

### **SLED ISLAND STAFF**

Mary Annan - Media Partnerships & Marketing Coordinator

Christian Argyll - Bookkeeper

Morgan Cairns - Conference Coordinator Laura Caraballo - Fund Development

Manager

Breann Christie - Merchandise Coordinator Natalia Cobos - Pass Pick-Up Coordinator Charlotte Cuvilier - Technical Director Laksmi Douthwright - Bike Racks Coordinator Colin Gallant - Artist Bio Coordinator Kurtis Gregor - Marketing & Communications

Kurtis Gregor - Marketing & Communication Manager Michael Grondin - Photo Team Lead

Kayla Hoshizaki - Production Assistant Maryam Lehmann - Assistant Volunteer

Coordinator

Becca Lowe - Illustrator/Graphic Designer Chelsea Poirier - Transportation Director Ziga Poromon - Assistant Technical Director Nathan Ross - Artist Logistics Coordinator Josh Ruck - Poster Show Coordinator Maud Salvi - Executive Director Courtney Smith - Artist Lounge Coordinator Hemen Tor-Agbidye - Festival Manager Kirstin Wiens - Hospitality Coordinator Evan Wilson - Comedy Curator Rony Yoc - Volunteer Coordinator

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Arif Ansari
Claire Auroi
Sean Carrie
Gill Co
Sabrina Grover
Sarmad Rizvi
Kyle Russell
Shauna Selezinka
Urvil Thakor
Ryan Tram
Rebecca Zahn

### **WEBSITE**

Structured Abstraction

### **PUBLICITY**

Paul Brooks, Take Aim Media

### **PROGRAM GUIDE MANAGER**

Todd Harkness

### **PROGRAM GUIDE DESIGN**

Mason Hastie Ron Joe Becca Lowe

### **CONTRIBUTING WRITERS**

Mike Bell Colin Gallant - Editor Kayla Graham Kurtis Gregor - Editor Nathan Iles Nathan Kunz Tory Rosso

Brittany Rudyck

Aaron Vanimere

### **TABLE OF CONTENTS**

**05** WELCOME

06 COMEDY

09 FILM

11 VISUAL ART

13 SPECIAL EVENTS

15 NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY / SLED X SET

17 CONFERENCE

19 MUSIC

39 PULL-OUT SCHEDULE

75 BLOCK PARTY

77 ALL-AGES

**79 GREEN ISLAND** 

81 SAFER SPACES

82 DISCOUNT GUIDE

84 THANK YOU

**86** FESTIVAL SPONSORS

### **HOW TO SLED**

Sled Island is an annual five-day music and arts festival that brings together over 200 bands, comedy, film and art in multiple venues across Calgary, Alberta. Returning for its 17th year from June 21 - 25, 2023, Sled Island offers multiple ways to explore the staggering number of options that go down across five jam-packed days.

Passes and tickets are available at SledIsland.com, Lukes Drug Mart (112 4 St NE) and Pass Pick-Up\*, located on the ground floor of the Delta Hotel Calgary Downtown (209 4 Ave SE).

\*Pass Pick-Up is open from June 20 - 24 only. See below for details.

### DISCOVERY PASS | \$214 ADVANCE, \$225 AFTER JUNE 18

A Discovery Pass is our first recommendation for anyone wanting the full Sled Island experience. Armed with a Discovery Pass, you'll have access to all Sled Island events (200+ bands, comedy, film and art), subject to capacity. You'll also get exclusive discounts at more than 60 Calgary restaurants, shops and services during Sled Island 2023. You really can't go wrong!

### DISCOVERY PLUS PASS | \$366 ADVANCE, \$385 AFTER JUNE 18

A Discovery Plus Pass gives you all the benefits of a Discovery Pass, plus priority access (jump to the front of lines!) at all Sled Island events, subject to capacity. That's just the beginning – a Plus Pass also gives you access to Sled Island's exclusive Artist Lounge (including two drink tickets and complimentary snacks), a Sled Island 2023 t-shirt, limited-edition silkscreened poster and tote bag, plus exclusive discounts at more than 60 Calgary restaurants, shops and services during Sled Island 2023.

### **ALL-AGES PASS | \$40**

Exclusively for attendees under 18 years of age, an All-Ages Pass offers full access to Sled Island's all-ages venues for the price of a single show ticket, plus exclusive discounts at more than 60 Calgary restaurants, shops and services during Sled Island 2023. Passholders

must be under 18 years of age at the time of the festival. Valid ID required at pick-up.

### **DAY PASSES | \$60-\$80**

Though full Sled Island passes are still your best value for attending the festival, we also offer a limited number of day passes! Prices will range between \$60-\$80 depending on the day's programming.

### **ADVANCE TICKETS | PRICES VARY**

A limited number of advance tickets are available for Sled Island 2023 shows (visit SledIsland.com/Tickets for details). Advance tickets guarantee show access.

### **DOOR TICKETS | PRICES VARY**

Door tickets will be available for all shows not sold out at the time of the festival, subject to capacity. Show up early to get in!

### **PASS PICK-UP**

Our range of festival passes are available for purchase and pick-up at the Delta Hotel Calgary Downtown (209 4 Ave SE), where you'll also find helpful volunteers from June 20 - 24. All purchased passes must be picked up during the hours listed below.

