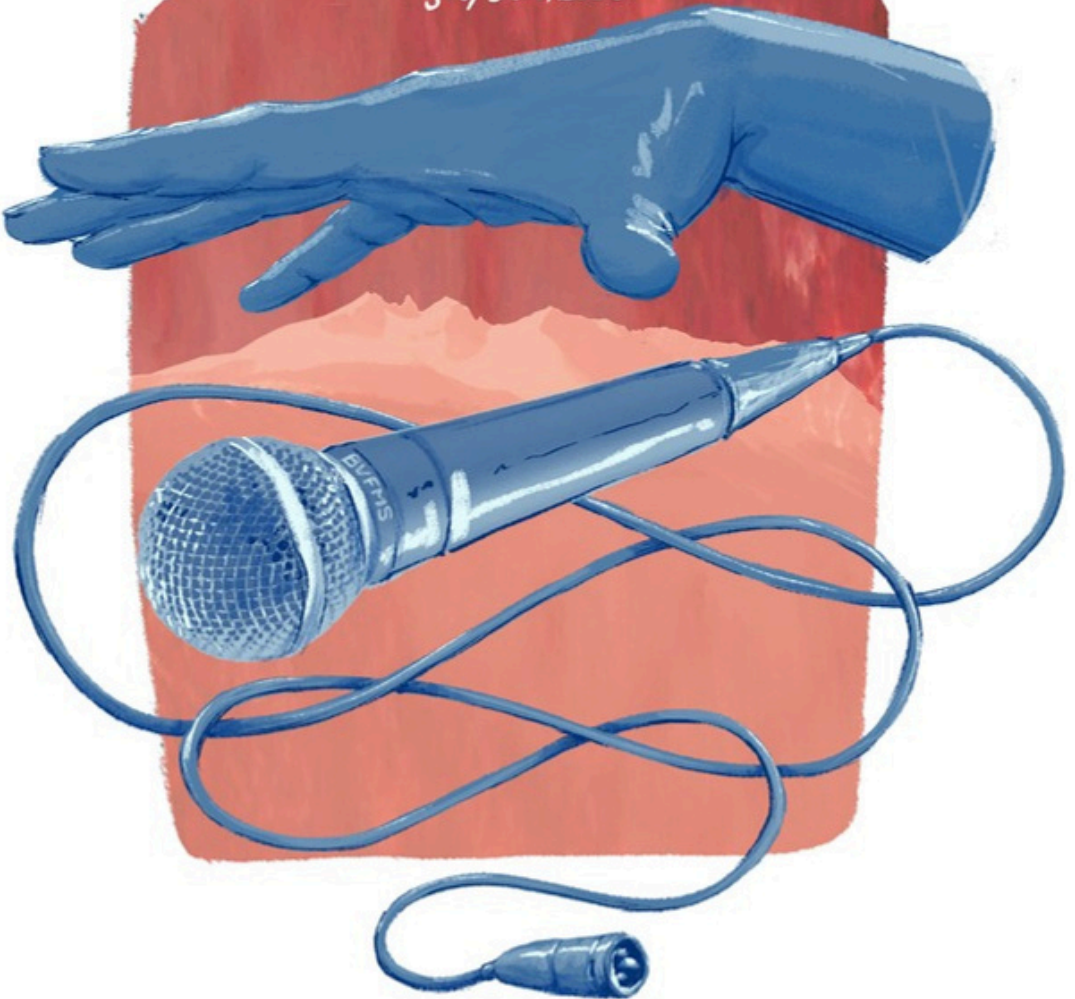


BVFMS PRESENTS:

43rd
**MIDSUMMER
MUSIC
FESTIVAL**

July 3 to 5, 2026



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43rd

MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

July 3 to 5, 2026



WELCOME TO MIDSUMMER!

Welcome to the 43rd annual Midsummer Music Festival!

For more than four decades, this festival has been built by a community of people coming together to share music, creativity, connection, and joy. What started as a gathering has become a tradition – a little piece of magic we create together each year.

A huge thank you to our volunteers and coordinators whose hard work makes this weekend possible, and to our sponsors for supporting live music and community arts. We also thank our performers for sharing your talent and spirit with us. Finally, to our audience: thank you for bringing your energy, openness, and dancing feet!

