

EDMONTON FESTIVAL CITY

2013-2014





Message from His Worship Mayor Stephen Mandel



Edmonton Festival City

Vibrant, cosmopolitan and truly diverse, Edmonton offers an array of festivals and events year round. No matter what the season, this guide will help you to discover what's happening in Edmonton's exciting visual and performing arts scene, as well as major sporting events, world-class shows and exhibitions, and everything in between.

Please note that the events and dates we have listed may be subject to change without notice. Contact the event organizer or visit their website to confirm all event-related information.

Although we have tried to be as thorough as possible, we may have inadvertently missed something. Stay up-to-date by visiting the City of Edmonton's online events calendar at www.edmonton.ca/calendar. Is your community organization or group hosting an event of its own? By adding it to the online events calendar you can give folks all the details they need.

For a printable PDF of this guide, please visit: edmonton.ca/festivalcityguide

Explore your options, join the excitement and discover why Edmonton is known as Canada's Festival City!

On behalf of City Council and the people of Edmonton, Alberta's Capital City, it is my pleasure to welcome readers to the Edmonton Events Guide.

This guide is filled with information on Edmonton's many festivals and events. Enjoy these festivals with theatre in the streets, music in the parks, art in the public squares and everything in between.

During the summer season citizens and visitors can listen to a variety of music like blues, folk, jazz and symphonic music. In the winter, ice sculptures, skiing and skating bring vibrancy to our city. Regardless of the weather there is something for everyone.

After reading through this guide, I hope you are inspired to take part in some of the many festivals that make our city a great place to live.

Enjoy your time in Festival City!

Yours truly,

Stephen Mandel
Mayor

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JANUARY

Deep Freeze: A Byzantine Winter Festival

January 12 to 13, 2013
January 11 to 12, 2014

Location: 118 Avenue, NW between 90
and 94 Streets

Admission by donation

deepfreezefest.ca / 780-471-1580

This winter adventure celebrates the Russian/
Ukrainian “Olde New Year” and embraces our
northern climate by melding artistic panache
with authentic cultural and heritage winter
games and fun. Join us for snow and ice
sculpture, old tyme curling, ethnic foods,
dance and street hockey.

Lunar New Year and Chinatown Festival

January 17 to 18, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: 97 Street (Chinatown) from 105 to
107 Avenue for the Lunar New Year. Chinatown
Festival on 99 Street and 107 Avenue.

Free Admission

chinatownlittleitaly.com / 780-423-2628

A celebration of cultural diversity. This
event provides educational opportunity and
a communication tool to better understand
Chinese culture.

Ice on Whyte Festival

January 25 to February 3, 2013
January 24 to February 2, 2014

Location: End of Steel Park, Gateway
Boulevard (103 Street) and Tommy Banks Way

Ticket price: Adults \$5, Children \$2.50,
under 2 free

iceonwhyte.ca / 780-758-5878

Come outside to play and celebrate the 10th
anniversary of the Ice on Whyte. The park will be
filled with ice and snow carvings, the giant ice
slide, an interactive children's play area, food,
fashion, culturally themed days, live music, hot
beverages and more!

The Canoe Theatre Festival

January 24 to February 3, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: C103 (Formerly Catalyst Theatre)
8529 103 Street

Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from
\$18 to \$35

workshopwest.org / 780-477-5955 x301

Join us for theatre that rocks the boat at
Workshop West Theatre's cutting-edge
contemporary theatre festival. The Canoe
Theatre Festival presents a program of
provocative, ground-breaking performances
from Edmonton, Canada and around the World.

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Workshop West Theatre*

FEBRUARY/ MARCH

Canadian Birkebeiner Ski Festival

February 8 to 9, 2013
February 7 to 8, 2014

Location: East of Edmonton: Cooking Lake-Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area, Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village, Elk Island National Park
Free admission for spectators. Participant fees range from \$7 to \$100

canadianbirkie.com / 780-430-7153

The Canadian Birkebeiner is Canada's largest classic cross country ski event and takes place the second Saturday every February. It is a mass-start recreational loppet, with events for all levels of skiers-beginners to elite, and is a family friendly event.

Wildfire Improv Festival

February 12 to March 2, 2013
February 11 to March 1, 2014

Location: Zeidler Hall at the Citadel Theatre (9828 - 101A Avenue, NW)
Ticket price: \$10.00. Tickets \$8.00 for high school or younger.

rapidfiretheatre.com / 780-443-6044

Three weeks of teen improv – Canadian Improv Games, Nose Bowl Theatresports tournament and Junior Wildfire (for junior high students). The most creative, hilarious, spontaneous young performers from across Alberta – more than 200 of them, featured in 17+ shows.

Silver Skate Festival

February 15 to 24, 2013
February 14 to 23, 2014

Location: Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW)
Free Admission

silverskatefestival.org / 780-488-1960

Edmonton's oldest winter festival returns with art, culture, recreation and sports programming. This free, all-ages event features skate races, winter sport demos, a Heritage Village, the Silver Skate Folk Trail, live performances, and Snow and Fire Sculptures.

Winterfête

February 18, 2013
February 17, 2014

Location: Alberta Legislature (10800 97 Avenue, NW)
Free Admission

assembly.ab.ca / 780-427-7362

Winterfête is Alberta's capital Family Day event at the Legislature. An abundance of both indoor and outdoor activities is sure to keep the whole family entertained. Activities include live family entertainment, wagon rides, a kids' carnival and skating.

