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Art & Music Ontario is the latest Ontario150 celebration happening this long weekend at Ontario Place

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Art & Music Ontario, the third long weekend event this summer that celebrates Ontario150, kicks off this Friday, August 4th at Ontario Place. Everyone is invited to this free admission celebration that showcases Ontario's artistic creativity with a diverse range of art and music.

"Ontario is home to a vibrant art and music scene that showcases our creativity and celebrates our diversity. Our artists tell Ontario's stories, and our province's 150th anniversary is the perfect opportunity to experience the music and art that uniquely defines Ontario. This long weekend, I encourage everyone to visit the Art & Music Ontario festival at Ontario Place and celebrate the incredible province we live in" said Eleanor McMahon, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

Join us for a weekend of art and music from Ontario! Highlights include:

- **Music:** Performances by headliner *Lowell* whose hands-on approach to electro-pop will showcase her creativity and individuality through her rich artistry. She performs Saturday, August 5 at 9:45 p.m. Recognized and awarded by Folk Alliance International, indie-soul recording artist *AHI* will be performing on Sunday, August 6 at 5:15 p.m. Throughout the event, guests can listen to up-and-coming talent from the Ontario music scene on the ON Stage.
- **Art Installations:** Experience art and creativity through *Meredith J's* hologram art installation, named *Protective Spaces*, that centres around the home, loss of home and belonging. Guests can also observe mural installations that will be painted onsite along the North Walk.
- **Martk'd:** An urban arts organization that creates sneaker culture initiatives through education and art will host a Sneaker Design Contest. Guests also have the opportunity get their sneakers designed by artists onsite as well as have one-on-one art lessons. Martk'd will be at the event Saturday through Monday.
- **Paint & Cocktails:** Inside the Ontario Educates building, guests can enjoy artistic instruction to create their works of art while sipping on cocktails.
- **Pop Up Art Competition:** Hosted by Paint and Cocktails, on Sunday August 6 at 3:30 p.m., six to eight artists will be challenged to paint within a limited time frame and be judged by the audience on their creativity and final canvas.
- **Cultural Arts & Crafts:** The Cedar Market shipping container village will showcase a collection of local Ontario products.
- **Drone Light Show:** Canadiana-inspired choreographed drone performances by Ontario-based *Arrowonics* will light up Ontario Place on Saturday, August 5 at 11 p.m. (please be advised that this performance is weather dependent).

- **Trillium Park and William G. Davis Trail:** Located on the East Island of Ontario Place, the new green space is open for all to enjoy year round. Key design elements of the park and trail reflect the Indigenous heritage of the site (park hours 5:00am-11:59pm, daily).

WHEN:

Friday, August 4: 3 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Saturday, August 5: 10 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, August 6: 10 a.m. – 11: p.m.

Monday, August 7: 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.

WHERE:

Ontario Place, West Island
955 Lake Shore Blvd. West
Toronto

About Ontario Place

Ontario Place is an agency of the Government of Ontario that features 155-acres of waterfront property in Toronto. The iconic location is a venue for live music, festivals and events. From enjoying the skyline, to attending a festival or concert — Ontario Place is a gathering space for everyone in the province. In 2017, Ontario Place will host a series of events on the West Island as part of Ontario150, the province's celebration of Ontario and Canada's 150th anniversary of Confederation.

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