-The Festival Crew, Coordinators and BVFMS Board

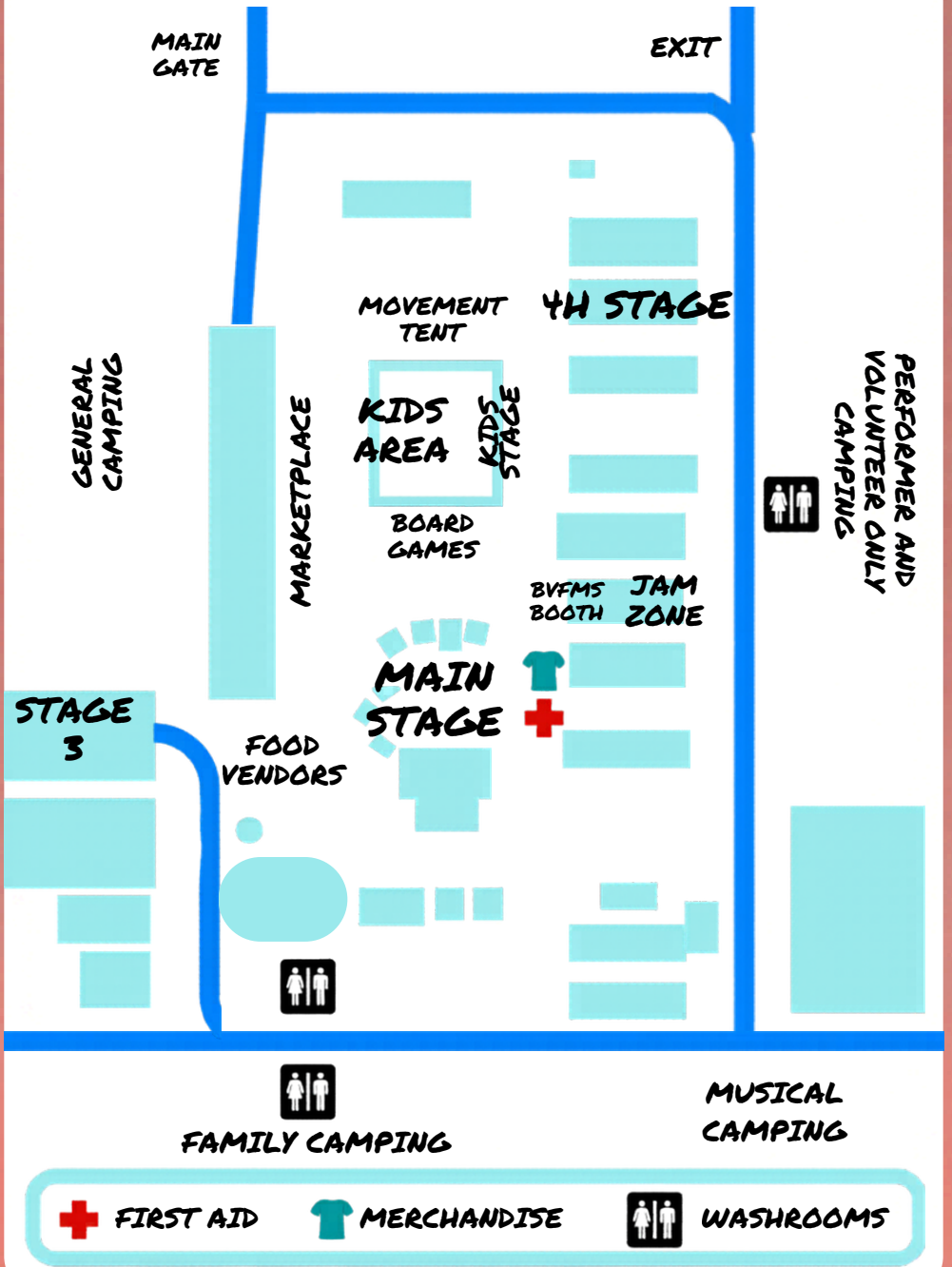
MIDSUMMER RULES



- No glass permitted
- No bicycles
- No pets
- No prerecorded music (stereos etc)
- No idling or moving vehicles on the grounds during the festival
- Alcohol in private camping areas only
- No minors may be in possession of alcohol
- Campers under 19 must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult
- Tents/RVs may not be set up to form a circle and may not block fire lanes
- No generators or extension chords
- Fires are only permitted in provided fires pits and are considered public (no private fires)
- No fires of any kind (including propane) if fire bans are in effect



FESTIVAL MAP



BVFMS BOOTH

The Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society (BVFMS) is the parent organization that has been producing the Midsummer Festival for the past 43 years. As a member you become part of a vibrant group of community-minded folk who support and produce:

Monthly coffeehouses | Monthly song circles
Adult and Youth Guitar Camps | The Marshall Boucher Memorial Award



MEMBERSHIP

At the booth you will also find:

- Volunteer Support
- Lost and Found
- Suggestion box
- Past festival photos
- Good conversation!

Come and purchase or renew your annual membership! All memberships purchased or renewed at the festival contribute to the **Marshall Boucher Memorial Award.**

As an added incentive this year, your name will be **entered into a draw** for a beautiful **leather guitar strap** crafted by Jacob Wiens. A second guitar strap by the same artist will be sold by silent auction.



GAMES AREA

The festival's hoppin' but you feel like droppin'? Come in and recharge at our Board Games and Chill tent, sponsored by Big Smiles Kids Store. We have a plethora of well known board games to choose from, and friendly people to help you learn a new game if you choose. Or maybe you just want to curl up and add to the amazing doodle art that decorates our tent.

We are also the home base for the annual mini duck hunt that takes place all weekend long! Mini ducks are hidden throughout the Festival grounds with the exceptions of the animal stalls,rodeo grounds, private camping spots and vendor's area. If you find 25 ducks, bring them back to us and claim your prize!

KIDS AREA

Come check out the Kids Area at this year's festival. A colourful, creative space designed just for children! Kids of all ages can enjoy a wide range of fun activities, from exciting games and equipment to hands-on crafts. A special art project led by our local art gallery will give children the chance to get creative and take home a masterpiece of their own. Whether your child loves to paint, build, or just play, there's something for everyone to enjoy.



We kindly remind all families to be respectful of the equipment, which has been generously donated by members of our community. To ensure everyone has a safe and enjoyable experience, all children under the age of 11 must be accompanied by an adult. More information about the kids area schedule will be posted at the festival. We can't wait to see you there!

JAM ZONE

The Jam Zone is a space designed for more casual sessions in which everyone is encouraged to participate. Drop in on a scheduled Workshop, or, during times when there is no workshop scheduled, feel free to start your own!