Global Visions Film Festival

February 28 to March 3, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Metro Cinema (Garneau Theatre) 8712 - 109 Street and Art Gallery of Alberta Theatre (#2 Sir Winston Churchill Square)
Ticket price: Various. Tickets and passes range from \$12 to \$75

globalvisionsfestival.com / 780-414-1052

Canada's longest running documentary film festival, dedicated to presenting socially relevant films from around the world exploring issues of social, economic and environmental development. Our mandate is to promote film and video as catalysts for reflection.

Expanse Movement Arts Festival

March 6 to 10, 2013
March 5 to 9, 2014

Location: Westbury Theatre, TransAlta Arts Barns (10330 - 84 Avenue, NW)
Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from free to \$15

azimuththeatre.com/expanse
780-454-0583

An electric four-day celebration of the body-in-motion, Expanse Movement Arts Festival features high velocity body-made art, presenting innovative movement in all forms: dance, movement theatre, aerial and circus arts, mime, dance for film and more.

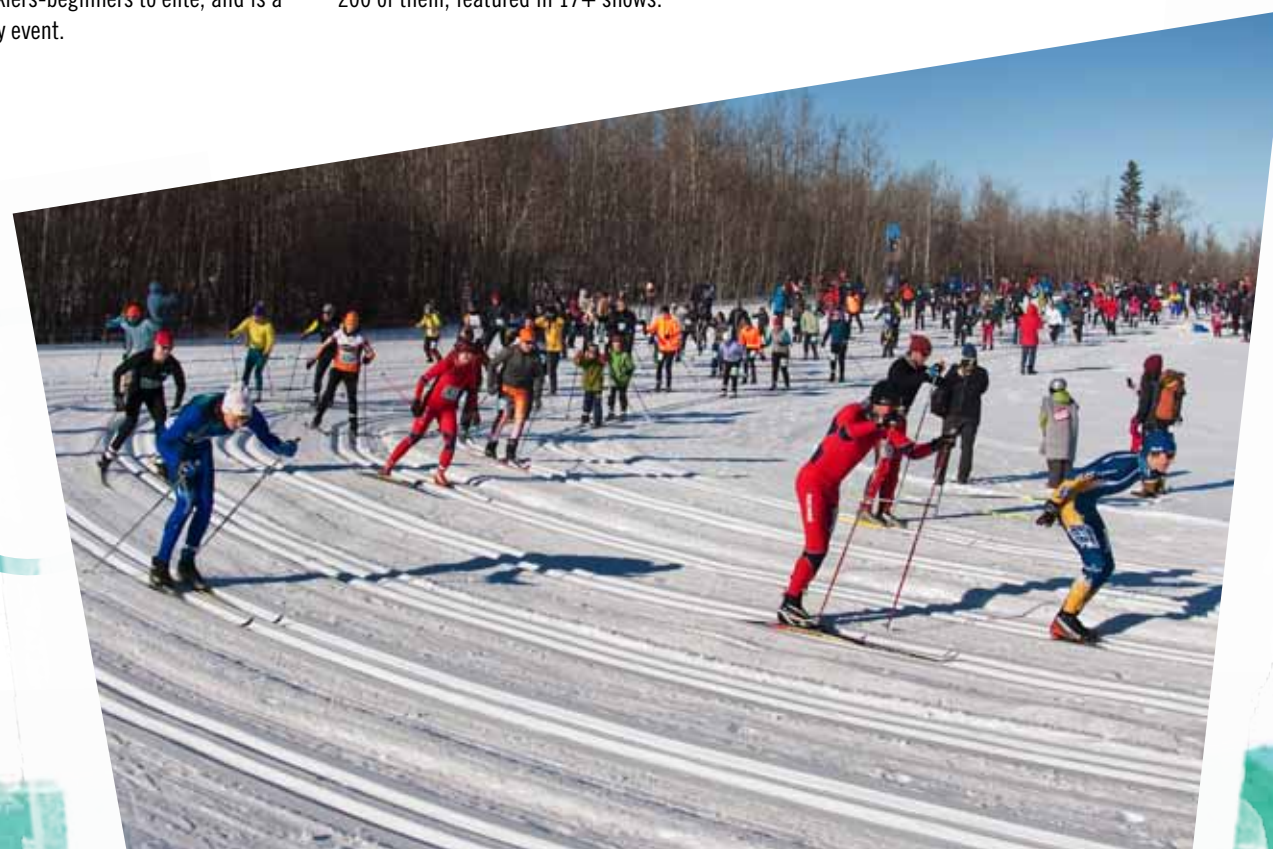


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★ APRIL/ MAY ★

Bonfire Long Form Improv Festival

April 9 to 13, 2013
April 8 to 12, 2014

Location: Zeidler Hall at the Citadel Theatre (9828 - 101A Avenue, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Tickets and passes range from \$12 to \$35
rapidfiretheatre.com / 780-443-6044

Edmonton's long-form improv comedy festival. See full-length one-act plays unfold right before your eyes! No script, no director, no rehearsal. Rapid Fire Theatre's best improvisors take a concept, an image, a single word, and improvise!

Edmonton Kiwanis Music Festival

April 14 to May 4, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Various locations
Free Admission

edmontonkiwanis.com / 780-488-3498

Come and hear the stars of tomorrow present their talents. You will enjoy choirs, bands, musical theatre, speech and drama, piano, brass, woodwinds, handbells, harp and strings.

