth Arts Week and many more. Tracy never fails to make you smile with her warm greetings and wealth of knowledge. The contributions that Tracy has made as a volunteer with the City of Thunder Bay have impacted not only our organization but our community as a whole. She is always willing to help out in any way she can and always goes above and beyond her assigned task. When new volunteers join us at events, Tracy is not shy to share her passion for volunteering and why volunteering is so important. Whether you are a volunteer or a community member, Tracy will be sure to keep you entertained while

pulling at your heart strings to make you stay. Tracy continues to volunteer at City of Thunder Bay run events making lasting and meaningful contributions to our community. Tracy is a one of a kind volunteer with a huge heart always willing to make you feel comfortable and welcome to the community events. As our number one recruiter for new volunteers we can't express how much Tracy truly means to our organization and our community. A fun fact about Tracy is that when she comes to volunteer at an event, she always has a bag of dog treats to spoil the furry friends that come to visit. If you ever have the chance to be greeted by Tracy at a city run event, there is no doubt she will make you or your dog smile!

“Volunteers are essential to the success of our city run events and community programming, providing invaluable support and building a stronger community. Their dedication ensures a seamless operation, leaving a lasting impression on attendees and fostering a sense of togetherness within our community.” - Samantha Stovel, Volunteer Program Coordinator

To learn more about volunteer opportunities, please visit [www.thunderbay.ca/volunteer](http://www.thunderbay.ca/volunteer) or contact us at **(807) 625-3169** or email [volunteer@thunderbay.ca](mailto:volunteer@thunderbay.ca)

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## Teddy Bears Picnic

Tuesday, July 9, from 11:00am to 3:00pm, at Vickers Park

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The Teddy Bears Picnic is a beloved annual event that brings joy to children and their furry friends at Vickers Park. This whimsical gathering takes place amidst the vibrant beauty of nature, where families and their little ones come together for a day filled with excitement and laughter. The park transforms into a magical wonderland, with lively music and smiling faces everywhere you look. Children eagerly clutch their favourite teddy bears, each one carefully selected as a loyal companion to share in the day's adventures. Be sure to join us for this free event on Tuesday, July 9.

- Food Vendors
- Boo Boo Bear Station
- Live Entertainment
- Storytelling
- Arts & Crafts
- Activities
- Community Expo & so much more!

## Live on the Waterfront

Wednesdays from 6:00pm to 9:00pm, at Marina Park

July Dates: 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>

August Dates: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>

Summer Send Off: August 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm

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Live on the Waterfront is Thunder Bay's premier free concert series!

Live on the Waterfront is a highly anticipated event that takes place every Wednesday evening during the summer season at Prince Arthur's Landing, Marina Park. This vibrant and lively gathering brings together locals, visitors, and music enthusiasts to enjoy a magical evening of live entertainment, community spirit, and scenic beauty. This event features an impressive lineup of musical acts spanning various genres, ensuring there's something to suit every musical taste. From soulful jazz and upbeat pop to folk, rock, the performances are carefully curated to provide an unforgettable experience for attendees. The sounds of live music fill the air as the performers take the stage, captivating the audience with their extraordinary talents. Visitors are encouraged to bring their own blankets or lawn chairs to make themselves comfortable during the event. Local food vendors, community groups and artisans will also be on site. Live on the Waterfront is not just about the music - it's also an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate the vibrant culture of our city. It serves as a platform to support local artists and provides a space for people to connect, mingle, and make lasting memories! Whether you're a music aficionado, a nature enthusiast, or simply someone looking for a memorable summer experience, Live on the Waterfront offers a unique and enchanting atmosphere that will leave you feeling inspired, entertained, and connected to the rhythm of the waterfront and the community around you!

Live music, food vendors, activities for all ages, community groups, artisans, and more Wednesday evenings throughout the summer in July and August at Marina Park. Don't forget our special Summer Send Off evenings Wednesday, August 28th and Thursday, August 29th. We hope to see you there!