PARTICIPATORY WORKSHOPS

HOW TO KUBLA

IN THE JAM ZONE

Saturday 1:00pm

Step into an open, free-flowing workshop with Kubla as he shares his journey, creative philosophy, and perspective on what it means to live as a musician. Through participatory singing, conversation, storytelling, and Q&A, the session will explore bandleading, guitar, song writing, performance, and the deeper connection music creates between people.

LIFT YOUR SOUL WITH LEORA CASHE

Sunday 11:00am

Join acclaimed jazz and gospel vocalist Leora Cashe and her band for an uplifting Sunday morning Gospel Singing Workshop. Experience the joy of gospel singing through soulful harmonies, call-and-response, and spirited group participation. No experience necessary, just bring your voice, your hands for clapping, and a willingness to sing from the heart.

MAKING IT IN MUSIC WITH MADDIE JAY

Sunday 1:00 pm

Join a candid Q&A in the Jam Zone with this local musician and her bandmates as they share advice, industry insights, touring experiences, creative challenges, and lessons learned from life in music. A great opportunity for aspiring artists and music fans to ask questions and gain real-world perspective.

THE EZRA BEATON TRIO RHYTHM AND SONG-WRITING WORKSHOP

Saturday 4:00 pm

Join the Ezra Beaton Trio, a group grounded in activism and storytelling, for a workshop on rhythm and songwriting. The trio's material reflects on contemporary and historical issues, and finding unity and community through music. Learn how to improvise, build grooves piece by piece, and find key moments in a jam to build the foundations of a song! We will focus on blues/folk/funk inspired grooves to deliver something that everyone will enjoy!

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MIDSUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

STAGE SCHEDULE



FRIDAY NIGHT

	MAIN STAGE	STAGE 3	4-H	
6PM	Smithers Community Band	The Chesterfields	Los Gringos Salvajes	6PM
7PM	Moss Possums	In My Bones	The Hazeltones	7PM
8PM	Kym Gouchie and Friends	Limelight	LOL (Lynnel Out Loud)	8PM
9PM	Jordan Beblow (9:20)	Ezra Beaton Trio (9:20)	DJ Gobe	9PM
10PM	Kubla (10:40)	Highbush Caribou (10:40)	DJ Don't Panic	10PM
11PM	<u>G</u> amskimoon	Beau Wheeler	Si-Fi	11PM
12AM				12AM
1AM				

SATURDAY (DAY)

	MAIN	STAGE 3	4-H	KIDS	JAM ZONE	
11AM	'Ewk Hiyah Hozdli	The Harp Muse	Emerging Artists Showcase	Scouts honour		11AM
NOON	Fireside harmonies	MEGAFAUNA		Kym Gouchie		NOON
1PM	Youth Valley Fiddlers	Download History	Songs of Somewhere Showcase		How to Kubla	1PM
2PM	The Train Wrecks	Sean Sharpe	Trundled	Flowin' Owen		2PM
3PM	Beau Wheeler	Peace in Paradise	Tiller's Folly	Nanna and Obo		3PM
4PM	Danny Michel	Last Horse Standing	Hillbilly Scrabble	The Ezra Beaton Trio Rhythm and Song- writing Workshop		4PM
5PM	MBMA	Sing Your Truth Showcase	The Blindspots			5PM
6PM	Urchin				6PM	



SATURDAY NIGHT

	MAIN	STAGE 3	4-4	
7PM	Leora Cashe	Jo n' the Jamkickers	Hiram Webb	7PM
8PM	Pony Gold	Devil's Club	Theresa Michelle	8PM
9PM			North of Nowhere	9PM
10PM	Mark Perry (9:20)	The Infirmary (9:20)	Puddy Waters	10PM
11PM	Maddie Jay (10:40)	EXAMINE THE BORE (10:40)	Mudcat Blues	11PM
12AM	Dream Heavy	KIZIAH and the KREATURES		12AM
1AM				

SUNDAY

	MAIN	STAGE 3	4H	KIDS	JAM ZONE	
11AM	Way North of Dixie	Isaiah-John	Airik Clark	Pop Up Puppet Co.	Songs to Lift Your Soul	11AM
NOON	Tiller's Folly	Geoff McFarlane	Rhonda Leigh	Scouts Honour		NOON
1PM	Danny Michel	Coalmine Road	Solo Courtney		Making it in Music with Maddie Jay	1PM
2PM	Red Bluff	Fiddle Style Showcase	Ronin Jesse	Children's Showcase		2PM
3PM	Kubla					3PM
4PM	Maddie Jay					
5PM						



MOVEMENT TENT

HOOP DANCE

Sunday 1:00-2:00pm

Margot discovered hoop dance eight years ago and this magic circle has been a close companion ever since. In this 1 hour workshop, we will learn some beginner hoop moves and combine them to form a short routine. Hoop dance is a creative outlet, a fun way to move, and a great way to connect with yourself. Come find your flow!

Margot Kimmel

HATHA YOGA

Sunday 10:00-10:45am

Phillipa owns and operates Full Circle Yoga Studio in Telkwa, BC. With over 20 years of experience, she is trained in Hatha yoga, Gentle Somatic Yoga, Yoga for Anxiety and Depression, and Qi Gong. She will be leading a gentle, mindful, somatic yoga practice. Accessible to all!

Phillipa Beck

Accessible
to all
All ages
welcome

MOVEMENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

10:00am

VINYASA YOGA
with Yeva Glover

1:00pm

YOGA ADVENTURES
with Andra Nadeau

SUNDAY

10:00am

HATHA YOGA
with Phillipa Beck

1:00pm

HOOP DANCE*
with Margot Kimmel

Bring a mat or blanket.