Tuesday, June 20: 10:00am – 10:00pm Wednesday, June 21: 10:00am – 10:00pm Thursday, June 22: 10:00am – 10:00pm Friday, June 23: 10:00am – 10:00pm Saturday, June 24: 10:00am – 4:00pm

### **WELCOME TO SLED ISLAND**

Sled Island acknowledges Calgary as the traditional territory of the Blackfoot and the people of the Treaty 7 region in Southern Alberta, which includes the Siksika, the Piikani, the Kainai, the Tsuut'ina and the Ĩyãħé Nakoda First Nations, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw and Wesley First Nations. Calgary is also home to Métis Nation of Alberta, Region III.

Welcome to Sled Island 2023, a five-day escape and joyful haven crafted with love to remind you that there is still beauty out there and things worth messing up your regular bedtime for.

Sled Island is a magical time: it's a feast for the senses, a lavish display of unfiltered creativity, a celebration of joy and togetherness. But what I like most about it is that, as the saying goes, the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. It's amazing that so many people – staff, artists, volunteers, venues, partners – work together for months to make this one thing happen, and that thousands of attendees show up to take it all in. This may seem cliché but in today's world, I think it's a pretty radical act.

At a time when celebrity culture reigns supreme, and individuality and self-expression are globally under attack, you showing up to celebrate bold, boundary-pushing artists you may not yet be familiar with is not only very meaningful, it's also incredibly important.

By doing so, you're also contributing to rewriting Calgary and Alberta's narrative, because while some may think that Sled Island is rather "un-Calgary," this couldn't be further from the truth. Sled Island defines Calgary and its people just as much as any overused archetype and it's on us to be intentionally loud about it.

So, it is my great pleasure to invite you to dive into this year's programming, curated with the help of our wonderful guest curator, Bartees Strange, and many amazing partners who have hand-picked some of the most exciting artists that will make you feel all the feels and leave you with memories aplenty and a very full heart.

As always, take care of each other out there, and enjoy every minute of it.

### Maud Salvi Executive Director





Welcome to Sled Island 2023! I've never curated a festival before, so shout out to its organizers for having me play and bring a few artists I admire. Festivals are special, some of my favorite musical moments in life were from festivals in my college town. Looking back, pulling up with an open mind and having my face melted by bands I'd never heard of were some of my most formative experiences. I hope you all come with a similar energy. Ready to see your favorites and to make some new ones.

In guest curating I choose performers that reflect my values as an artist and person moving through the world. Artists who in my opinion reflect real life; who vary in race, gender, and age, and bring a unique perspective to music. Senator Morimoto, KAINA, Gulfer, Helado Negro, Maassai, Maneka, Pom Pom Squad, JWords - I love these bands so much. In many ways these bands represent a big part of my extended musical family and I'm so excited for you to meet them in this way.

Maassai is one of my favorite

rappers right now. I met their music while living in Brooklyn and we shared a ton of mutual friends. Their collaborations with Nappy Nina and JWords are some of my favorite releases in the last couple years. Helado Negro has been a big deal to me for many, many years. One of my closest musical homies Taja Cheek (L'Rain) doubles as one of his bass players - and I'll never forget seeing them play live and the feelings the performance gave me. I have been a fan ever since. KAINA opened for me in Chicago at Thalia Hall last minute, and delivered one of the best live shows I'd ever seen last year. She's also got an incredible Tiny Desk - her and the musical community she comes from is #Sooper.

I'm so proud to be part of this festival and I'm even more proud to bring bands with me who I think are crucial acts. And bonus, I can't think of a better way to return to Alberta. Looking forward to seeing you at the shows. Come ready for a very special hang.

### Bartees Strange Guest Curator

make you think!

Just like that, it is June and we are back with the most sensational comedy lineup Calgary has seen to date! The word is getting out that Sled Island Comedy is the event to attend - and yes that word is "hahaha." We are back with two full nights of comedy to amaze and delight. And yes, maybe even

Our headliner this year is none other than Canadian comedy legend, the hilarious Dave Merheje. Fresh off his Juno award win, a newly minted Crave TV special and the third season of Hulu smash *Ramy*, Dave's high energy act will make you laugh your socks off.

He'll be joined by Tallboyz sketch alum Jordanne Brown, Killjoy Comedy's Tin Lorica, and from Gary and His Demons and Conan, Mark Little. And don't forget to see all new comedy from Jeff D'Silva, and Sarah Adams, plus Amy Edgar who will be bringing it all together as our illustrious host! Don't miss this! Set the VCR to record on Friday and Saturday night and come out to see these amazing comedy shows!

Evan Wilson Sled Island Comedy Curator

### **AMY EDGAR**

CALGARY, AB

### Fri 7:00pm - Globe Cinema Sat 7:00pm - Globe Cinema

Amy Edgar is a standup comedian and with clowns on both branches of her family tree, comedy, humour and grease paint flow through her veins. Notable appearances include the YYComedy Festival, SheDot Comedy Festival, FemmeWave Festival, Sled Island Music & Arts Festival, and Sirius XM's Top Comic.

### **DAVE MERHEJE**

LOS ANGELES, CA

### Fri 7:00pm - Globe Cinema Sat 7:00pm - Globe Cinema

Dave Merheje is one of the most original standup voices on the comedy scene today. His multiple award-winning act has gained a loyal following across North America with his "no fear" approach on stage and a comedy style best described as aggressive in-your-face funny. Dave had his first comedy special aired in Australia on ABC2. His second special Good Friend Bad Grammar won the 2019 Juno Award for Comedy Album of the Year. His third special Beautifully Manic, can be seen on Netflix as part of Comedians of the World, and his fourth special titled I Love You Habibi is currently live on Crave. Dave is a regular at the Just For Laughs Festival in Montreal, and has made multiple appearances at JFL42 in Toronto, Winnipeg Comedy Festival, the Halifax Comedy Festival, the Melbourne International Comedy Festival in Australia, and tours clubs and theatres regularly.

