

# LIVE MUSIC

JULY 5 - SEPTEMBER 1

**6:30** PM

AT DRUMHELLER'S
DOWNTOWN PLAZA

### FOREWORD





Join us in the heart of downtown for Summer @ the Plaza, a vibrant series of events designed to bring our community together and showcase the best our town has to offer. Our mission is to draw people to the downtown core while gaining an audience for these exciting summer events.

In collaboration with local businesses, organizations, and individuals, we aim to raise awareness of the wonderful opportunities available right here in our town. Come and enjoy an evening of live entertainment at the Plaza from 6:30-8:30pm. You can look forward to live music, games, and much more.

The festivities will take place every Friday and Saturday night from July 5th to September 1st. Everyone is welcome! Bring a lawn chair, a picnic for dinner or just bring the family to enjoy a delightful evening downtown.





### WE ARE ALL ABOUT OUR COMMUNITY









Provides a memorable and enjoyable experience for our residents and visitors.



Significant local economic impact through tourism and business.



Symbolizes community pride and cultural diversity.



Is creating a sense of belonging and unity within our community.



Supporting local artists, performers, and businesses by showcasing their talents and products.



Originated as a local celebration.



Grew into a prominent annual event attracting residents and visitors.



Boosting tourism and local businesses.



# SCHEDULE -JULY

Date	Times	Performer	Style	Partner	Food Vendor
5-Jul	6:30-8:30	Wayfairing Fiddlers	Celtic/Roots/ Folk		Berta Burritos
6-Jul	6:30-8:30	Abigayle Kompst	Indie/Folk	Napier Theater Travelodge	
12-Jul	6:30-8:30	Thunderskirts	Folk, Country		Pizza Hut Berta Burritos
13-Jul	6:30-8:30	Ryan Langlois	Country	Napier Theater	Pizza Hut
19-Jul	6:30-8:30	Mister Bird	Blues- Folk	Rustic Chic Kool Kutz	Pizza Hut
20-Jul	6:30-8:30	Black sheep	Country rock-blues- 70's styled rock	Napier Theater	Pizza Hut
26-Jul	6:30-8:30	John Hewitt & the New Americans	American/ Heartland Rock	Travel Drumheller Travelodge	Pizza Hut
27-Jul	6:30-8:30	Jed and the Valentine	Indie/Folk	Napier Theater Quaility Inn	Pizza Hut

### SCHEDULE -AUGUST/SEPT.

2-Aug	6:30-8:30	Mike Szabo	Country	Canalta	Pizza Hut Berta Burritos
3-Aug	6:30-8:30	Colton Brewer	Country	Napier Theater	Pizza Hut
9-Aug	6:30-8:30	Chase Morgan & Brettyn Rose	Country	Dry Canyon Collectables- Indigenous market	Pizza Hut Berta Burritos
10-Aug	6:30-8:30	Karissa Hoffart	County- Pop	Dry Canyon Collectables- Indigenous Market Napier Theater Quality Inn	Pizza Hut
16-Aug	6:30-8:30	Jaiden Riley	Country, Folk, Pop		Pizza Hut Berta Burritos
17-Aug	6:30-8:30	Abby Fooks		True NorthNapier Theater	Pizza Hut
23-Aug	6:30-8:30	Sara-Mae Dafoe	Folk/Pop		Pizza Hut Berta Burritos
24-Aug	6:30-8:30	Zonnis Music		Napier Theater	
30-Aug	6:30-8:30	Austin O'keefe and his Nostalgia Cowboys	Rockabilly, Vintage Country, Johnny Cash		Pizza Hut
31-Aug	6:30-8:30	NewLaw	Country	Napier Theater - Why Dino's Premier	Pizza Hut Berta Burritos
1-Sep	6:30-8:30	Matt Blais	Roots-Rock, Canadiana	Alberta Day	Pizza Hut



### Wayfairing Fiddlers - July 5

The Wayfaring Fiddlers is a Drumheller-based group that has been playing in the area for over twenty years. Building on their roots in traditional fiddle tunes the band has developed a style all their own, encompassing blues, country folk, and even some rock influences. With the recent addition of two new members, harmonies, sometimes reaching epic proportions, are built into the music, which will lift you up and carry you to new heights of sonic bliss.