**Bring your hoop if you have one (some provided).*

VINYASA YOGA

Saturday 10:00-10:45am

Yeva is a Yoga and Pilates instructor with over 12 years of teaching experience both locally and internationally. Yeva combines creative sequences with mindfulness, breathing, and body awareness for a well-rounded, feel-good practice!

Yeva Glover

YOGA ADVENTURES

Saturday 1:00-1:30pm

Calling all kids (and caregivers!) to participate in an adventurous story brought to life through yoga postures. Led by Cosmic Kids trained yoga instructor, Andra.

Andra Nadeau



KIDS STAGE

Flowin' Owen

FLOWIN' OWEN

Saturday 2:00pm

A dynamic and multi-disciplined artist who's drawing inspiration from the captivating world of circus art and movement, He has become a sought-after performer and producer, bringing a unique blend of skills to a variety of events.

Owen McNamara

(Vancouver)

KID'S SHOWCASE

Sunday 2:00pm

Joining together, these performers are eager to share their favourite children's songs with our youngest festival goers!

In My Bones, Bill Crosson, Rose and Susan



Kym Gouchie

KYM GOUCHIE

Saturday noon

Join Kym Gouchie on an unforgettable musical journey where singing, dancing, and learning come together! Embodying the spirit of her JUNO-nominated children's album of the year, *Shun Beh Nats'ujeh / We are Healing Through Songs*, Kym's high-energy, interactive performance invites all ages to celebrate and connect. Through catchy tunes and lively rhythms, Kym weaves her ancestral languages into a cultural experience that's as fun as it is enriching – perfect for the whole family!

(Lheidli T'enneh First Nation [Prince George])



Nanna & Obo



NANNA AND OBO

Saturday 3:00pm

Get ready for a family-friendly, genre-hopping musical adventure! Nanna & Obo deliver an irresistible burst of joy, rhythm, and soulful good vibes to every concert and festival stage. Their energetic performances blend cool grooves, audience engagement, and heartwarming storytelling; creating a musical experience that resonates with children, families, and music lovers of all ages. These are world class musicians bringing a rich, exciting sound to the stage.

Leora Cashe, Jaye Krebs, Brent Gubbels

(Vancouver)

POP UP PUPPET CO.

Sunday 11:00am

Puppetry storytelling blending classic favourites with new, original creations.

Norma Stokes, Clova Stokes, Aubin Stokes

(Smithers)



Scouts Honour

SCOUTS HONOUR

Saturday 11:00am/ Sunday noon

Scouts Honour provides listeners with an honest reflection and critique of being human through the eyes of children. The jury is still out. The rich mosaic of human rituals, assumptions, beliefs, truths, emotions and unanswered questions provide no exact clarity to live a good life with, but kids want answers! Scouts Honour elevates the curious minds of children, unassailed by the onset-rigidity of adulthood, and encourages them to ask questions about the Emperor's newest fashions. But eat your dinner first please, and no toys at the table. Through the pure curiosity of our youth, who hold nothing as self evident, we sing - and admit: nobody knows, but there are some cool things to think about along the way.

Brennan Anderson, Lauren Mckay, Heather Mckay, Lindsay McKay, Sharon McGregor

PERFORMERS

AIRIK CLARK

Indie-soul performances blend addictive hooks, witty banter, acoustic riffs, and velvety vocals. (Prince George)

4-H Stage Sunday 1:00pm

Beau Wheeler



BEAU WHEELER

Stage 3 Friday Midnight / Main Stage Saturday 3:00pm

Beau Wheeler, a queer non-binary artist, channels life's struggles into fearless, soul-stirring songs. Exploring love, loss, gender, and survival, their raw vulnerability and powerful vocals transform pain into beauty. Beau unites hearts, inspires hope, and reminds us we're never alone - turning every note into a redemption. (Vancouver)

THE BLINDSPOTS

4-H Stage Saturday 5:00pm

Vintage swing vocal group tribute with smooth harmonies and swinging grooves.

Chris Luther, Gord Urban, Richard Jenne, George Stokes

(Smithers)

COALMINE ROAD

Stage 3 Sunday 1:00 pm

Poetic, rhythmic, honest songs challenge listeners while comforting our shared human experience.

Nikki Laird, Don Morgan, Damian Jones, Kate Daniels-Howard

(Telkwa)

THE CHESTERFIELDS

Stage 3 Friday 6:00pm

Seasoned musicians perform multi-genre music from 1930 to today with originals.

Monique Wells, Mel Coulson, Hans Zantingh, Ted Bryant, Dave Duncan, Keith Cummings

(Smithers)



Danny Michel

DANNY MICHEL

Main Stage Saturday 4:00pm /

Main Stage Sunday 1:00pm

The only good thing about not shopping in record stores anymore is you won't have to figure out what genre to look for Danny under. If that were the case, you could try looking under rock, pop, folk, world or even classical.

His own self-described musical A.D.D. has kept his music fresh for decades. Maybe it has something to do with being born next to a candy factory, or his ambidextrous brain, but his thoughtful lyrics & charming performances have earned a devoted fan base. (Waterloo)

DEVIL'S CLUB

Stage 3 Saturday 8:00pm

Highway 16 cowpunk scamps deliver fast, sinister bluegrass, folk, country dance mayhem.

Sam Hogarth, Bobby Middleton, Dan Rag, Rob Rushton (Terrace/Prince Rupert)

DJ DON'T PANIC

4-H Stage Friday 10:00pm

Travelling breakbeat curator shares rare bass-driven rhythms from distant dancefloors and midnight revelry.