Dave co-starred in the indie film Sometimes I Think About Dying alongside Daisy Ridley and he currently co-stars in the critically acclaimed series Ramy on Hulu and CraveTV.

### **JEFF D'SILVA**

CALGARY, AB

### Sat 7:00pm - Globe Cinema

Jeff D'Silva is a stalwart of the local comedy scene and all-around scamp. He's the host of such standup nights as Jeff's Night Out, Common People and Sit Down Shut Up Stand Up. Jeff is also a semi-professional skateboarder and has been followed on Twitter by former Mayor Naheed Nenshi.

### **JORDANNE BROWN**

TORONTO, ON

### Fri 7:00pm - Globe Cinema Sat 7:00pm - Globe Cinema

Jordanne Brown is a standup comedian, writer and performer based in Toronto. She is the recipient of the Eugene Levy Writing Award, the Tim Sims Encouragement Award, and the I Heart Jokes Best New Comer of 2017. Jordanne has been featured on CBC's TallBoyz and Toronto Sketch Fest and she performs frequently (truly, I wouldn't lie to you) all over Toronto and southern Ontario!

She is the host and producer of Sorry I'm Late Night w/ Apologies by Jordanne Brown, and the proud owner of a monthly comedy newsletter Do You Mind if I Email You?.



**SLED ISLAND 2023** 

6

### MARK LITTLE TORONTO, ON

### Fri 7:00pm - Globe Cinema Sat 7:00pm - Globe Cinema

Mark Little is an award-winning actor, writer and comedian. He has appeared on *JFL* and *Conan*, co-founded the sketch comedy group *Picnicface* and was named one of Variety's 10 Comics To Watch For 2013. Mark has starred in multiple TV shows, including *Mr. D* and *Cavendish*, and has won a combined 15 Canadian Comedy Awards. The second season of Mark's animated series *Gary and His Demons* premiered on Prime Video earlier this year.

### **SARAH ADAMS**

CALGARY, AB

### Fri 7:00pm - Globe Cinema

Sarah Adams, the Peter Frampton of the tuba, is one of Calgary's most unique comic voices. Having performed at stages across the country, working with the likes of Reggie Watts, Nathasha Leggero and Todd Barry, Sarah keeps people rolling in the aisles with her absurd - yet relatable - takes on this thing we call "Life in the 2020s." For once, we request that you laugh WITH someone who plays the tuba, not AT them!

### **TIN LORICA**

VANCOUVER, BC

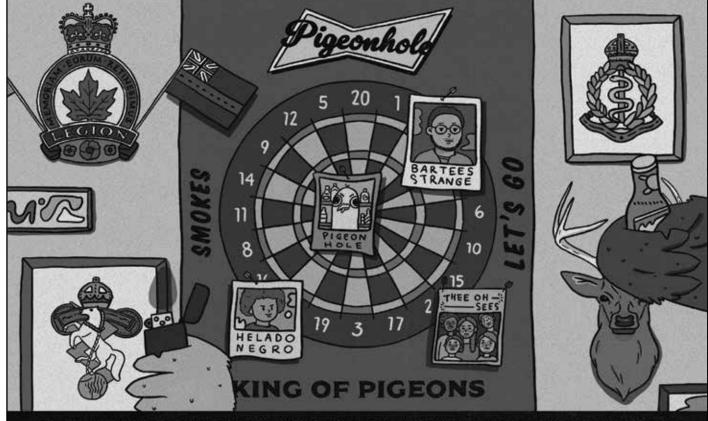
Fri 7:00pm - Globe Cinema



### Sat 7:00pm - Globe Cinema

Tin Lorica is a comedian and writer based in Vancouver. They have been featured on CBC's The New Wave of Standup and Killjoy Comedy on OUTtv. They run and co-host Millennial Line and MSG (Make

Some Good) Comedy, which have been featured on JFL Vancouver's Best of the West lineup. You can also hear their jokes on JFL Originals' compilation album, Stand-up BC: Grossly Underfunded Circus.



SLED ISLAND PASSHOLDERS GET 10% OFF THEIR BILL FOR THE DURATION OF SLED ISLAND. FOLLOW @THEPIGEONHOLEBAR.

# Banff Centre is all the culture you've been craving.

Find out about concerts, talks, exhibitions, Banff International String Quartet Festival, Banff Centre Mountain Film and Book Festival, and more!

banffcentre.ca









### **FILM**



### **EVEN HELL HAS ITS HEROES**

USA, 110 MINS, 2023, DIR. CLYDE PETERSEN

CANADIAN PREMIERE

### Tues 7:00pm - Globe Cinema

Since 1989, the slowest metal band on the planet has conjured some of music's most striking tectonic changes. Not only did the band Earth create a glacially paced subgenre of metal and play a pivotal role in the popularization of grunge, but visionary leader Dylan Carlson also did it while battling small-town boredom, heroin addiction, and

the tragic death of his roommate and best friend, Kurt Cobain.

