

August 2017 - Upcoming events

May 23 – August 29: **Heritage Park River Forth Dining**: This two-hour dining experience served in the dining car includes a glass of wine, appetizer, choice of gourmet main course, dessert and coffee or tea served while travelling through Heritage Park Historical Village. Tuesdays, 11 am to 1 pm.

June 3 – August 27: **Heritage Park Tea on the Verandah**: Saturdays and Sundays. Enjoy a traditional afternoon tea every weekend on the verandah of the Famous 5 Centre of Canadian Women. Nibble on a selection of dainty treats and enjoy silver tea service. A lovely girl's afternoon out! Sittings are from 11am-3 pm and reservations are recommended. Call 403-268-8500 for tickets.

June 16 – September 2: **Rosebud Theatre The Spitfire Grill**: A feisty parolee starts over again in a small town, and finds herself working at the Spitfire Grill. But news of her past makes her attempt at a second chance more difficult than expected. An uplifting folk musical about unlikely friendships, redemption, and a place to call home.

June 20 – August 27: **Theatre Calgary As You Like It**: This summer, follow our brave heroine Rosalind, and her cousin Celia, as they escape the rigid rules of court life for the wilds and freedom of the Forest of Arden. Here, they will fall in and out of love, encounter one of Shakespeare's greatest fools, and discover the value of true friendship.

June 23 – August 27: **Jubilations Dinner Theatre Flashdance An 80's Flashback**: Alex is a young woman from a working class neighborhood who is driven by her desire to become a professional dancer. This is a hilarious tale of mistaken identity filled with crazy night club characters, snooty dance school judges and lots of great music from the 80's! Please join us for Flashdance: An 80's Flashback!

June 29 – September 2: **Rosebud Theatre An Almost Holy Picture**: The groundskeeper of a small church has had a life filled with divine encounters – mysteries he cannot reconcile. His daughter suffers from a peculiar condition that covers her whole body in a coat of fine golden hair. Join his quest for answers in an intimate church garden as he struggles to regain his faith and discover what is holy.

June 30 – September 3: **Stage West Murder for Two**: The perfect blend of music, mayhem and murder! In this hilarious 90-minute show, two performers play 13 roles and a piano in a witty and winking homage to old-fashioned murder mysteries.

July 5 – August 30: **Heritage Park Music in the Plaza**. Wednesdays. The Stampede Talent Search will partner with Heritage Park to provide a weekly opening act. Featured acts are selected from among Western Canada's finest up and coming artists. Bring a blanket, pack a picnic or dine on the patio of the Selkirk Grille while enjoying two hours of live music.

July 19 – August 23: **Spruce Meadows Movies at the Meadows**: Wednesday nights. Watching movies on a large screen outdoors has become a popular summer activity - and what better place to do it than Spruce Meadows! Bring a chair, blanket and friends and enjoy a movie under the stars! Popcorn, movie treats and meals are available to purchase on the lower Plaza, so feel free to come early.

July 20 – August 24: **Heritage Park Captain's Cruises**: Thursdays. Set sail for a scenic summer cruise on Calgary's only paddlewheel boat and enjoy the breathtaking views of the Glenmore Reservoir and

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majestic Rocky Mountains. Aboard the S.S. Moyie Captain's Cruise you'll enjoy gourmet hors d'oeuvres with a selection of beer and wines while listening to a live jazz band.

July 31 – August 6: **Calgary International Blues Festival**: A full week of Blues workshops, concerts and special events culminate in four days and nights (August 3-6) of non-stop music on MainStage at Shaw Millennium Park, followed by the nightly Twilight Blues Dance Parties. Artists performing at Bluesfest this year include Amos Garrett and the Eh! Team, Angel Forrest, Bob Hall, The Claudettes and many others.

August 1-7: **TELUS Spark Quantum**: The first ever travelling exhibition on quantum information science and technology comes to Calgary. Using multi-level interactives and creative stories, the exhibit breaks down the barriers to understanding this complex science.

August 2: **StudioBell A Walk Through Blues History**: Blues musician and historian John Rutherford hosts an interactive talk show style discussion with Sugar Brown, blues musician, recording artist and historian at the King Eddy.