Nick Telles

(Smithers)

DJ GOBE

4-H Stage Friday 9:00pm

Vinyl-driven heavy grooves and infectious beats ignite a frenzied dancefloor.

Ben Anderson

(Telkwa)

DOWNLOAD HISTORY

Stage 3 Saturday 1:00pm

Sampler-based sound collage artist blends field recordings, synths, and vinyl into hypnotic grooves.

Keenan Stella

(Terrace)

DREAM HEAVY

Main Stage Saturday Midnight

Ethereal vocals, rich harmonies, intricate guitar-violin melodies, and dynamic rhythms keep you moving.

Seth Macdonald, Shara Gustafson, David McKillican, Liam Randall-Gustafson,

Ian Olmstead

(Dunster / Quesnel)

'EWK HIYAH HOZDLI

Main Stage Saturday 11:00am

Drum and dance group from the Wet'suwet'en Nation with members of all ages sharing traditional songs and stories.

(Witset)

EXAMINE THE BORE

Stage 3 Saturday 10:40pm

Indie garage band blending blues, rock, and funky roots-driven grooves.

Hamish Watson, Wylie Watson, Caleb Jenson, Jacob Biossonete(Prince George)

FIRESIDE HARMONIES

Main Stage Saturday Noon

Formed through campfire harmonies, this group blends acoustic melodies, voices, and instruments.

Emma Hanes, Christiana Reitsma, Katie Alexandre, Owen Quanstrom, Patty

Spicer

(Smithers)

Flowin' Owen

**FLOWIN' OWEN**

Main Stage Saturday Night / Kids' Stage Saturday 2:00pm

FlowinOwen, the seasoned professional performer, brings a wealth of experience to the stage. Collaborating with fellow creatives, they excel in brainstorming innovative ideas. Leveraging a vast skill set and years of professional experience, FlowinOwen crafts breathtaking performances that leave a lasting impression. It's not just entertainment; it's an artistic experience!

Owen McNamara

(Vancouver)



PERFORMERS



GAMKSIMOON

Main Stage Friday Midnight

Gāmkسیمoon is a high-energy, fuzz rock trio led by Gitga'at guitarist & vocalist Wil Uks Batsga Gālaaw (Jeremy Pahl). Gāmkسیمoon means "sea tornado" in Sm'algyāx. They combine guitar-driven riff rock, characteristic of early punk rock & doom pioneers from the 70's and 80's, with pre-colonial Ts'msyen melodies, and lyrics that are entirely in Sm'algyāx.

(Terrace)

Jeremy Pahl, Karl Wyssen, Danny Bell

GEOFF MCFARLANE

Stage 3 Sunday Noon

BC jazz fusion quintet blends Latin grooves, rock, and dance-worthy original compositions.

(Smithers)

Geoff McFarlane, Ian Olmstead, Jake Jenne, Simon Millerd, Clint Pelletier.

HIGHBUSH CARIBOU

Stage 3 Friday 10:40pm

Coastal surf-rock band delivers dynamic folky, spy-inspired western grit and energy.

(Prince Rupert)

Jackie Goetz, Alvin Seymour, Cameron Cerant, Shadoe Dansereau

HILLBILLY SCRABBLE

4-H Stage Saturday 4:00pm

Western swing and Cajun horn band bringing irresistible dancefloor energy.

Scott Atchison, Mark Thibeault, Ian Olmstead, Warren Olmstead, (Smithers)

Jake Jenne, Richard Jenne, Craig Soby, Danielle Olmstead

THE HARP MUSE

Stage 3 Saturday 11:00am

Harpist and violin duo weave life-inspired songs through expressive, melodic storytelling.

(Smithers)

THE HAZELTONS

4-H Stage Friday 7:00pm

Energetic folk-rock quartet performs fun, original songs.

Bill Crosson, Theresa Michelle, John Dowdall, Ty Stevenson (Hazelton)

HIRAM WEBB

4-H Stage Saturday 7:00pm

Solo folk-rock singer-songwriter delivers raw, honest stories of love, faith, doubt, resilience.

(Kitimat)

IN MY BONES

Stage 3 Friday 7:00pm

Bella Coola band returns louder, tighter, rowdier with bold, brutally honest sound.

(Bella Coola)

Rose Clark, Buddy Thatcher, Karl Frostrup

THE INFIRMARY

Stage 3 Saturday 9:20pm

Indie hardcore band blends genres, uniting dancers and moshers in fluid sets.

Brennan McKinnon, Sandy Morrison, Jason Taylor, (Smithers)
Maximus Perestrelo

ISAIAH-JOHN

Stage 3 Sunday 11:00am

Adventurous songwriter crafts journey-inspired songs from people, places, and lived moments. (Burns Lake)

Isaiah-John Sison, Jordan Dias, Hilding Donaldson

JO N' THE JAM KICKERS

Stage 3 Saturday 7:00pm

Jo n' The Jam Kickers are ready to get everyone on their feet dancing to all the popular Rockin' tunes from the 60's right up to present day bangers.

Jo Ward, Zak Windy, Kyle Windy, Jason Taylor (Smithers)

JORDAN BEBLOW

Main Stage Friday 9:20pm

Singer-songwriter releases personal originals reflecting memories, love, loss, and everyday lingering moments. (Terrace)

Jordan Beblow, Daniel Talstra, Kenny Giesbrecht, Adam Shaw, Jim Ljungh, Jon Gagnon.