Despite the high volume of its beloved and beautiful drone metal, Earth has rarely had much to say for itself. For the first time, in a moving saga that respects the music as much as the ragtag cast of eccentrics and surreal Pacific Northwest majesty that shaped it, Clyde Petersen gets to the core of the could-have-been-tragic triumph of Earth, the slow band that changed everything it touched.

The screening will be preceded by four 8mm short films shot and composed by local filmmakers with disabilities at the National accessArts Centre:

### A HAUNTING IN ABBEYDALE

Calgary, 2.59 mins, 2023, Dir. Fionnuala McComish

### THE THRILL OF THE HUNT

Calgary, 2.13 mins, 2023, Dir. Matthew O'Dwyer

### **MELTING YETI**

Calgary, 4.53 mins, 2023, Dir. Kathy M. Austin

### **DIVA DIVERSITY**

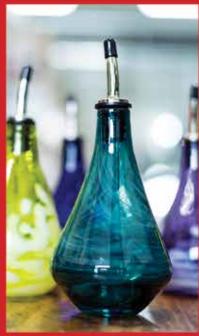
Calgary, 2.13 mins, 2023, Dir. Jody Roll

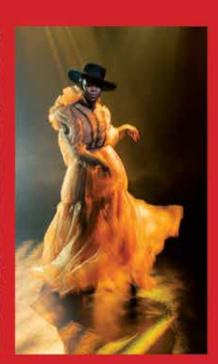
Returning for another year, we're happy to have FOREIGNERZ capture the essence of the festival on film! You'll probably see their cameras out and about at various venues. FOREIGNERZ is a local full service art and production house focused on pushing the boundary in film, music, art and culture. Their work prioritizes the voices of QTBIPOC and their vision aims to amplify these narratives through innovative and strategic production.



## A-LIST MEMBERSHIP







BE PART OF THE ② TEAM

## JOIN NOW

WE CALGARY



10

### ART

### **SLED ISLAND POSTER SHOW**

Opening Reception: June 20, 6:00pm - 9:00pm June 21 - June 25, 9:00am - 6:00pm I Love You Coffee Shop

Our annual Poster Show returns! A vital part of Sled Island since its inaugural year, the Sled Island Poster Show pairs local artists with musicians playing the festival to create limited-edition, hand silk-screened posters by Burnt Toast Studios. Artists include Osees, Bartees Strange, Blackwater Holylight, Cola, Emma Ruth Rundle, Haviah Mighty, Helado Negro, Liturgy, Mannequin Pussy, THICK, SPELLLING and Sun Ra Arkestra! Posters will be on display and for purchase.

Poster illustrators include Paityn Savoie, Mantis Mei, Kevin Stebner, Mitch Malyk, Ava Ginger Djan, Janeen Scott, Josh Ruck, Sikapinakii Lowhorn, Nicole Haywood, Tyler Rambie, Katie Armour, and Cheyenne Suwataga-Mu. Curated by Josh Ruck.

### **AUARTS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXHIBIT**

June 21 - June 25, 12:00pm - 6:00pm June 24, 12:00pm - 9:00pm (Ramsay Block Party) Sunday, June 25 | 12:00pm - 4:00pm nvrInd. boutique

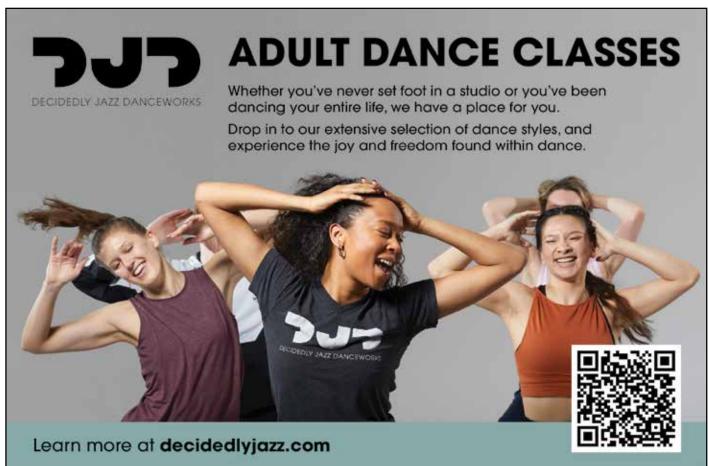
The AUArts Students' Association, in collaboration with Sled Island and nvrlnd. boutique present an exhibition featuring work by emerging artists from the Alberta University of the Arts.

AUArts Students' Association is a visible and vocal student-run



organization that represents a creative community of students. As emerging creative professionals we value meaningful opportunities that enhance our educational experience while recognizing the value of our dedication to art, design, research and craft.

Artists include Mantis, Alaska White, Juli Song, Alexandra Jaco, Rachel Erickson, Vivian Smith, Nicole Shah and Lauren Jacobson.





SPARKLING VODKA COCKTAIL COOLERS
LOW CALORIE ALL NATURAL FLAVOURS AND COLOURING

Train travel of yester' year was glamorous, romantic and adventurous and the clubcar was the railway carriage at the epicenter of this experience. Where card playing mavericks drank and caroused the long hours away while rolling down the tracks. Music was a central theme to the festivities of the clubcar. Our beverage line was created to honour the music and free spirit in all of us.





clubcarbeverages.com





Made in Alberta

### **SPECIAL EVENTS**





For special events this year, Sled Island is thrilled to present quiz night, punk rock bingo, drag performances, an art workshop, a pig roast, karaoke and lots more!