Earth Day

April 21, 2013
April 20, 2014

Location: Fort Edmonton Park, Blatchford Hanger (Corner of Fox Drive and Whitemud Drive, NW)

Free Admission

edmontonearthday.ca

In Edmonton call: 311

Outside Edmonton: 780-442-5311

Enjoy music, workshops, displays and family-friendly activities while getting new ideas on how to lighten your impact on our earth.

Edmonton Poetry Festival

April 21 to 28, 2013
April 20 to 27, 2014

Location: Various locations throughout downtown Edmonton

Ticket price: Most events are free. 'Poetry Map of Canada' Gala is \$50.00

edmontonpoetryfestival.com
780-289-1553

The Edmonton Poetry Festival engages people from across the city in poetry as creators and audience. The 2013 festival highlights works of the Poet Laureates from across Canada!

Vaisakhi Nagar Kirtan (Sikh Parade)

May 19, 2013
May 18, 2014

Location: 2606 Mill Woods Road East, NW
Free Admission

780-990-6166

A parade that has been organized annually since 1999 to celebrate the creation of the Khalsa (a unique identity of the Sikhs). The procession is lead by The Guru Granth Sahib Ji (the Sikh scriptures), with participants following, singing holy hymns.

The RUBABOO Arts Festival

May 23 to June 16, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: C103 (Formerly Catalyst Theatre) 8529 103 Street and Timms Centre for the Arts (112 Street and 87 Avenue, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from \$5 to \$25

albertaaboriginalarts.com / 780-913-3570

A multi-disciplinary Aboriginal performance arts festival presenting works in Traditional and Contemporary Styles. May 23 to June 2: *Dreary & Izzy* a play by Tara Beagan (Timms Centre) June 1 to 8: *HUFF* a play by Cliff Cardinal (C103).

Vocal Arts Festival

May 24 to June 28, 2013
May 22 to June 29, 2014

Location: Timms Centre for the Arts (112 Street and 87 Avenue, NW) and various locations throughout University

Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from \$14 to \$40

vocalartsfestival.ca / 780-487-4844

The Vocal Arts Festival offers innovative performances debuting Canada's finest emerging artists. The festival spans six weeks with over 20 concerts of diverse vocal genres including artsong, sacred music, Broadway and light opera. Each summer three mainstage operas are presented.

Edmonton and Area Corporate Challenge

May 24 to June 8, 2013
May 23 to June 7, 2014

Location: Various locations throughout Edmonton

Free Admission

edmontoncorporatechallenge.com
780-463-9500

Corporate Challenge is a multi-sport activity that gives corporations of all sizes the opportunity to compete against each other in activities as diverse as volleyball, crib, table tennis, basketball and trivia. Over 170 companies take part annually in 22 events.

2012 Subway Coronation Triathlon

May 26, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Peter Hemingway Fitness & Leisure Centre (13808 - 111 Avenue, NW)

Admission free for spectators; Entry fee for participants range from \$89 to \$175

edmonton.ca/attractions_recreation/sport_recreation/coronation-triathlon.aspx

In Edmonton call: 311

Outside Edmonton: 780-442-5311

Train, compete or volunteer in this exciting event! A challenging course for amateur and seasoned athletes; officially sanctioned by the Alberta Triathlon Association. See our website for updates on fees and other event information. See you there!

Dreamspeakers International Film Festival

May 29 to June 1, 2013
June 4 to 7, 2014

Location: Various locations throughout Edmonton

Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from \$7 to \$52

dreamspeakers.org / 780-378-9609

Edmonton becomes the site of an international gathering of our own Dreamtalkers: filmmakers, actors, performers and artists. Aboriginal people from around the globe gather to share their common bond — a linkage with a natural world whose harmonies and rhythms are being forgotten by those who came later, offering a unique exploration into Aboriginal cultures.



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Edmonton Poetry Festival, *Randall Edwards*;
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JUNE

Environment Week

June 1 to 8, 2013
May 30 to June 7, 2014

Location: Various locations throughout Edmonton

Free Admission

edmonton.ca/EnvironmentWeek

In Edmonton call: 311

Outside Edmonton: 780-442-5311

Celebrate Environment Week at various events throughout the week. Learn how you can reduce your carbon footprint and make Edmonton more sustainable.

Bikeology Festival

June 1 to 30, 2013
June 1 to 30, 2014

Location: Various locations throughout Edmonton

Free Admission

bikeology.ca / 780-982-8520

Bikeology Festival celebrates bicycles in all their glory, and arranges events throughout June for you to celebrate with us.

Seniors' Week Tour & Tea

June 3 to 7, 2013
June 2 to 6, 2014

Location: Alberta Legislature (10800 97 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission

assembly.ab.ca / 780-427-7362

Seniors' Week Tour and Tea at the Alberta Legislature is a chance to reminisce, hear stories of the men and women who founded our province and admire the grand architecture of our province's historic capital building. Tea and light refreshments served.



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Next Generation Arts Festival (Nextfest)

June 6 to 16, 2013
June 5 to 15, 2014

Location: Roxy Theatre and various other locations on 124 Street

Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from free to \$10

nextfest.ca / 780-453-2440

Nextfest is Edmonton's annual rocking and raucous showcase of young, emerging artists! An 11-day celebration of the artistic voice of the next generation featuring new theatre, dance, music, visual art, film, and multidisciplinary collaboration.