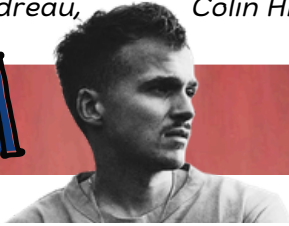
KIZIAH AND THE KREATURES

Stage 3 Saturday Midnight

Dynamic pop-rock fusion with raw, heartfelt performances captivates audiences with emotional power. (Prince George)

Kiziah Arias, Justin Gendreau, Colin Hines, Mike Kennedy, Kali Kennedy .

KUBLA



Main Stage Friday 10:40pm /
Main Stage Sunday 3:00pm

KUBLA

Kubla takes his skills as a jazz musician, his charming presence, and a lifetime of experience with him onstage, breathing entirely new life into his recorded music. With a dreamy, soulful sound, his soul music designed to move his listeners both inside and out. (Toronto)

Kiaran McMillan, Austin Gembora, Gaelan McMillan, Christian Antonacci, Cameron Tinklenberg

Kym Gouchie & Friends



KYM GOUCHIE AND FRIENDS

Main Stage Friday 8:00pm

Audiences are invited to a powerful performance featuring Kym Gouchie with her all-star band. A celebrated Indigenous singer-songwriter, Gouchie is known for her warm stage presence, powerful voice, and songs rooted in strength, healing, and connection. Blending folk, roots, and contemporary Indigenous storytelling, her performances are rich with emotion and supported by a stellar ensemble that elevates every note with harmonies, depth, and dynamic musicality.

Kym Gouchie, Naomi Kavka, Elijah Quinn, Zak Windy, Ian Olmstead
(Lheidli T'enneh First Nation [Prince George])

LAST HORSE STANDING

Experienced singer-songwriter crafts story-driven Canadian tales with Americana and country guitar.

Joseph Tebulte

Stage 3 Saturday 4:00pm

(Peace Country)

Leora Cashe



LEORA CASHE

Vancouver-based vocalist Leora Cashe brings a rich, soul-infused voice to the stage, weaving together jazz, gospel, blues, and folk influences with emotional clarity and depth. Her sound carries the raw intimacy of Eva Cassidy and the sophistication of Joni Mitchell, grounded in authentic storytelling and expressive nuance. Her upcoming release, *Brand New Day*, features original songs alongside imaginative reinterpretations of music gems. On stage, she creates a warm, heartfelt connection that resonates long after the final note.

Leora Cashe, Jaye Krebs, Brent Gubbels

Main Stage Saturday 7:00pm

(Vancouver)

LIMELIGHT

A groovy mix of psychedelic pop, post punk, stoner rock, and a hint of shoegaze with pop melodies.

Aquiles Perez Merlos, Alexander Sutherland, Jun Yang

(Prince George)

LOS GRINGOS SALVAJES

Buenos Aires milonga-inspired sounds meet Wetzinkwa fusion, delivering sultry, sombre dance music

Jake Jenne, Richard Jenne, Ian Olmstead, Warren Olmstead, Mark Thibeault, Nicole Fox, Craig Soby, Patrick Williston, Facundo Gastiazoro

(Smithers)

LOL (LYNNEL OUT LOUD) (Smithers)

High-energy originals shaped by 30 years of experience, driven by rhythm and harmonies.

Lynnel Steinke, Sharon McGregor, Mark Allen, Jon Bjorgan, Heather Harris

(Smithers)

Stage 3 Friday 8:00pm

4-H Stage Friday 6:00pm

4-H Stage Friday 8:00pm



MADDIE JAY

MADDIE JAY

We are proud to welcome home Maddie Jay! Maddie is a producer/artist and multi-instrumentalist based in Los Angeles, CA and originally from our very own Smithers, BC. She released her first self-produced EP *Mood Swings* in 2020, *CMYK* in 2021, and her debut LP *I Can Change Your Mind* in 2025 that CBC has described as "vibrant, DIY Pop." She truly feels she is at her best when sitting in her studio surrounded by Casio synths, drum machines and guitars, twisting knobs and pouring her heart into her computer.

Main Stage Saturday 7:00pm

Maddie Jay, Eric Derwallis, Josh Shpak, Robert Ross

(Los Angeles)

PERFORMERS



MARK PERRY

MARK PERRY

Mark Perry takes us into rural Canada, the spirit of its people, the power of its landscapes. He is one of Northern Canada's real storytellers, known for his relatable songwriting, and welcoming humour.

Mark Perry, Ian Olmstead, Mark Thibeault

(Smithers)

MEGAFUNA

Experimental artist uses improvisation to explore mental illness, darkness, and fragile light.

Brendan Barlow

(Hazelton)

MOSS POSSUMS

Young musicians blend fiddle, European folk, and jazz with unique, shifting time signatures.

*Dorian Rath Jenne, Wren Williston, Leo Lawrence,
Fynn Stasiuk, Finlay Beedle*

(Smithers)

MUDCAT BLUES

Seasoned musicians deliver original blues and R&B built for a danceable performance.

Joe Marvici, Dave Wilson, Wolf Christianson, Glen Edwards, Charles Justice

4-H Saturday 11:00pm

(Prince Rupert)

NORTH OF NOWHERE

Genre-defying band explores beauty, tension, and love through ever-evolving, exploratory songs.

James Powell, Michelle Nisbet

(Smithers)

4-H Saturday 11:00pm

PEACE IN PARADISE

Women's trio blends folk, traditional, and original ballads with rich harmonies and storytelling.

Heather Harris, Elizabeth Larsen, Susan Phillips

Stage 3 Saturday 3:00pm

(Hazelton)

Pony Gold



PONY GOLD

Pony Gold is the alt-country project of Smithers-raised songwriter Theresa Anne Bromley, crafting tender, timeless songs rooted in folk and Americana. Originally from Smithers, her music is defined by raw lyricism, a distinct voice, and the slide guitar work of her husband, Matt Bromley.