August 3: **Heritage Park Big Rock Brewing Workshop**: During this hands-on, two and a half hour session, you'll earn amateur brewmaster status as you mill, mash, sparge, boil, cool, pitch, ferment and package your way to hand-crafted beer greatness with the expertise of a Calgary brewery. Eight weeks later, you're invited to return to Heritage Park and pick up a bottle of your very own craft beer creation.

August 4: **Grey Eagle Resort & Casino** musical guest **Tanya Tucker**: For four decades, her sultry voice and vivacious stage presence has helped to make her one of the most admired and respected female vocalists in the Country Music genre.

August 4-13: **Calaway Park Calaway goes Country**: Receive a ballot when entering Calaway Park and bring it to Guest Services for your chance to win four tickets to Country Thunder and a VIP meet and greet with Old Dominion. The winner will be chosen on August 14th, 2017.

August 5: **Inglewood Sunfest** Join us as the street comes alive with performers, vendors and fantastic food for this free event.

August 6-12: **Century Downs Racetrack** – Mark your calendars for the first annual **Calgary Racing Festival** – a week of fun for the entire family. Come experience Standardbred racing and more!

August 7: **Heritage Park Heritage Day**: Join us for an interactive history-filled day, that's sure to delight the entire family. Wander through the exhibits, take a spin on the antique midway, a cruise on Calgary's only paddlewheel boat or tour the park on an authentic steam train. Play traditional Aboriginal games, train to be a voyageur and march with the Mounties!

August 7: **Fort Calgary Heritage Day**: Bring the kids and experience Calgary's multicultural heritage. Free family-friendly activities at the Fort are part of Historic Calgary Week. Past highlights include: community garden tours and games, traditional Indigenous games and stories, powwow dance workshops and interactive children's crafts.

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August 7: **Heritage Day Festival**: Olympic Plaza. For four decades, Calgary's Heritage Festival has presented a multicultural celebration filled with performances, food and art. The six hour event will be filled with multicultural folk music, dance performances, food vendors and craft booths. The festival includes a children's area with face painting and games.

August 9-20: **The Phantom of the Opera**: Broadway Across Canada presents a new, bigger version of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Phantom of the Opera*. The story, based on a French novel by Gaston Leroux, follows Christine, a beautiful, young singer with a phenomenal voice. A masked, musical genius becomes obsessed with Christine, resulting in drama for the soprano and everyone in her life.

August 10: **TELUS Spark Ka-Ching Adults Only Night**: Money's kind of terrifying. Especially when you think about numbers flying around on the internet, being created and destroyed by programs that move too fast for humans to keep up. From decadent twenty-first century lifestyles and ancient forms of cash to understanding what actually happened in the 2008 financial crisis, we'll be making it rain information about money tonight.

August 10-20: **Calgary Opera Opera in the Village**: This year, see Rodgers and Hammerstein classic *South Pacific*, the second longest running Broadway musical of all time. On Saturday and Sunday afternoon, the festival will also feature the Emerging Artist alumni performance of *Cinderella*, providing entertainment to appeal to the whole family and an ideal opportunity to introduce younger audiences to the opera.

August 10-13: **2017 ATB Financial Classic**: An official Mackenzie Tour – PGA TOUR Canada event, featuring 156 of the best young golfers in the world, competing for a prize purse of \$175,000 and points on the Web.com Tour.

August 10-13: **2017 Canadian Water Ski Championship**: Approximately 130 of Canada's top water ski athletes will compete at Water Ski & Wakeboard Canada's National Championship. 2017 is the 50th Anniversary of Water Ski & Wakeboard Alberta and the 20th anniversary of the Predator Bay Water Ski Club.

August 11-12: **Aspen Crossing Southern Alberta Music Festival** (A Stars Air Ambulance Fundraiser): Kick back and relax while you listen to a variety of country, blues, folk and good old fashioned rock n' roll. While at the music festival explore different vendors, relish a delicious meal from one of the concessions or unwind in the beer gardens.

August 12: **Grey Eagle Resort & Casino** musical guest **SAGA**: For over thirty-five years, SAGA has led the way in music innovation and audience interaction. Throughout this time the band has released 21 studio recorded CD's.