Creative Age Festival and FEST (Festival of Edmonton Seniors Theatre)

June 7 to 13, 2013
June 6 to 12, 2014

Location: Timms Centre for the Arts (112 Street and 87 Avenue, NW) and City Hall (1 Sir Winston Churchill Square, NW)

Ticket price: \$10 or less per workshop or performance

cafestival.ca / 780-423-5635

Celebrating Seniors and the Arts. Enjoy performances by seniors' theatre and musical groups, arts cafés with elegant refreshments and entertainment, seniors' art displays, talkback sessions with senior artists, and participational theatre workshops.

Edmonton Pride Festival

June 7 to 16, 2013
June 6 to 15, 2014

Location: Parade downtown on 102 Avenue. Festivities in Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW) on opening Saturday. Other activities at various locations throughout Edmonton.

Free Admission

edmontonpride.ca

The Edmonton Pride Festival is an annual celebration that showcases the unity and diversity of the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transidentified and queer (LGBTQ) community. This family friendly event is open to all friends, family and LGBTQ allies.



Al Fresco Block Party

June 8, 2013
June 7, 2014

Location: 104th Street Promenade (between Jasper Avenue and 102 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission Donations benefiting charity welcome

4thstpromenade.ca / 780-421-9463

The Al Fresco Block Party celebrates downtown vibrancy, locally owned business and the spirit of giving. Following the City Market Downtown Farmers' Market, the Block Party features extended patios, an outdoor licensed area, music and entertainment, art, fashion, food and more.

Sprouts! New Play Festival for Kids

June 8 to 9, 2013
June 7 to 8, 2014

Location: The Stanley A. Milner Library Theatre (#7 Sir Winston Churchill Square, NW)

Ticket price: \$5 per person

concretetheatre.ca / 780-439-3905

SPROUTS! presents short, culturally diverse new plays written specially for very young audiences and their families. Lobby activities start at 1 p.m., and four staged play readings at 2 p.m. each day. Suitable for babes in arms to 12 years old.

Edmonton ITU Triathlon Festival Presented by Antrim Construction

June 16 to 23, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW) and environs

Free Admission

edmontontriathlon.org / 780-995-1658

2013 Edmonton ITU Triathlon Festival presented by Antrim Construction will include competitions and fun experiences for all ages and abilities. The Festival will culminate in the ITU World Cup – the best in the world will be showcased in Hawrelak Park.

JUNE

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Improvaganza International Improv Festival

June 19 to 29, 2013
June 18 to 28, 2014

Location: Zeidler Hall at the Citadel Theatre (9828 - 101A Avenue, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from \$12 to \$20

rapidfiretheatre.com / 780-443-6044

The best improvisors in the world live right here in Edmonton. Rapid Fire Theatre hosts the other top-ranked improv teams from across the globe in the 14th Improvaganza, a 10-day celebration of improv, comedy, music and more. Edmonton's funniest festival!

The Works Art & Design Festival

June 20 to July 2, 2013
June 19 to July 1, 2014

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW), Louise McKinney Park (9999 Grierson Hill Road, NW), and Various Locations throughout Edmonton

Free Admission

theworks.ab.ca / 780-426-2122

The Works Art & Design Festival is the most unique, free event of its kind, advancing appreciation of art and design and providing artists, designers and the public a forum for exchanging ideas through exhibits, performances and special events for all ages.

Edmonton Turkish Festival

June 21 to 23, 2013
June 27 to 29, 2014

Location: Dr. Wilbert McIntyre Park (83 Avenue and 104 Street, NW)

Free Admission

turkishfestival.ca / 780-966-6796

Edmonton Turkish Festival celebrates cultural diversity in Edmonton. Taste delicious Turkish foods, including Turkish cuisine and Turkish coffee. Enjoy folkloric dance and a unique dance of water with colourful paint called Ebru art at the festival.

Edmonton International Athletics Festival

June 22 to 29, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Whyte Ave, Foote Field (11601 68 Avenue, NW) and other locations

Free Admission for most events. Tickets for Edmonton International Track Classic range from \$15 to \$40.

athleticsfestival.com or athleticsalberta.com
780-427-8792

The Edmonton International Athletics Festival showcases the sport of track and field/athletics. This festival is for all ages and abilities is dedicated to providing an educational and sporting environment for all.

Edmonton International Jazz Festival

June 21 to 30, 2013
June 20 to 29, 2014

Location: Various locations in Old Strathcona and downtown Edmonton

Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from Free to \$80

edmontonjazz.com / 780-990-0222

Built upon 30 years of artistic excellence, dating back to 1980, the Edmonton International Jazz Festival is one of the longest running jazz festivals in Canada. Find A Jazz For You!

Freewill Shakespeare Festival

June 25 to July 21, 2013
June 24 to July 20, 2014

Location: Heritage Amphitheatre, Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Tickets and passes range from \$17 to \$40. Pay-What-You-Will performances: Tuesday evenings and Saturday matinees.

freewillshakespeare.com / 780-425-8086

The Freewill Shakespeare Festival proudly presents its 25th anniversary! Come celebrate 25 years of Shakespeare under the amphitheatre with their productions of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and *King Lear*. Rain or shine at 8 pm with weekend matinees at 2 pm.