*Theresa (Pasaluko) Bromley, Matt Bromley, Ian Olmstead, Mark Thibeault,
Jake Jenne*

Main Stage Saturday 8:00pm

(Victoria)

PUDDY WATERS

4-H Stage Saturday 10:00pm

Canadian Indigenous Kitselas artist delivers honest songs of love, loss, growth.
Oscar Carlick, Noah Hone, Brennan McKinnon, Simon Stockner, Demid Rokachev (Terrace)

RED BLUFF

Main Stage Sunday 2:00pm

Rustic folk-country harmonies, poetic songwriting, and moody arrangements balance wildness with introspection.
Lauren McKay, Dan Ragula, Levi Harfeil, Geoff McFarlane (Telkwa)

RHONDA LEIGH

4-H Stage Sunday Noon

Heartfelt folk-Americana with warm acoustic storytelling about life and self-discovery.

RONAN JESSE

4-H Stage Sunday 2:00pm

Acoustic rock artist performs songs of grief, relationships, country tunes, and covers. *Ronan Nisbet* (Kelowna)

SEAN SHARPE

4-H Stage Saturday 2:00pm

Folk performer delivers originals and covers with guitar, banjo, and strings. (Hazelton)

SI-FI

4-H Stage Friday 11:00pm

High-energy bassline-driven 60s-80s remix set built for dancefloor movement. *Simon Walford* (Witset)

SMITHERS COMMUNITY BAND

Main Stage Friday 6:00pm

Large jazz ensemble unites community and performs advanced-level jazz with 30+ members. (Smithers)

SOLO_COURTNEY

4-H Stage Sunday 1:00pm

Acoustic country singer-songwriter performs heartfelt originals and covers with lasting emotional storytelling. *Courtney Wainwright* (Burns Lake)



Tiller's Folly

TILLER'S FOLLY

4H State Saturday 3:00pm / Main Stage Sunday Noon

Drawing inspiration from the deep roots of folk and Celtic music, Tiller's Folly weaves together a tapestry of sound that pays homage to their heritage while embracing contemporary influences. Their eclectic fusion of traditional folk, Celtic, Americana and bluegrass elements creates a distinctive sound that is both timeless and refreshing.

Bruce Coughlan, Nolan Murray, Laurence Knight (Vancouver)

THERESA MICHELLE

4-H Stage Saturday 8:00pm

Alt-surf-rock singer-songwriter with powerful vocals, playful guitar, and compelling, all-ages appeal.

Theresa Mohr (Telkwa)

PERFORMERS

TRAINWRECKS

Main Stage Saturday 2:00pm

Seven-piece band celebrates 20 years blending traditional and contemporary music styles.

Ted Nugent, William Elliott, Mike Dunbar, Regan Fielding, Shelley Worthington, Damian Jones, Don Morgan (Telkwa)

TRUNDLED

4-H Stage Saturday 2:00pm

Indie-folk duo delivers heartfelt stories, harmonies, and captivating hook-filled songs.

Joseph Shea, Ellen Braun (Prince George)

URCHIN

Main Stage Saturday 5:00pm

Salty, genre-bending post-folk misfits, spiky outside, soft-hearted underneath.

Ben Brookes, Kyle Thibeault, Dave McTavish, Ian Olmstead (Smithers)

VALLEY YOUTH FIDDLERS

Main Stage Saturday 1:00pm

Extraordinary multigenerational musicians performing traditional and contemporary tunes by celebrated Canadian fiddlers.

(Smithers)

WAY NORTH OF DIXIE

Main Stage Sunday 11:00am

Lively Dixie and jazz set guaranteed to inspire dancing, listening, and good times.

Michelle Elliott, Ryan Holmes, Mike Doogan-Smith, Ekaterina Daviel, Mark Allen, Gord Urban, Marian Rose (Smithers)





SHOWCASE SESSIONS

EMERGING ARTISTS

4-H Stage Saturday 11:00 am

New performers getting started on their musical journey.

Angela Bond / Soleil Brookes / Wildflower Women

FIDDLE STYLES

Stage 3 Sunday 2:00 pm

A lively showcase celebrating the rich traditions and diverse styles of fiddle music.

Moss Possums, Tansovat, Tiller's Folly

KID'S SHOWCASE

Kids Stage Sunday 2:00pm

Joining together, these performers are eager to share their favourite children's songs with our youngest festival goers!

In My Bones, Bill Crosson, Rose and Susan

SING YOUR TRUTH

Stage 3 Saturday 5:00 pm

A powerful showcase of musicians sharing songs and stories about identity, belonging, self-discovery, and the journey toward finding their unique voice.

Kym Gouchie, Lynnel Steinke, Gamksimoon, Beau Wheeler

SONGS OF SOMEWHERE

4-H Stage Saturday 1:00 pm

A heartfelt collection of songs inspired by landscapes, hometowns, journeys, and the places that shape our memories, stories, and sense of belonging.

Danny Michel, Mark Perry, Michelle Nisbet

Masters of Ceremonies

CHERYL HOFWEBER

Festival MC Co-Coordinator

Stage 3 Friday 6:00pm-7:00pm
4H Stage Saturday 11:00am-3:00pm
Main Stage Saturday 4:00-6:00pm

TANNER SHANTZ

Festival MC Co-Coordinator

CHRIS COLLIS

Long time Smithereen and Festival Participant

Stage 3 Saturday 11:00am-2:00pm

CHRISTINE BRUCE

A grandmother who wants to see kids given opportunities to become their best selves.