### **PUNK ROCK BINGO**

### Tue 7:00pm - The Ship & Anchor

The title says it all! Our annual Ship & Anchor Punk Rock Bingo night! What's better than a punk rock DJ night? If you said a punk rock DJ night where you can win prizes, then... BINGO!

### **QUIZ SHOE: THE SLED ISLAND EDITION**

### Tue 7:00pm - Modern Love

One of the longest-running trivia nights in Calgary for a reason, Quiz Shoe returns once again to the Sled Island lineup. Whether you're good at thinking or drinking, bring your team and see if you have what it takes to win top prize or one of the many fantastic mini-prizes that can be won throughout the night.

### **SLED ISLAND DRAG POP-UP**

### Tue 8:00pm - Commonwealth (Sled Island Kick-Off Party)

Building upon last year's success, we are thrilled to bring drag back to the festival, thanks to the expert curation of **Hope**Madison Fay. Local queens Karla Marx,

Dogiichow and Dayna Hart will add their own personal touch to the Kick-Off Party by performing in-between bands, making the whole evening even more fabulous!

### **SLED ALLEY**

Friday 12:00pm (Palace Theatre Alleyway)
The Calgary Downtown Association (CDA)

is our partner in place-making this year! As the oldest BIA, the CDA advocates for Downtown's prosperity and resilience on behalf of all Calgarians. As part of their mission to help create a lively and welcoming downtown, the CDA is activating the alleyway behind The Palace Theatre with an art market curated by Making Treaty 7 Cultural Society, DJ sets, food, drinks and much more! Make sure to visit this one-off event on Friday before heading to nearby venues!

### **SLED ISLAND DRAG BRUNCH**

### Sat 12:00pm - Modern Love

Literally everything is better with drag, so join us at Modern Love for an afternoon full of breakfast, beers, and of course, DRAG! Hosted by **Birthday Girl** and chock full of other incredible performers – including

Tangerine Dream, Dogiichow, Valerie Hunt, Karlotta Handle, Yulia Borscht, Ultra Violet, Mx. Jendr, Hermena, Mira May and Addi Pose – this will be a hazy day to remember, and a perfect warm-up to our Saturday evening programming.

### PLASTICINE PORTRAITURE WORKSHOP

### Sat 12:00pm - Quickdraw Animation Society

Ten participants will meet at the Quickdraw Animation Society to create plasticine portraits inspired by the 2023 Sled Island featured artists. Under the handson instruction from animator NOFAC3, the portraits will be compiled into short animated sequences to be exhibited on the Quickdraw Animation Society and Sled Island social media accounts. Registration is required, please visit www.sledisland.com/

lineup/special-events for more information.

### SLED ISLAND WRAP-UP PIG ROAST

### Sun 3:30pm - The Palomino Smokehouse

Join us on Sunday for our annual wrap-up party at the Palomino Smokehouse! The final day of the festival is an incredible send-off complete with awesome music and incredible BBQ. The pig roast starts at 3:30pm, and is complimentary with your Sled Island wristband or ticket (while supplies last), so come hungry. When the music's over, join us at Modern Love for our Wrap-Up Karaoke! This is hardly the last hurrah.

### Palomino (Downstairs)

4:30pm - Bat Scratch

5:30pm - **SAP** 

6:30pm - Parisian Orgy

7:30pm - Sick Puppy

8:30pm - Weird Nightmare

9:30pm - Margaritas Podridas

### Palomino (Main Floor)

4:00pm - **A.N.** 

 $5{:}00pm - \textbf{ILLHumanNation}$ 

6:00pm - Double Rider

7:00pm - **Hundred Footers** 

8:00pm - **ASKO** 

9:00pm - La Sécurité

### **SLED ISLAND WRAP-UP KARAOKE**

### Sun 10:00pm - Modern Love

This is the true test of a real Sled Island enthusiast! After making it through five-ish days of running around, dancing your butt off and partying until you drop, you have one final chance to let loose before next year's festival.

### NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY

While National Indigenous Peoples Day is held on June 21, Sled Island will be showcasing 36 acts featuring Indigenous artists working in diverse genres throughout the festival, so you're bound to come across at least a few!

In addition, there are two great events that we want to draw your attention to.

We have been partnering with two amazing Indigenous-led organizations, **Moments Fest** and **Drum Beat Entertainment**, who have curated two stellar lineups of Indigenous acts.

If electric guitars and heavy music are your jam, check out the Moments Fest showcase at the Ship & Anchor on Wednesday, June 21 with 1876, Indian Giver, Bench Party and No More Moments.

In the mood for a dance party? **Drum Beat Entertainment** has got you covered with some of the best Indigenous electronic producers of the moment, including **sean beaver**, **DeLab**, **Carissa Gem** and **Young Dene**, who will play on the **Modern Love** patio on **Saturday**, **June 24**.



### **SLED X SET**



New this year, Sled Island has established a partnership with Iranian artist-run festival **SET Experimental Art Events**, who has curated a selection of some of the most exciting electronic and experimental musicians from Iran and its diaspora, to perform at this year's festival.

The project, titled *SLED X SET*, is the beginning of what we hope to be an ongoing collaboration meant to build relationships between the Iranian and Canadian artistic scenes, and bring to our audience more cutting-edge and boundary-pushing music and multimedia art.

This year's musicians include Sepehr,
Temp-Illusion X Amir B. Ash, Roya, HERR
SPECTRE, Maryam Sirvan, SarrSew, mHz and
Hailstones, and we're very excited to have
them at Sled Island 2023!