Edmonton International Track Classic

June 29, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Foote Field (11601 68 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission for most events.

General Admission: \$15 / Grandstand: \$40

athleticsfestival.com or athleticsalberta.com
780-427-8792

Edmonton welcomes the world back in 2013! The Edmonton International Track Classic will be the largest stop on the National Track League's circuit and will showcase Canada's best track and field athletes as they compete against the best in the World!

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JULY

Canada Day

July 1, 2013
July 1, 2014

Location: Various locations
Free Admission

edmonton.ca/attractions_recreation/festivals-events.aspx

In Edmonton call: 311

Outside Edmonton: 780-442-5311

Join the Canada Day Celebrations in various communities throughout Edmonton. Celebrations take place at City Hall, at the Alberta Legislature, in Mill Woods, and other areas throughout the city. Don't miss the fireworks display in the River Valley!

Feats - Festival of Dance

July 1 to July 14, 2013
June 30 to July 13, 2014

Location: Various locations throughout Edmonton

Ticket price: Various. Check website for ticket information.

abdancealliance.ab.ca / 1-888-422-8107

Feats Festival of Dance is a multi-disciplinary dance festival in Edmonton, Alberta. The festival celebrates and presents superb Canadian talent with a special focus on the Alberta dance community.

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Edmonton International Street Performers Festival

July 5 to 14, 2013
July 4 to 13, 2014

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission Donations welcome

edmontonstreetfest.com / 780-425-5162

StreetFest features outdoor performances from the best international street acts. Enjoy daily shows, Be Your Own Busker workshops, and Kids' World activities that electrify downtown Edmonton for 10 days each July.

Sourdough Raft Race

July 14, 2013
July 13, 2014

Location: Various locations throughout the River Valley, starting at Terwillegar Park (northwest end of Rabbit Hill Road, NW) ending at Rafter's Landing (Riverboat dock, off of 98 Avenue NW, east of Connors Road)

Free admission for spectators; \$150.00 entry fee for large rafts.

sourdoughrafttrace.com / 780-406-0235

Participate on the river or on shore and celebrate the North Saskatchewan River. NEW in 2013: \$5500.00 in prize money in the Commercial /Community category, also the re-emergence of the two person Raft Race! The Fastest 2 person rafters win top prize of \$600.00, and Canoe Races for cash! Start crafting your raft and compete for cash!

K-Days Parade

July 19, 2013
July 17, 2014

Location: Downtown Edmonton
Free Admission

k-days.com / Toll free: 1-888-800-7275

Kicking off 10 days of fun in downtown Edmonton, the K-Days Parade is the city's biggest free event! Celebrate what make this city great – everything from championship sports to military bands to cultural floats. See Edmonton's spirit come alive!

A Taste of Edmonton

July 18 to 27, 2013
July 17 to 26, 2014

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission; food tickets are \$1 each. Meals range from three tickets to five tickets

tasteofedmonton.ca / 780-423-2822

A Taste of Edmonton is one of the city's most popular festivals, featuring an array of tastes and sounds that fill Sir Winston Churchill Square! Live music and an assortment of food from around the globe make for a delightful experience.

K-Days

July 19 to 28, 2013
July 18 to 27, 2014

Location: Northlands (7515 - 118 Avenue, NW)
Ticket price: \$14

k-days.com / 780-471-7210

K-Days at Northlands is Edmonton's hottest summer event! Featuring live bands, family entertainment, midway rides and games, The Grand Shopping Experience, cultural exhibits and a nightly fireworks display. Come celebrate with us! K-Days is NOW PLAYING!

Interstellar Rodeo

July 26 to 28, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Heritage Amphitheatre, Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Weekend passes range from \$105 to \$180. Single tickets available.

interstellarrodeo.com / 1-855-465-2459

Last July, icons of modern music history performed at the first ever Interstellar Rodeo, a celebration of music, food and wine, and made it a smashing success. The stage is now being set for the second Interstellar Rodeo, July 26 to 28. Presented by Six Shooter Records.

AUGUST

Movies on the Square

August 2 to 3, and August 30 to 31, 2013
August 1 to 2, and August 29 to 30, 2014

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission

edmonton.ca

In Edmonton call: 311

Outside Edmonton: 780-442-5311

Movies on the Square, experience movies on a 3-story high inflatable screen for FREE. Bring your own chair and blanket, sit back and enjoy the movie.

Servus Heritage Festival

August 3 to 5, 2013
August 2 to 4, 2014

Location: Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW)

Free Admission

heritage-festival.com

780-488-3378

Over 80 countries displaying their culture through entertainment and food, large Children's Pavilion. All are invited to a family friendly, alcohol-free event.

Edmonton Folk Music Festival

August 8 to 11, 2013
August 7 to 10, 2014

Location: Gallagher Park (96 Avenue and 95 Street, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Check website for details.

edmontonfolkfest.org / 780-429-1999

The Edmonton Folk Music Festival is one of the world's leading folk festivals, dedicated to bringing the best of folk music from around the world to the city of Edmonton each August.

Cariwest Caribbean Arts Festival

August 9 to 11, 2013
August 8 to 10, 2014

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW) and other locations

Free admission for parade and Churchill Square. See website for pricing for other events.

cariwest.com / 780-421-7800

Canadians from all cultural and ethnic backgrounds to share, participate and celebrate at the Friday Night Costume Extravaganza when individual masqueraders compete, the street Parade on Saturday and free entertainment in Churchill Square Saturday and Sunday.

Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival

August 15 to 25, 2013
August 14 to 24, 2014

Location: Various locations in Old Strathcona and beyond

Free admission to festival site. Ticketed performances range from \$6 to \$12.50 (plus fees)

fringetheatre.ca / 780-448-9000

With more than 200 acts in indoor and outdoor venues, the Edmonton Fringe – the oldest and largest theatre event of its kind in North America – attracts artists and patrons from around the globe.

Edmonton Blues Festival

August 16 to 18, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Heritage Amphitheatre, Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Weekend passes range from \$90 to \$105, single day tickets also available.

bluesinternationaltd.com

Western Canada's premier blues event. The festival's 15th anniversary will bring 3 days of the best in blues featuring Canadian and International Grammy, Juno, and Blues Music award winners. The event regularly sells out so don't miss your chance to be there!

Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival

August 16 to 18, 2013
August 15 to 17, 2014

Location: Louise McKinney Riverfront Park (9529 Grierson Hill Road, NW), and various locations throughout Edmonton

Free Admission

edmontondragonboatfestival.com

780-493-8158

The Edmonton Dragon Boat Festival promotes Dragon Boat racing for fun, sport and recreation. The festival showcases Asian and multiculturalism in the city of Edmonton. Join us on the Mighty North Saskatchewan as we "Rip Up The River"!

Canadian Derby Edmonton Marathon

August 17 to 18, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Northlands Park (7410 Borden Park Road, NW)

Free admission for spectators

Please visit website for registration fees.

canadianderbymarathon.com

The 2013 Canadian Derby Edmonton Marathon Festival includes events for all ages! ABC Kids Run, 5 km, 10 km, Half Marathon, Marathon, AB Provincial Half Marathon Championships, 10 km Timex Series. Everyone receives technical t-shirt and finisher's medal.

2013 CN Canadian Women's Open

August 19 to 25, 2013

Location: Royal Mayfair Golf Club, 9450 Groat Rd. NW

Ticket price: Various. Prices as low as \$10 (if purchased before May 31). Juniors aged 17 and under permitted access to the grounds FREE when accompanied by ticketed adult.

cncanadianwomensopen.com

1-866-571-5742

Conducted by Golf Canada, the CN Canadian Women's Open is one of two Canadian stops on the LPGA Tour. Canada's National Women's Open Championship features 156 of the top female players in the world vying for a purse of \$2 million (US).

Symphony Under the Sky

August 30 to September 2, 2013
August 29 to September 1, 2014

Location: Heritage Amphitheatre, Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Please visit website for details.

edmontonsymphony.com / 780-428-1414

The Edmonton Symphony Orchestra's Symphony Under the Sky brings the summer festival season to a close. Come enjoy the idyllic surroundings of Edmonton's river valley and the sounds of your ESO in Hawrelak Park's Heritage Ampitheatre.

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SEPTEMBER

TALES Fort Edmonton Storytelling Festival

September 1 to 2, 2013
May 24 and 25, 2014

Location: Fort Edmonton Park (Corner of Fox Drive and Whitemud Drive, NW)

Ticket price: Daytime events free with Fort Edmonton Park admission

storyfestalberta.ca / 780-442-5311

Celebrate the spoken word with storytelling! Visit Fort Edmonton on Sunday and Monday of Labour Day weekend for stories throughout both afternoons. Four stages run concurrently so there's something for everybody. Tellers of all levels can register for workshops.

Tour of Alberta: Canada's Pro-Cycling Race and Festival

September 2 to 3, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Various, Kick-off at Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission

tourofalberta.ca / 587-523-0280

Alberta's newest international sporting event - The Tour of Alberta Pro-Cycling Race and Festival. The event is a six-day stage race, starting in Edmonton on Tuesday, September 3 and ending in Calgary on Sunday, September 8.

Country Music Week CCMA Awards

September 5 to 8, 2013

Location: Various locations

Ticket price: Various. Visit website for details
countrymusicweek.ca / 416-947-1331

Country Music Week is a four-day celebration of country music and the fans who support it. With an industry conference, showcases, songwriters' events, educational seminars and fan meet and greets, this week culminates with the broadcast CCMA Awards.

Visualeyez - Canada's Annual Festival of Performance Art

September 9 to 15, 2013
September 8 to 15, 2014

Location: Latitude 53 Contemporary Visual Culture (10242- 106 Street) and various locations around Downtown Edmonton

Free Admission Donations welcome

visualeyez.org / 780-423-5353

Every year Visualeyez introduces Edmonton to contemporary performance artists from Canada and the world, curated around a topical theme. Performance art happens in the gallery, on the street, in unusual spaces, and just might pop up during lunch. Art happens on the street, in ersatz spaces, and might just pop up during lunch.

Kaleido Family Arts Festival

September 13 to 15, 2013
September 12 to 14, 2014

Location: 118 Avenue, NW between 90 and 94 Streets

Free Admission. Donations welcome
kaleidofest.ca / 780-471-1580

Kaleido Fest is a wonderful collision of music, theatre, dance, literary arts, film and visual arts. With Alberta Avenue as the canvas, this festival explores found spaces, rooftops, alleys, streets, and parks in celebration of community and the human spirit. A weekend of play and exploration on Alberta Avenue.