### Abigayle Kompst- July 6

Abigayle Kompst, a Vegas-born, Nashville-based indie/folk songwriter, holds a degree in songwriting from Belmont University. Her relatable songs, filled with emotional depth and unique production, make her stand out in today's music scene. With two EPs, "Vegas" and "Recovering Optimist" (2023), she's gaining recognition at songwriter festivals across the US, showcasing her exceptional passion and craft.





#### Thunderskirts - July 12

The group members are: Mary McSweeney, Starla Morgan, Vicki Myers, and Carol Todor.
These 4 uke players formed this group during covid.
They rehearsed at Vickis studio on 1st and much to their amazement people asked them to play at other locations.
They now rehearse at The Navy League in Vickis studio and perform several times a year. You can find them plunking a few songs and running karaoke at the Waldorf.



#### Ryan Langlois- July 13

A charming legend recalling better days and songs in better bars. Cloaked in experience and masked in heartbreak, Ryan Langlois' rock-ribbed growl and honest lyrics offer a refreshing change. With anthemic delivery and Springsteen-esque passion, Langlois infuses country influences into his music. His songwriting spans roots, country, and Americana, flourishing simple ideas into complex nuances, reminiscent of John Prine, Johnny Cash, and Bruce Springsteen.



### Mister Bird - July 19

Wayfaring and whimsical, weaving stories into melodies in his own bluesy/folk, foot-tapping style. Mister Bird highlights the magic of the wild & the subtle miracles of everyday. Recognized for his heart moving performances, and his rich & rusty voice. Leaving his listeners feeling as though they've lived the song...

### Black Sheep- July 20

We are seasoned musicians from Calgary and Rosedale Alberta coming together to bring you an evening of classic rock, blues, country and an original song or two.

We are happy to return to Drumheller's Plaza and look forward to seeing you there.





John Hewitt & the New Americans - July 26
John Hewitt, a multi-instrumentalist from Sault Ste. Marie,
Ontario, now based in Alberta since 2018, is a master
storyteller and songwriter. From folk clubs to festivals, his
unique style absorbs and reimagines music. Performing
over 150 shows annually across North America and
releasing up to three albums per year, John's impact on
the Western music scene is undeniable. Fronting the New
Americans and touring solo, his work ethic and drive leave
audiences with an unforgettable experience.





### Jed and the Valentine - July 27

The brainchild of Jonah Morris and Maria Khaner in Edmonton, Alberta. Since 2022 they have amassed a large social media following through intimate performance pieces, performed at the Winnipeg, Canmore and Edmonton Folk festivals and have garnered the attention of indie/folk touring circuits on the Canadian landscape. With soaring harmonies, kick and tambourine backbeats, poetic lyrics and a stage presence that emits love from every corner this duo is on the rise in more ways than one, and will soon be a household name without a doubt!

#### Mike Szabo- August 2

Singer songwriter Mike Szabo, from Red Deer, Alberta, honed his craft in backyards for the better part of 50 years before he finally decided to get on a stage and give that a go.

Now, with two albums, several videos and about 80 new songs, he is living his dream, playing to live music venues around Alberta where his songs go deep and connect easily to folks young and old.

Primarily a solo performer, Mike also performs with fellow artist Curtis Phagoo in the duo Clearwater, with his daughter Elyse in Dos Szabos, as well as a full band show as Mike Szabo and The Heartbroke Heroes.





### Colton Brewer - August 3

Colton Brewer, a Canadian country artist from the small town of Zealand in New Brunswick, now calling Calgary home. With influences ranging from Morgan Wallen to Kameron Marlowe, Colton's country pop sound captivates audiences wherever he performs. He has been making waves in the industry, garnering attention from fans and industry professionals alike. With new music on the horizon, Colton Brewer is a name to watch in the Canadian country music scene.





### Chase Morgan & Brettyn Rose - August 9

Brettyn Rose is a rising country artist from Dewinton, Alberta, known for her acoustic sound, honest lyrics, and powerful vocals. With determination and a grateful heart, this young Indigenous artist has cemented her place in Canadian Country Music, earning a Rising Star nomination at the Country Music Alberta Awards (2021). Brettyn continues to impress with notable performances at the Country Music Alberta Awards (2023), the Canadian Finals Rodeo (2022), and the Big Valley Jamboree (2022).