August 12: **2017 World Driving Championship**: Presented by Standardbred Canada, 11 drivers from around the world will compete in 20+ races at five different racetracks in four different provinces. The World Driving Championship begins in Calgary at Century Downs.

August 13 – 19: **2017 Canadian Rugby Championship – Senior Men's / U16 & U18**. The Senior Men's

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Championship is a crucial step for players hoping to play for Canada's National Team. Teams from BC, the Prairies, Ontario and the Atlantic will compete for the MacTier Cup. The U16 & U18 Championship offers young rugby athletes the chance to compete nationally at the highest level

August 13: **Marda Gras Street Festival**: More than 35,000 visitors from around Calgary visit Marda Loop each summer for the annual Marda Gras Street Festival. The celebration of Marda Loop includes live music, dance and cultural performances, alongside shopping options, food vendors and an area especially for the kids. Marda Gras lasts all day.

August 15: **Grey Eagle Resort & Casino** musical guest **Melissa Etheridge**: Melissa Etheridge stormed onto the American rock scene in 1988 with the release of her critically acclaimed self-titled debut album, which led to an appearance on the 1989 Grammy Awards show.

Aug. 15-26: **GlobalFest** Experience the International Fireworks Festival with a symphony of pyrotechnics and music and OneWorld Festival host to live performances, ethnic food and cultural pavilions at Elliston Park. Celebrate GlobalFest's 15th anniversary and Canada's 150th with all competing teams being Canadian.

Aug. 17-19: **Calgary Reggae Festival** offers an amazing lineup of performers for this Calgary family-friendly event at Shaw Millennium Park.

August 17-19: **University of Calgary Milky Way Nights**: Head out to Priddis this month to admire the night sky and ask astronomers your questions. The University of Calgary's Rothney Astrophysical Observatory is open to the public at a time of year when the conditions are ideal for stargazing and viewing distant galaxies. You can observe the night sky through the observatory's telescopes from 10 p.m. until 2 a.m.

August 19: **Grey Eagle Resort & Casino** musical guest **The Pointer Sisters**: are an eclectic and versatile pop/R&B group who hail from Oakland, California. They began their music careers singing in their father's church. Bonnie and June formed a duo called Pointers, A Pair. Anita soon joined the group and the duo became a trio.

August 19-20: **Alberta Open Farm Days**: gives Albertans the opportunity to see where their food comes from. Meet the farmers, experience Agri-tourism and, perhaps best of all, taste local food straight from where it is produced. Visit their website to plan your farm and culinary experience route.

August 25: The **Badlands Amphitheatre** presents **John Michael Montgomery with Charlie Major** in concert at 7:30 p.m. Tickets now on sale.

Aug. 25 to Sept. 4: **Calgary Pride**: Join the 27th annual festival and parade on September 3. The parade route changes for 2017. Now heading West on 6th Ave, and then turning North on 6th St and ending at the West end of Prince's Island Park for the Pride in the Park event.

August 26 – 27: **2017 Canadian BMX National Championship**: In its second consecutive year hosted in Calgary, approximately 400 athletes will compete for the national title in BMX racing.

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August 26: The [Badlands Amphitheatre](#) presents **Randy Bachman with Hey Romeo** in concert at 7:30 p.m. Don't miss seeing this Canadian icon. Tickets now on sale.

August 26-27: [Heritage Park](#) Country Kickback: Whether you're a country-living expert, or a bonafide city kid who doesn't know a bull from a steer, experience 'How the West Was Once' out on the farm during Country Kickback at Heritage Park.

August 29: [Grey Eagle Resort & Casino](#) musical guest **Huey Lewis & The News**: Formed from two rival Bay Area bands in 1979, they continue to thrill audiences worldwide, selling over 20 million albums in the process, earning them the right to mark their place on the pop history map.

August 31: [Heritage Park](#) **Dining through History - A Progressive Dinner**: Heritage Park is pulling out all the stops for its Field to Fork dinner series. In this installment, guests are invited to ride along in a horse-drawn wagon as they enjoy a progressive dinner through Calgary's culinary history. The night begins at the Famous 5 Centre of Canadian Women and ends in the Selkirk Gallery Room. Enjoy succulent dishes and drink pairings throughout.