Edmonton chante Festival

September 25 to 29, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Various locations on Whyte Avenue (82 Avenue, Old Strathcona)

Free Admission

acfaedmonton.ab.ca/edmontonchante
780-469-4401

A multitude of venues in Old Strathcona welcome incredible artists. The festival features more than 25 free shows in establishments all along Whyte Avenue, ranging from rock to pop and from indie to hip hop! Totally free!

Accordion Extravaganza

September 27 to 28, 2013
September 26 to 27, 2014

Location: South East Edmonton Seniors Association (9350 - 82 Street, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from \$6 to \$20

edmontonaccordion.com / 780-468-4788

A family-oriented festival that gives people of all ages and cultures a chance to hear and play the varied kinds of music that forms a part of the accordion players' traditional repertoire. Featuring professional entertainers, dance, competitions, workshops, and a trade show.

Alberta Culture Days

September 27 to 29, 2013
September 26 to 28, 2014

Locations: Various venues throughout Edmonton and Alberta

Free Admission for most events

albertaartsdays.ca / 780-415-0281

Alberta Culture Days is a three-day, province-wide celebration that showcases the province's artists, arts organizations and cultural industries, while encouraging Albertans to discover the important role that culture plays in a prosperous, vibrant society.

Edmonton International Film Festival

September 27 to October 5, 2013
September 26 to October 4, 2014

Location: Empire Theatres in Edmonton City Centre (Empire City Centre 9, 10200 - 102 Avenue, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from free to \$30.

edmontonfilmfest.com / 780-423-0844

Edmonton International Film Festival is a celebration of international, independent, eye-opening films. Meet visiting filmmakers and actors, create a film in just 24 hours, sample 150 films curated from around the world and... walk the red carpet.



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OCTOBER/ NOVEMBER

Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure

October 6, 2013
October 5, 2014

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW) and surrounding streets

Free Admission for spectators

Visit website for participant registration fees
cbcf.org / 780-452-1166

The Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation CIBC Run for the Cure is the largest, single-day, volunteer-led, fundraising event in support of the breast cancer cause in Canada.



Olde Time Fair on the Square

October 19, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW) and surrounding streets

Free Admission

edmonton.ca

In Edmonton call: 311

Outside Edmonton: 780-442-5311

Swing into fall on the Square at the Olde Time Fair. It's fun for the whole family with activities that include the City Market Downtown, carnival games, horse and wagon rides, concession vendors, square dancing and roving entertainers.



LitFest: Edmonton's Nonfiction Festival

October 17 to 27, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Various locations throughout downtown, and all over the capital region.

Ticket price: Various. Tickets range from free to \$50

litfestalberta.org / 780-498-2500

LitFest celebrates nonfiction writing through performances, panels, workshops and multi-faceted events. We focus on conversation, close contact with the writers, and the development of new ideas through great writing.

Edmonton Comedy Festival Presented by ATB Financial

October 16 to 20, 2013
2014 event dates to be confirmed

Location: Various locations throughout Edmonton including the Citadel Theatre (9828 - 101A Avenue, NW)

Ticket price: Various, visit website for details

atbcomedy.com / 780-439-8809

The Edmonton Comedy Festival presented by ATB Financial takes over Edmonton for five side-splitting days of comedy. The festival features dozens of shows by the best comics in North America.



River City Round Up

November 1 to 10, 2013
October 31 to November 9, 2014

Location: Various locations. Main activities at Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission

rivercityroundup.com / 780-471-7210

River City Round Up is a city-wide festival that celebrates Edmonton's agricultural heritage and rodeo. Throughout the ten days, dust off your western attire and head out to one of the many events happening throughout Edmonton.

Farmfair International

November 3 to 10, 2013
November 2 to 9, 2014

Location: Edmonton EXPO Centre at Northlands (7515 118 Ave. NW)

Ticket price: \$5

farmfairinternational.com
780-471-7210

Canada's premiere agricultural showcase with top quality livestock shows, sales and competitions. For more than 35 years, Farmfair International has held the reins as a top destination for the international livestock industry and a hub for agricultural business.

Canadian Finals Rodeo

November 6 to 10, 2013
November 5 to 9, 2014

Location: Rexall Place at Northlands (7424 118 Ave NW)

Ticket price: \$20 and up

cfr.ca / 780-471-7210

National titles, bragging rights and more than \$1.25 million are up for grabs at the CFR. Don't miss the heart-pounding excitement and entertainment of watching your favourite rodeo athletes buck, rope and ride. This isn't just any rodeo — it's the Canadian Championship!

The Pure Speculation Festival

November 15 to 17, 2013
November 14 to 16, 2014

Location: Grant MacEwan University, Robbins Health Centre (11050 - 104 Avenue, NW)

Ticket price: Various. Visit website for details. Children under 12, accompanied by an adult, enter for free.

purespec.org

Pure Spec is a celebration of science fiction, fantasy, comics, gaming, science and media. Come meet the authors, the costumers, the speakers, and take part in the gaming, check out the merchants, and enjoy the programs available! Steampunk theme in 2013.

Christmas on the Square Holiday Light Up

November 16, 2013
November 15, 2014

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission

edmontondowntown.com / 780-424-4085

Kick off the holiday season at the Christmas on the Square Holiday Light Up! The square comes alive with live music and family entertainment, all leading up to the arrival of Santa, the lighting of the giant Christmas tree, and a spectacular fireworks show!