Chase Morgan is a country singer/songwriter from High River, Alberta. With an eclectic collection of inspiration including new artists such as Parker McCollum, Riley Green and Cody Jinks, as well as the matured artistry of groups such as the Highwaymen, and the Eagles. Morgan puts a classic twist on modern day country and contemporary living.

#### Karissa Hoffart - August 10

Award-winning country artist Karissa Hoffart blends classic country and rock to deliver powerful performances. She has opened for Gord Bamford, Tenille Arts, Duane Steele, Washboard Union, and Doc Walker. Hailing from Saskatchewan, Karissa's small-town roots help her connect with audiences of all sizes. With over 10 songs on streaming platforms, more than 5 music videos, and a heart of gold, she continues to write and make music to inspire her fans.





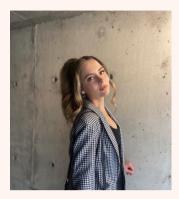
### Jaiden Riley - August 16

Jaiden Riley is a Métis singer/songwriter who effortlessly blends country, indie folk, and subtle bluegrass influences into her unique musical style. Drawing inspiration from classic Western and soul musicians to contemporary folk-focused alternative artists, her warm and rich sound pairs with a playful yet heartfelt stage presence to captivate her audience. Jaiden's music reflects her love for honesty, authenticity, and meaningful connections through storytelling.



#### **Abby Fooks - August 17**

Abby Fooks is a local artist from the Valley who grew her musical roots right here in Drumheller. From winning 'Drumheller's Got Talent' in 2014, to performing in the Calgary Stampede, and having her first single 'Breakaway' appear on the tv show 'Vanderpump Rules', Abby cannot wait to return home and perform for her community.



#### Sara-Mae Dafoe- August 23

For Calgary-based singer-songwriter Sara-Mae Dafoe, it's all about connection. Heartfelt lyrics, smooth vocals, and soothing piano evoke the feeling of a conversation with a good friend. From catchy folk-pop tunes to dark ballads, Sara-Mae shapes real-life experiences into songs. Currently working on new music, her latest release is the 2021 EP "Letters to Ben," following her 2018 Christmas album "Unexpected Hallelujah" and her 2017 debut "Flourish," all available on major streaming platforms.

### **Zonnis Music- August 24**

On a dark and stormy night at Victoria's Bent Mast, Andrea hosted an open mic where she met Adam; they married a year later and welcomed their son, Zander. Now, as the musical duo Zonnis, they tour the world spreading peace, love, and good times. Since 2014, they've traveled Western Canada in their RV during summers and backpacked through Central and South America in winters. Their multi-genre music, performed with an acoustic guitar and powerful harmonies, draws inspiration from their adventures and encounters, covering diverse topics from environmentalism to quirky love songs. With over 350 shows, including folk clubs, festivals, and Ecuadorian National TV, Zonnis prefers intimate, off-the-beaten-path venues over big city bustle.



## PERFORMERS, S





### Austin O'keefe and his Nostalgia Cowboys -

**August 30** 

The Nostalgia Cowboys are a rockabilly and classic country band that embodies the spirit of their beloved genres. With twanging guitars, steel guitar solos, and heart-wrenching ballads, they have crafted a unique sound that resonates with audiences of all ages. Their live shows are a must-see, known for their infectious energy and passion. The band naturally connects with audiences, fostering a sense of community at every performance.

#### **NewLaw- August 31**

Alberta-based country band NewLaw, composed of brothers Cayd, Ty, and Dayne, are known for their earthy, harmonic sound and feel-good style. Their positive vibe is as infectious as their music, and their collective energy is both unique and uplifting, leaving listeners wanting more. NewLaw has received nominations from the Gospel Music Association, YYC Music, and the Western Canadian Music Awards, and won their first Country Music Alberta award in 2021. They even made it to the top 225 on America's Got Talent. The brothers' perfect harmony shines through in their evolving music.



### Matt Blais-September 1

Roots-rock troubadour Matt Blais passionately advocates for connection through his authentic music. As a singer-songwriter, recording artist, and touring performer, he inspires listeners with his belting vocals and harmonica work. Former Calgary Songwriter in Residence, Blais has collaborated with Sam Roberts, played over a thousand shows, opened for Blue Rodeo, and performed at venues like the Coca-Cola Stage. He has won "Male Artist of the Year" at the Calgary Music Awards and "Best Rock Song" at The Great American Song Contest, solidifying his reputation as a musical force across Canada.









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