## Live on the Waterfront Schedule

### JULY 17

6 PM Cold Lake Sun, 7 PM Sensational Hot Rods, 8 PM Daniel Romano's Outfit

### JULY 24

6 PM Cartwrights, 7 PM Berk Jodoin, 8 PM Clerel

### JULY 31

6 PM Jessica Sole, 7 PM Jonny Lee, 8 PM Boy Golden

### AUGUST 7

6 PM Genevieve Racette, 7 PM Chris Talarico, 8 PM Julian Taylor

## AUGUST 14

6 PM Natalia Arroyo, 7 PM Tim Albertson, 8 PM Free Label

## AUGUST 21

6 PM Solomon, 7 PM stardrop, 8 PM Alysha Brilla

## SUMMER SEND OFF

## AUGUST 28

6 PM Tin Pan Alley, 7 PM Sara Kae, 8 PM The Pursuit of Happiness

## AUGUST 29

6 PM DJ Syren, 7 PM Lockyer Boys, 8 PM Choir Revolution

## Live on the Waterfront Performer Bios

### JULY 17

**Cold Lake Sun.** Robin E. Moss (vocals / guitar), Jordan Elcheson (lead guitar), Scott McKay (drums), Liesl Timko (Synth / vocals), and Mike Lyngstad (bass).

**Sensational Hot Rods.** The Sensational Hot Rods have been performing and promoting Thunder Bay for the past 24 years , the band has performed all across North America on world class stages from Dallas Texas , Arizona , coast to coast MANY times over two and a half decades. Not only musicians but entertainers.

**Daniel Romano's Outfit.** Daniel Romano's Outfit is a Canadian indie rock band shrouded in mystery, and known for their high intensity live performances. The band, which has garnered a reputation as a powerhouse supergroup, is lead by Daniel Romano.

### JULY 24

**Cartwrights.** Cartwrights are a four piece band that fuse garage rock and indie folk. Drawing inspiration from The Replacements and Reigning Sound as they do John Prine and Bob Dylan, their live set features vibrant guitar riffs, pounding drum rolls, melodic bass lines, warm and vibrant keys and earnest and raw vocals. They have shared the stage with many of Canada's greatest live acts, such as the Sadies, Elliott Brood and Daniel Romano's Outfit.

**Berk Jodoin.** As a Métis artist from Pierceland, Saskatchewan, Berk Jodoin has experienced much of what he sings about. After a promising hockey career was derailed by life-threatening alcoholism, Jodoin turned his life around with the help of a B.C. treatment centre. He then took up boxing, but after realizing that injuries were tempting him to return to his bad habits, Jodoin turned to music as his therapy.

**Clerel.** A natural-born vocalist, soul singer & songwriter Clerel nurtured his taste for melody in his coastal hometown of Douala, Cameroon, where he grew up listening to music from his parents' record collection, which ranged from church hymns and afrobeat to French chanson. As a child, he developed a

habit of singing his favourite songs to himself as a way to “listen” to them whenever he desired, an exercise that helped hone his signature smooth tone.

## JULY 31

**Jessica Sole.** From small town Shelburne, Ontario, Jessica is no stranger to hard work, down home roots, and determination. Jessica grew up in a musical family and received her bachelor degree in music from Humber College in 2020. Since then, Jessica has written and recorded multiple albums in Nashville.

**Jonny Lee.** Jonny Lee is a singer-songwriter & recording artist from Alliston, ON. A seasoned performer & veteran frontman, Jonny brings a thunderous fusion of country & rock to every stage he plays. Jonny has performed as an opening act for Tim Hicks at Kipawa Countryfest. Other performances include The Gibson Centre, The Sleeman Centre, Schomberg Fair & Alliston Potatofest.

**Boy Golden.** Since his debut, Church of Better Daze (2020), Boy Golden has been immersed in the journey: one where he's travelled inward towards himself and the other traversing the observable world. Touring for hundreds of days, spending time at home in the studio alone or with friends, Boy Golden has been writing, writing, writing. From the lyrics, to the music, to the accompanying behind the scenes stories and newsletters, Boy Golden's honesty and clarity are magnificent. At times they magnify small wells of sadness, bringing forth the tears; other times they widen smiles, decimate guilt and fear, and others still, his songwriting eases the boundaries between folk, bluegrass, Americana and pop music.

