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Subject: EMBARGOED: 60+ free performances announced for FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver

EMBARGOED UNTIL 8 AM MONDAY APRIL 27

Dear Mayor and Council,

The City will be issuing the news release shown below on Monday, April 27th, announcing the Park Stage lineup at this summer's FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver.

Please note this information is highly confidential until it is released next week.

Thanks,

Karen

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The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the traditional territories of the x̱məθkʷəy̓əm/Musqueam, Skwxwú7mesh/Squamish and səliłwətał/Tsleil-Waututh nations

News release

April 27, 2026

60+ free performances announced for FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver

Newly announced free programming expands the festival's 28-day music lineup, adding to the previously revealed amphitheatre concert series

Organizers today announced more than 60 free performances at the Park Stage during FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver, expanding the festival's music lineup. Together, the programming will deliver 28 days of live entertainment throughout the FIFA World Cup 2026™ at Hastings Park. From international headliners to emerging local artists, the festival will offer two distinct music experiences: free daily performances open to all visitors and premium ticketed amphitheatre concerts featuring major acts.

"British Columbia is home to extraordinary artists and performers, and the FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver provides a global stage to showcase their talent," said Anne Kang, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. "This celebration will bring communities together, support our creative industries, and welcome visitors from around the world to experience the rich cultural diversity that defines B.C."

Combined with the previously announced amphitheatre concert series, the program will deliver 28 days of live entertainment throughout the FIFA World Cup 2026™, positioning the FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver among the largest live music experiences ever staged in the city.

The newly announced Park Stage lineup includes 60+ free performances by local, national and international artists spanning a wide range of genres, including rock, pop, indie, jazz, hip-hop, electronic, Latin, roots and global music, alongside Indigenous artists.

"Vancouver is proud to welcome the world in 2026, and the FIFA Fan Festival™ will showcase the very best of our city, from our vibrant music scene to the diverse cultures that make Vancouver such a special place," said Mayor Ken Sim. "This festival will bring people together, support local artists, and create unforgettable experiences for residents and visitors alike."

Performances will take place daily across the 28-day festival, creating a continuous program of live entertainment between FIFA World Cup™ match live broadcasts.

"This program reflects our commitment to creating an inclusive celebration for locals and visitors alike," said Jessie Adcock, Vancouver Host Committee Lead. "The scale and diversity of this lineup highlight Vancouver's role as a global host city and showcase the creativity of our home-grown artists."

Featured Park Stage artists include:

Headliners

Alex Cuba

Ash

Barney Bentall & The Legendary Hearts

Blackie & The Rodeo Kings

Blues Traveler

Broken Social Scene

Calema

Colin James

Dear Rouge

Dwayne Gretzky

Faber Drive

Felix Cartal

Ibrahim Maalouf

Jamie Fine

Kardinal Offishall

MICO

Murda Beatz

Neil Frances (Live)

Nova Twins

Paul Oakenfold

Sam Roberts Band

Shred Kelly

Skip Marley

Sultan + Shepard

The Sheepdogs

Wild Rivers

Support

Absolute Losers

Average Citizens

Blue Moon Marquee

Chad Brownlee

Delhi 2 Dublin

DJ Buddha

DJ Global

DJ Leanne

DJ Lovely Dae

DJ Luxine

DJ O Show

DJ Rita Spirit

DJ Shub

DJ William C

Garret T. Willie

Habana Café

Hebegebe

IKKY

ILAM

Jake Vaadeland & The Sturgeon River Boys

JIMI

Jocelyn Pettit

John Welsh & Los Valientes

Kevin Shiu

Kuzi Cee

Kytami and Phonik Ops

Le Groupe Swing

LØLØ

Midnight Boogaloo

Murray Porter

Nate Haller

Rubber Tire Peep Show

Shishi

Side One

SNACKTIME

Tanika Charles

Teigen Gayse

Ten Souljers

Tewanee and The Dreamwalkers

The Fugitives

The Matinee

Uncle Strut

Whitehorse

Yukon Blonde

The full Park Stage lineup is available at: <https://www.vancouverfwc26.ca/fifa-fan-festival/entertainment>

With free performances, premium concerts and live match broadcasts, the FIFA Fan Festival™ Vancouver will transform Hastings Park into a major gathering place for residents and visitors throughout the tournament. The full music program includes:

- 60+ free performances
- 28 days of live entertainment
- National and International artists
- Strong representation of British Columbia talent
- Indigenous and multicultural programming
- Premium, ticketed headline concerts

For previously announced performances, please visit www.vancouverfwc26.ca/fifa-fan-festival

About the FIFA Fan Festival™

The FIFA Fan Festival™ is an official site of the FIFA World Cup 2026™, offering fans a vibrant and inclusive place to watch FIFA World Cup matches live while enjoying football, music, culture and entertainment. For the first time in history, the FIFA Fan Festival™ will span three host countries - Canada, Mexico and the United States - uniting communities across borders and welcoming fans from around the world to share in the energy and celebration of the world's biggest sporting event. For 20 years, FIFA Fan Festival™ has provided fans with unforgettable FIFA World Cup experiences, welcoming 40 million fans from across the world. Learn more at www.vancouverfwc26.ca/fifa-fan-festival.

About FIFA World Cup 2026™

FIFA World Cup 2026™ will be the biggest sporting event ever, with three Host Countries, 16 Host Cities, 48 teams and 104 matches uniting an entire continent to showcase a momentous new tournament format. With more countries, cities, teams and games, FIFA World Cup 2026™ will be the most inclusive tournament ever, engaging millions of fans across 16 unique stadiums and billions worldwide. The tournament will take place from June 11 to July 19, 2026. To learn more or sign up for our newsletter, please visit our website at www.vancouverFWC26.ca and follow our [Instagram](#), [X](#) and [Facebook](#) accounts @FWC26Vancouver.

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