## MAY ALL OF PLAYLISTS MAKE Y(

DANCE





@downtowncalgary #downtowncalgary

### CONFERENCE

Sled Island and Calgary Economic Development are excited to present a series of conference events that aim to further knowledge and access to the music industry and the broader communities within which it operates. Taking place Friday, June 23 at the beautiful Central Library, the Sled Island 2023 Conference is a day-long summit where attendees will learn about granting, collecting royalties, the vinyl industry, community radio, and more, all while making new friends and contacts. Plus, our friends at connectFirst Credit Union will be providing a free lunch for all those attending! Expand your knowledge, expand your network, expand your Sled Island experience.

### GETTING THE GRANT - SOCAN, FACTOR AND AFA

### 11:00am - Central Library (Level 0)

Whether you're producing an album, making a music video or getting ready to go on tour, granting is an essential part of funding your music career. But if it's your first, or even second time applying, the granting process can be intimidating. With a panel made up of granting experts, we will explore three of the Canadian music industry's most sought after granting organizations – FACTOR, SOCAN and AFA – and offer some of our best tips and recommendations for securing that elusive funding.

### FOR THE RECORD: GETTING YOUR MUSIC ON VINYL

### 12:00pm - Central Library (Level 0)

In the last decade, vinyl has seen a major resurgence in the music industry. In 2022, vinyl surpassed CDs as the most popular physical format of music, a feat not seen since the early '80s. However, with an increased demand for music on vinyl, artists are facing a new set of challenges. While vinyl may be the new preferred medium, the costs and difficulties of pressing a record are exponentially higher than that of CDs or tapes. In this panel, we talk with industry experts on the ins and outs of getting your music on vinyl.

### FOOD FOR THOUGHT: BANKING ON YOUR TALENT

### 1:00pm - Central Library (Level 0)

Booking gigs can be unpredictable, your banking shouldn't be. Come join Sled Island's presenting sponsor connectFirst



Credit Union for an interactive lunch and learn discussing how musicians can best manage unique and variable incomes.
Featuring an open and honest panel discussion with wealth and banking experts.
Come early to mingle and ask any questions you may have. Lunch will be provided.

### HAVE YOU HEARD?: PR STRATEGY FOR INDEPENDENT MUSICIANS

### 2:00pm - Central Library (Level 0)

The album is mastered, the tour is booked, merch is ordered, you're all ready to make a big splash! But how do you get the word out? Publicity is often one of the most overlooked aspects of any album release campaign, but also one of the most crucial. In this panel, we will hear from publicists, journalists and other media professionals on how to develop a great PR strategy, from building a compelling press packet to developing media relationships

### **CASHING IN: HOW TO COLLECT ROYALTIES**

3:00pm - Central Library (Level 0)

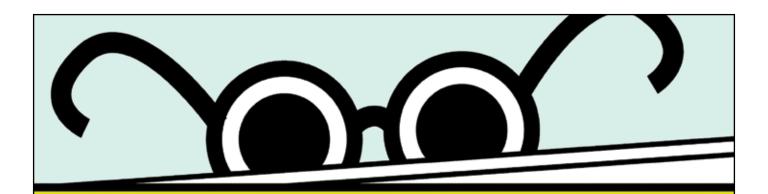
You're making money off of album sales, live gigs, and merch sales, but what about royalties? This presentation will teach you about the different types of royalties you can collect and how to collect them, so when your music is streamed, purchased or broadcast, you can reap the proper rewards.

### RIDING THE AIRWAVES: EVERYTHING YOU WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT COMMUNITY RADIO

### 4:00pm - Central Library (Level 0)

Representatives of community radio stations from across Canada will share best practices and answer questions on how to get your music played and how to build meaningful partnerships with key actors of local music scenes. This will also be an opportunity for artists to meet with music directors and staff from the various stations.

The Sled Island Conference will take place in the BMO Financial Group Community Room, Level 0, Central Library, 800 3 Street SE.



### READ DISCRDER MAGAZINES THE BEDROOM POP OF MAGAZINES

THAT MAGAZINE FROM CITR 101.9 FM.
SUPPORTING "VANCOUVER'S" INDEPEDENT ARTS AND MUSIC
COMMUNITY SINCE 1983 (FOR REAL?) AND UNTIL THE DAY WE DIE.
YOU CAN FIND DISCORDER IN SEMI-IMMORTAL PRINT FOR FREE
AT YOUR FAVOURITE LOCAL HAUNTS OR ENTER OUR
DIGITAL NETHER REALM AT

citr.ca/discorder/issues/

MADE BY HUMANS FREE FOR ETERNITY

40

### **MUSIC**

### 1876

PORTLAND, OR

### Wed 11:30pm - Ship & Anchor

Self-described as "pow wow punk rock," 1876 is an Indigenous punk band made up of members who are Blackfeet, Northern Cheyenne and Oglala. On tracks like "++DGAF++" and "Issitsimaawa," the quintet applies pow wow drums to classic-sounding punk rock stomps.

### 36?

CALGARY, AB

### Sat 9:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

The Mad Hatter of Calgary's music scene, Taylor Cochrane, and his band 36? have taken listeners on a sonic-psilocybin teacup ride for the past decade with their weird, wonderful, familiar, almost undefinable pop sound. And their live shows are an alwaysmind-bending wild ride that you should be this high to ride.