## AUGUST 7

**Genevieve Racette.** Geneviève Racette, a highly acclaimed folk-pop musician from Québec, has captured the hearts of listeners with her gentle yet compelling emotional resonance. Since her debut EP in 2014, she has gained remarkable industry support for her folk-pop tracks. Geneviève has become a rising star in both the French and English-speaking Canadian music scenes, known for her vulnerable lyricism and ethereal vocals.

**Chris Talarico.** Chris is an eclectic mix of sounds and genres with a distinctly Canadian sound. Chris has performed all over Northwestern, Ontario including Thunder Bay. Chris brings with him a full band comprised of guitar, bass and drums, giving his performance the flexibility to play across many genres with a full sound.

**Julian Taylor.** With a soulful voice and captivating stage presence, Julian's unique blend of blues, roots, and folk music has earned him a growing fanbase and critical acclaim not only in Canada but also in Europe and the US. He's earned four Juno Award nominations (including one this year for Roots Album of the Year for “Beyond The Reservoir”), along with six Canadian Folk Music Awards for Solo Artist and English Songwriter of the Year – won Solo Artist in 2022, five Native American Music Award nominations, plus a nomination for Canada's most prestigious music accolade, the Polaris Music Prize.

## AUGUST 14

**Natalia Arroyo.** Award-winning multi-instrumentalist and composer Natalia Arroyo performs traditional music from northern Mexico, consolidating her sound in a fresh and innovative way. She performs songs that blend the root of traditional Mexican music with jazz and folk. The result is a beautiful blend of sounds that captures the rich knowledge of Natalia's Mexican folk music and the ever-changing northern Baja California rhythms.

**Tim Albertson.** Born and raised in the small town of Hurkett, Ontario, Tim Albertson is a Small Town Boy, with Stadium Like Sound. His powerful vocals and party-like nature creates an event that continues to be talked about long after the lights go down. "My whole life has led up to these moments, I remember standing at my family home, on the big industrial gutters, dreaming of it as a stage, and the field as the crowd. When I hit that stage, and I see that crowd, its like electricity courses through me and I let the whole venue feel it."

**Free Label.** The Free Label comprises six multi-instrumentalists and vocalists from Toronto, Canada. Their music is a unique fusion of 70s disco, 90s R&B, and high-energy funk, resulting in a captivating, dance-focused show. In the studio, the band has collaborated with Grammy-nominated artists such as saxophonist Braxton Cook, featured on their 2022 release "Shine," and Grammy-nominated producer Aaron Paris (Drake, Kanye West, Kali Uchis), who composed and recorded strings for their latest single, "Real Love."

## AUGUST 21

**Solomon.** (Nolan Schmerk) A proud member of Fort William First Nation, he is an Indigenous Soundmaker/ Wordsmith/ Emcee/ Turntablist/ Deejay/ Beatmaker/ Producer. He is a Raptivist/Edutainer. He is Hip-Hop. Why? Because he celebrates Peace, Unity, Love, and Having Fun. He grew up listening to lyricists preach about social injustice, police brutality, corporate corruption, systemic racism. Hip-hop—conscious Hip-hop, that is—helped him make informed decisions. As a grownup, he assumes the role of messenger and fuses into his music thoughts and ideas that question the Status Quo with a sound that flirts with jazz but also roots itself in a firm understanding of silence, or the sparse magic of simplicity.

**stardrop.** stardrop is a Alt-pop trio blending soulful electric guitar stylings of Justin Stiles, spacious tasty drum beats of Jordan Gray, and captivating vocals of stardrop. Moody soul-soothers to catchy funky bops. stardrop is a portal to your inner baddie.

**Alysha Brilla.** As a songwriter and musician, Alysha has collaborated with The Black Eyed Peas, Bedouin Soundclash, Digging Roots, No Doubt, Paula Sofia and 3X Grammy Award Winning mastering engineer Emily Lazar. In 2013, Alysha became one of the first self-produced female artists to receive a JUNO Award nomination. Since then, she has won Producer of The Year at the 2018 Independent Music Awards for her album "Rooted" with her music being featured in film television and Spotify Editorial Playlists.