Kids Stage Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm

Kids Stage Sunday 11:00am-3:00pm

CONNOR COUKELL

Supported Child and Youth Consultant

Stage 3 Friday 7:00pm-9:00pm

Stage Saturday 7:00pm-1:00am

CRAIG PICTON

CFNR Morning Show Host

Main Stage Saturday 7:00pm-1:00am

GLADYS ATRILL

Mayor of Smithers

Main Stage Sunday 3:00pm-6:00pm

GLEN INGRAM

CICK FM Radio Station Manager

4H Stage Friday 6:00pm-Midnight

LOGAN FLINT

Moose FM Radio News Reporter

Main Stage Friday 6:00pm-8:00pm

Stage 3 Friday 9:00pm-1:00am

Stage 3 Sunday 11:00am-3:00pm

LYNDA MCDUGALL

BV Concert Association and BC Live Performance Network

Main Stage Saturday 11:00am-4:00pm

PAM HAASAN

CICK News Producer

4H Stage Saturday 7:00pm-Midnight

STEVE LITTLE

Summit Coast Radio

Main Stage Friday 9:00pm-1:00am

4h Stage Saturday 3:00pm-6:00pm

Main Stage Sunday 11:00am-3:00pm

TAYLOR BACHRACH

Loves strong coffee, wild rivers, bicycles and folk music.

Stage 3 Saturday 3:00pm-6:00pm

Main Stage Sunday 3:00pm-6:00pm

TOM ROPER

Radio programmer and host of *On the Ropes* at CICK 93.9FM, Smithers Community Radio.

4H Stage Sunday 11:00am-3:00pm

To be presented at 4:45pm Saturday on Main Stage.



The BVFMS has as part of its mandate "to promote the development of music and musicianship in the Bulkley Valley". This award is intended to support and promote continued education in the performance arts, with preference given to a student intending to develop their musicianship.

The Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society (BVFMS) is pleased to announce an award in memory of Marshal Boucher, a Wet'suwet'en resident of the Bulkley Valley who was an active member of the local music community. Marshal was the type of person people liked to gather around; he loved everyone and easily brought people together around music and friendship. He was a beacon of positive influence and an incredibly talented musician, so to honour his memory, this award will give consideration to the character of the recipient. The Award is 100% funded by your Membership Fees.



VOLUNTEER



This festival – along with all the projects of the Bulkley Valley Folk Music Society – runs on an incredible amount of volunteer energy. We're a diverse community of people working together to create musical experiences for performers and audiences throughout the Bulkley Valley.

If you see someone wearing a volunteer pin or coordinator shirt this weekend, please say hello and share a kind word – they help make the magic happen!

Interested in getting involved? Visit the BVFMS booth to learn how you can help support the vibrant artistic life of the Bulkley Valley.



CROSSWORD



CROSSWORD CLUES

Across

- 3: Which singer came with a bunch of 'Kreatures'?
- 5: In My ___ came from Bella Coola
- 6: What part of the festival did Cassie, Nick, and Ryan coordinate?
- 12: Which band promises a 'hint of shoegaze'?
- 14: Leader of the Jam Kickers
- 16: In what 'Zone' can you play along with The Ezra Beaton Trio?
- 17: What is the abbreviated name of Lynnel Steinke's band?
- 18: What guitar accessory could you win if you buy or renew your BV Folk Music Society membership?
- 20: How many McKays are in Scouts Honour?
- 21: A seven-piece band with 20 years of history.
- 24: On Stage Three you can see _____ the Bore
- 25: The first name of the artist who released Shun Beh Nats'ujeh (We are Healing Through Songs)?
- 27: A jazz musician with a dreamy, soulful sound

Down

- 1: CBC described Maddie Jay's music as what kind of pop?
- 2: What booth can you go to if you are interested in volunteering?
- 3: According to the schedule, on what stage can you see a full Flowin' Owen set?
- 4: What might Mark Perry's audience find welcoming?
- 7: Where did Theresa Bromley grow up?
- 8: What 'Women' are performing in the Emerging Artists Showcase?
- 9: What 'Club' is made up of cow-punk scamps?
- 10: When can you catch Beau Wheeler on Stage 3?
- 11: Songs of _____ is a showcase on songwriting about place(s)
- 13: Leora Cashe's alias (other stage name)
- 15: Which community partner sponsored hotels for our performers?
- 19: Kitselas artist _____ Waters.
- 22: What language are Gamksimoon's lyrics in?
- 23: What type of factory was one of our Headliners born next to?
- 26: What role does Christine Bruce have on Kid's Stage?

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We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who joined us this weekend. Your enthusiasm, support, and love of live music are what make this festival such a special part of summer in the Bulkley Valley. Whether you travelled from across town or across the country, attended a single performance or spent the entire weekend with us, we are grateful that you chose to be part of our festival community.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for the 44th Midsummer Music Festival, taking place July 2-4, 2027. We can't wait to welcome you back!

Follow us online or visit our website for 2027 announcements.

Before you leave, please stop by the BVFMS booth and complete a festival survey. Your feedback helps us improve the festival experience and guides our planning for future years.

Thank you for helping us keep the music playing and the tradition growing for generations to come.

The Midsummer Music Festival takes place on the ancestral and unceded Wet'suwet'en yintah of Cas Yikh house and the Gidimt'en Clan. We are grateful for the opportunity to gather next to the Wetzin'kwa to share music, tell stories, and build connection.

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