Prairie Bowl

November 29 to December 1, 2013
November 28 to 30, 2014

Location: Zeidler Hall at the Citadel Theatre (9828 - 101A Avenue, NW)

Ticket price: \$12

rapidfiretheatre.com / 780-443-6044

The dust-up of the century at the Citadel Theatre; the first annual Prairie Bowl Theatresports Tournament. Teams from Winnipeg, Calgary, Red Deer, Edmonton — who is funniest? Can anyone survive the brute strength of Rapid Fire Theatre. Tickets \$12, advance at Tix on the Square.

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DECEMBER

Celebrate the Season

December 5 to 23, 2013
December 4 to 23, 2014

Location: Alberta Legislature (10800 97 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission
assembly.ab.ca / 780-427-7362

Celebrate the Season is an annual holiday tradition at the Alberta Legislature. Free hot chocolate is served evenings in the rotunda, with Alberta choirs performing every evening from 7-9 p.m. and school groups performing weekdays at noon.

New Year's Eve Downtown

December 31, 2013
December 31, 2014

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square (100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW)

Free Admission
eventsedmonton.ca / 780-442-5311

Ring in the New Year in downtown! Join us for Edmonton's best New Year's Eve party and fireworks.



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ADDITIONAL EVENT LISTINGS

MILL CREEK ADVENTURE WALK/ LA CITE EN LUMIERE

February 1 to 2, 2013

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square
(100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW)
lacitefranco.ca / 780-463-1144

ALBERTA CUP XCOUNTRY

February 1 to 4, 2013

Location: Goldbar Park (4620 - 105 Avenue, NW) and Goldstick Park (39 Street and 103 Avenue, NW)
edmontonnordic.ca

HYPOTHERMIC 1/2 MARATHON

February 10 and 24, 2013

Location: Beginning on Ada Boulevard
events.runningroom.com / 780-433-6062

WINTERTIME MUSIC AT MUTTART: CELTIC ROMP

March 21, 2013

Location: Muttart Conservatory
(9626 - 96A Street, NW)
Within Edmonton: 311
Outside of Edmonton call: 780-442-5311

WINTERTIME MUSIC AT MUTTART: FORAY INTO FOLK

April 18, 2013

Location: Muttart Conservatory
(9626 - 96A Street, NW)
Within Edmonton: 311
Outside of Edmonton call: 780-442-5311

GET READY IN THE PARK

May 11, 2013

Location: Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW)
edmonton.ca
Within Edmonton: 311
Outside of Edmonton call: 780-442-5311

WINTERTIME MUSIC AT MUTTART: SWING INTO SPRING

May 16, 2013

Location: Muttart Conservatory
(9626 - 96A Street, NW)
muttartconservatory.ca
Within Edmonton: 311
Outside of Edmonton call: 780-442-5311

HIP HOP IN THE PARK

May 25, 2013

Location: Louise McKinney Park
(9999 Grierson Hill Road, NW)
hiphopinthepark.ca

MS WALK

May 26, 2013

Location: Sir Winston Churchill Square
(100 Street and 102 Avenue, NW)
780-440-8773

OPEN SKY MUSIC FESTIVAL

June 7 to 9, 2013

Location: Heritage Amphitheatre, Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW)
openskymusicfestival.com

RIVER DAY

June 8, 2013

Location: Rundle Park (2909 - 113 Avenue, NW)
edmonton.ca
Within Edmonton: 311
Outside of Edmonton call: 780-442-5311

UNDERWEAR AFFAIR

June 15, 2013

Location: Butterdome, University of Alberta Campus (114 Street and 87 Avenue)
www.uncoverthecure.org / 780-423-2220

SUMMER CRUISE CAR SHOW

June 22, 2013

Location: Laurier Park
(13221 Buena Vista Road, NW)
edmontonstreetrod.com

WHYTE AVENUE ART WALK

July 12 to 14, 2013

Location: Old Strathcona along Whyte Avenue (between 101 and 108 Streets, NW)
art-walk.ca / 1-800-363-0546

EDMONTON ROCK MUSIC FESTIVAL

August 9 to 10, 2013

Location: Heritage Amphitheatre, Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW)
edrocks.ca

EXERCISE MOUNTAIN MAN 2013

August 29, 2013

Location: Hawrelak Park (main entrance from William Hawrelak Road, off of Groat Road, NW), Capilano Park (10988 - 50 Street, NW) and River Valley Trails
army.forces.gc.ca

COMMUNITY LEAGUE DAY

September 21, 2013

Location: Various locations throughout Edmonton
<http://www.efcl.org/EFCLActivities/CommunityLeagueDay/tabid/268/Default.aspx>

HIV EDMONTON WALK

September 22, 2013

Location: Starting at 102 Avenue at 100 Street, NW
hivedmonton.com / 780-488-5742

U OF A TURKEY TROT

October 5, 2013

Location: Butterdome, University of Alberta Campus (114 Street and 87 Avenue)
recservices.ualberta.ca/Programs/SpecialEvents

CITY HALL REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

November 11, 2013

Location: City Hall Cenotaph, (100 Street and 101A Avenue, NW)
edmonton.ca
Within Edmonton: 311
Outside of Edmonton call: 780-442-5311

Event dates and details are subject to change. Please visit event websites for the most current information.





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