## AUGUST 28

**Tin Pan Alley.** Formed in the heart of Thunder Bay, Tin Pan Alley has been serenading audiences for years. Their repertoire spans the ages, from classic rock to iconic hits, but what truly set them apart was their unforgettable tribute shows gracing local stages, channelling the spirit of legendary artists, like the haunting melodies of Fleetwood Mac, the timeless tunes of the Beatles and the enigmatic charisma of David Bowie. With a change in members, Tin Pan Alley is diving into the nostalgia of incredible bands we all grew up listening to and loved.

**Sara Kae.** Ojibwe/Cree singer-songwriter Sara Kae often takes any opportunity she can to tell a story. From a young age, she quickly realized that music was her vehicle in doing so. With family hailing from Lake Helen First Nation, her Indigenous roots have always been a prominent point of inspiration in both life and her creative endeavours. Kae's music is influenced by her Northern Ontario surroundings and her Indigeniety. Kae continues to spend time within her community while working on a new EP to release in the near future.

**The Pursuit of Happiness.** Formed in Toronto, Ontario, Canada in 1985, this JUNO Award nominated Canadian power pop band is led by singer/songwriter Moe Berg. Their debut album "Love Junk" released in 1988. "I'm an Adult Now" first written by Berg in 1985, was re-recorded and re-released as a single,



making it to the charts a second time reaching No. 6 on Billboard's alternative songs chart. It was followed by "She's So Young" and "Hard To Laugh". The album sold over 100,000 copies in Canada and was certified platinum. TPOH continued recording music and touring into the 90s, and was inducted into the Canadian Indies Hall of Fame in 2006. More recently, they have been performing across the country and keeping the music alive.

## AUGUST 29

**Lockyer Boys with DJ Syren.** The Lockyer Boys (Will and Charlie Lockyer) are brothers, singers, instrumentalists, producers, and "a duo destined for stardom" - To the Point Music USA. Starting from a young age, the Boys were showstoppers at concerts, entertaining crowds with harmonies and stage presence far beyond their years. Now, they impress multiple sold-out venues including opening positions for the Barenaked Ladies, Loverboy, Fefe Dobson, and more.

**Choir Revolution.** Choir Revolution is a travelling, interactive singing event for all abilities of singers. We provide a zero-judgement space for everyone to share the incredible joys of group singing, improved mental health, and community! Join Choir Master, Brett Caswell, as he and his talented musicians turn the crowd (YOU!) into the Choir, through thoughtful and fun arrangements of popular songs - It's Group Singing, not Rocket Science!

## Movie Nights in the Park

Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at Boulevard Lake Park

Thursday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Vickers Park

Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, Location to be announced

Join us for Movie Nights in the Parks!

The City of Thunder Bay invites you to a captivating evening under the stars at our enchanting Movie Nights as part of our community programming! Grab your friends, family, and your comfiest chairs and blankets, and come experience the magic of outdoor cinema at various parks in our beautiful city! Pre-show starts at 7:00 pm with outdoor games and trivia questions. Movie will begin at 8:00 pm! Don't forget your blankets, chairs and snacks!

## Meet the Team

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The City of Thunder Bay Recreation & Culture Division recognizes that a vibrant and liveable community has many unique needs. We value the contributions of residents and visitors of all backgrounds, abilities, and diverse identities. We are committed to providing inclusive, diverse, equitable, and accessible processes, programs, and services. We strive to identify and address barriers by questioning our ideas, beliefs, and biases, and by acknowledging the historical perspectives that contribute to systemic barriers. We encourage submissions and participation from Indigenous peoples, persons with disabilities, racialized communities, newcomers, women, and members of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community. We aspire to improve access and service where needed and welcome constructive feedback.

## Ontario Culture Days

CELEBRATING ARTS, CULTURE, & HERITAGE IN THUNDER BAY!

**SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 13, 2024**

Culture Days is an annual national celebration that has become one of the Country's largest participatory cultural events. Each year, millions of people participate in arts, cultural, and heritage events across the Country. Join in and take part in this three week long series of incredible free, or pay-what-you-may, activities, experiences, and performances hosted by artists, cultural organizations and the City. There is something for everyone to enjoy beginning with our big launch event **ARTS & CULTURE UNDER THE LIGHTS, Friday, September 20th** at Prince Arthur's Landing in Marina Park!

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