### **86LOVE**

CALGARY, AB

### Fri 5:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

86LOVE is the answer to what if festivals like Rolling Loud or Hot Summer Jam were happening in Calgary music studios. Skewing trap with a sprinkling of UK grime, his mixtape EVERYDAY is an exercise in maximalism and hedonism, chock full of braggadocio, fatter-than-fuck beats and the occasional foray into AutoTune. He's living proof that Calgary has a young, hungry rap culture.

### A.N.

CALGARY, AB

### Sun 4:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Calgary-based songwriter A.N. crafts intimate and profound bedroom-pop gems that can be heard on her debut EP Forbidden Fruit. Pensive and thought-provoking, the artist's haunting melodies and sentimental lyrics are paired with lo-fi guitar strums — working equally well through headphones and on stage.

### **ALADEAN KHEROUFI**

EDMONTON, AB

Wed 5:00pm - Sloth Records
Thu 10:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

It takes fine alchemy to create soul music that

is joyfully melancholic, and Aladean Kheroufi earns extra points for making it fun to party to. His lusty vocals and playful dance moves make for an exuberant live show where it's hard to resist getting down on the dance floor, even if you're getting your heart broken by the lyrics at the same time.

### **AMINDI**

LOS ANGELES, CA

### Thu 12:00am - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

You can watch visuals and read confessional write ups for each song on Amindi's stirring debut EP nice via her diaristic website — and you definitely should. Each slice of intimate R&B features her velvet voice against crispytextured drums and minimal instrumentals. Start with "nwts," a tribute to Drake, and "slideshow," whose video sees Amindi rocking different looks while wandering through a series of magazine covers.

### **AMY NELSON**

CALGARY, AB

### Fri 2:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Amy Nelson's take on country music leans pop, but not in a "Top 40 Country" way. With that wickedly warbled voice and a preternatural understanding of melody, she's a reminder that country has always been the music of unity that rallies excitement to simultaneously party and stick it to the man. Check out her banjo skills and one-of-a-kind voice on her enduring 2019 album Educated Woman.

### **ASKO**

EDMONTON, AB

### Fri 11:00pm - Palomino (Downstairs) Sun 8:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Culture and tradition meet percussion-forward electronic beats via amiskwacîwâskahikan's ASKO. Band founder Marek Tyler is a contemporary Indigenous drummer, offering the harmonious music of ASKO to celebrate his community and family. Rounded out by collaborators Cassia Hardy (Wares) and Matthew Cardinal (nêhiyawk), ASKO's sonic cornucopia of bright synth and bottom-end bass is definitely music to feel in your heart.

### **AVERSIONS**

VANCOUVER, BC

### Thu 10:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Discordant punk trio Aversions made waves on the Bandcamp homepage and *Exclaim!* for its four-song EP *Sharp Left Turns*. Stewed in an eerie atmosphere with deadpan vocals and furious riffs, the release falls somewhere between the dour mood of post-punk and the frenzy of post-hardcore. It's an intoxicating mix brought to life on stage with urgency and furor.

### **BABE CORNER**

VANCOUVER, BC

### Thu 8:00pm - Dandy Tasting Room

Under the cover of western-tinged tones and four-part harmonies, Babe Corner strikes with undeniable flair. Textured synths and guitar lines dance on the edges, while melodies float to bright-blue sky heights. Hot off the heels of debut LP *Crybaby*, the Vancouver five-piece finds its way to Calgary equipped with an expertly crafted indie rock repertoire.

### **BABY JEY**

EDMONTON, AB

### Fri 4:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Wistful and romantic, with a sublime dose of nostalgia for '70s Americana, this twangy four-piece makes tunes that feel like driving down a long stretch of highway on a sunny, carefree day. Just try to not make eye contact with the person next to you and start slow dancing. That is officially a dare.

### **BAD BODIES**

CALGARY, AB

### Wed 8:00pm - Dandy Tasting Room

This Calgary soul and R&B four-piece arrives like a summer breeze, with the disarmingly sweet and plaintive vocals of frontperson Tomi Nu set adrift on the chill vibes of simple melodies and subtle structure. It's sublime, immersive and anything but "bad."

### **BANANAHAUS**

VANCOUVER, BC

### Fri 10:30pm - Pin-Bar

bananahaus describes its sound as "skronk," an impeccable description for the chaotic fun found on the group's debut album welcome to the bananahaus. This six-song haunted mansion ride crashes from unpredictable punk riffing on "gonna show" to meticulous scale explorations on "mouse trap," leading you deep into an unnerving post-punk haus with no escape.

### BARBARA

DENVER, CO

### Sat 3:00pm - Ship & Anchor

Barbara's vision of psychedelia is born from the playful discoveries of three music school grads living together and switching instruments on a whim. This adventurous feel permeates the group's 2022 debut album *Escape Artist*. Lead single "Houdini" cascades around dreamy arpeggios, only for "Aquarium Suicide" to crash the party with upbeat indie-punk.

