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# [Sled Island: Music for Everyone](#)

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Attention all music lovers who would appreciate the opportunity to fold their kids into the live music scene:

You may be pleased to know that from June 24-27 Sled Island - a cutting-edge music festival featuring emerging artists (this is their 3rd year and there will be over 200 bands) - will be taking over downtown Calgary.

The event - which also features comedy, art, and film - piqued my interest because spokesman Drew Marshall tells me many of the shows are for all ages.

In other words, venues include places like Central United Church, the Olympic Plaza, Loose Moose Theatre and Tubby Dog on 17th Avenue.

"We're trying to create an outlet for kids who are interested in music who don't have opportunity for this kind of exposure - kids who are interested in making music and forming bands," Marshall tells me.

"We also hold a creative poster contest for kids which was very successful last year."

Sled Island - which drew more than 17,000 visitors in 2008 - looks exciting to me, a legitimate effort to bring the world to Calgary as well as celebrate local and provincial artists while creating a much-needed buzz in our downtown core.

I, for one, plan to check it out. How about you?

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