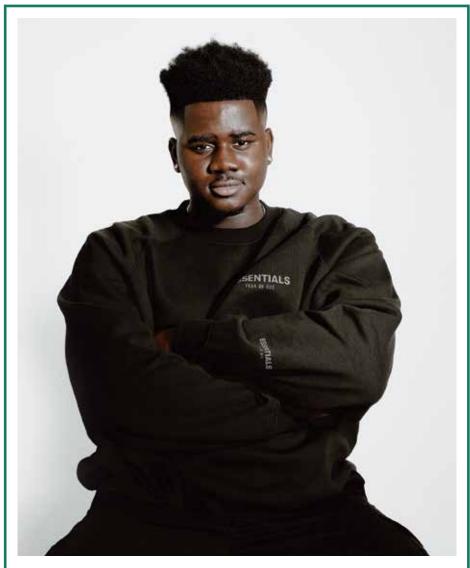
### **BARNACLE**

MONTREAL, QC

### Wed 11:00pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

The spirit of '60s surf cinema gets a garagepunk facelift via Barnacle and its hazy





### **AKINTOYE**

TORONTO, ON

Wed 11:30pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

Toronto rapper Akintoye became an "overnight sensation" when his catchy track "Pizzazz" blew up on TikTok last year. In fact, the 23-year-old artist has been working since he was in high school and has three full-length albums to his name: Vertigo (2020), Centrepiece (2021) and Anxiety & Circumstance (2022).

Akintoye's signature style includes explorations of mental illness — he's the opposite of shy when it comes to his own experiences with anxiety — a raspy, lightning-fast flow and richly fleshed out instrumentals that hop between classic hip-hop, trap and even rock-adjacent compositions.

The aforementioned "Pizzazz" went viral

in part due to its relatability and positive outlook. "If I'ma be sad, I'ma do it with pizzazz / And shake these feelings off my ass / They'll find me in some glitter if I crash," he raps. And though the song is not included on *Anxiety & Circumstance*, there are many similar gems to be discovered on that album.

Thanks to his online success, including being named one of TikTok's Black Trailblazers and one of BET's favourite TikTok creators in 2022, Akintoye is now a full-time musician. The attention has also brought him some prominent feature opportunities, including alongside Idris Elba and others on the banging "Aces."

Sled Island 2023 will be Calgarians' first chance to see Akintoye on stage. And so they should. His high energy performances come complete with a live band, and we're convinced this could be one of the most exciting hip-hop shows in the city this year.

blend of power-chord rush, spacey vocals, and pointed melodies. After shredding through a slew of Eastern Canada festival appearances in 2022, this four-piece party machine makes western landfall with its first Sled Island appearance.

### **BAT SCRATCH**

CALGARY, AB

Fri 5:00pm - Pin-Bar

### Sun 4:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

The footage of Bat Scratch's 2022 debut basement show was an instant viral hit, due in no small part to the primal energy of its 7-year-old singer, Robbie. The crushing flurry of riffs and non-stop beatdown drums unleashed by this rabid punk collective is precise, exhilarating, and as satisfying as chocolate milk.

### **BEACH BODY**

REGINA, SK

### Fri 8:00pm - Ship & Anchor

Dreamy guitar tones and swooning vocals blanket over Beach Body's high-flying indierock arsenal. The four-piece offers a laid-back approach perfectly suited for summer swaying with a cold Old Style Pilsner in hand. Through bouncing basslines and steadfast drum grooves, a timeless warmth is maintained in the band's every move.

### **BENCH PARTY**

EDMONTON, AB

### Wed 9:30pm - Ship & Anchor

Emerging from frigid Treaty 6 territory, Bench Party channels Indigenous rage into a non-stop flurry of thrashing riffs and howled vocals. The group has carved a place for itself in Edmonton's hardcore scene across its short two years of existence, harnessing DIY energy to deliver important messages at ear-splitting volumes.

### **BENNETT MITCHELL**

CALGARY, AB

### Thu 8:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

The indie-folk musings of Bennett Mitchell reveal hard-earned prairie wisdom, the kind that comes from a rollercoaster life. That lyrical vulnerability rides alongside big-valley orchestration and playful country spirit. The music video for "You Are" captures an intimate moment as the songwriter solitarily croons a gentle melody, surrounded by the Rockies.

### **BIG|BRAVE**

MONTREAL, QC

### Wed 10:30pm - Dickens

Sled Island-goers may remember the thunderous power of BIG|BRAVE from the 2015 festival, when the minimalist post-metal trio was chosen to perform by guest curator Godspeed You! Black Emperor. The Southern

Lord mainstays return to the festival with three acclaimed releases in tow — Vital, a volatile set exploring gender and race, Leaving None But Small Birds, a traditional folk-inspired collaboration with fellow Sled faves The Body, and their latest LP Nature Morte, a heaviest yet effort just released this past February.

### **BIG EVIL RAT**

EDMONTON, AB

### Thu 11:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

Big Evil Rat's tunes are scrappy, jangly, and energetic rock 'n' roll at its finest. Sprinkle in a touch of punk rock and dash of psych, and you've got yourself the delightful love child of members from Archaics, Molan, Power-Buddies, Fitness and more. A worthwhile mish-mash of Edmonton supergroups that'll get your toes tappin.'

### **BLACKWATER HOLYLIGHT**

PORTLAND, OR

### Thu 11:00pm - Dickens

Firmly entrenched in extreme music but unafraid of prog and folk, Blackwater Holylight has released three albums of restlessly creative metal since 2018. Most recent record *Silence/Motion* explores grief while spotlighting the band's genre agnosticism. This is metal that both grinds the bones and triggers the firing of synapses.

### **THE BODY**

PORTLAND, OR

### Thu 12:00am - Dickens

Over the past quarter-century, relentless experimentation and collaboration have made The Body one of the most intriguing metal acts around. Their notoriously abrasive live shows blend noise music with sludge, harsh techno and more melody than other experimental noise acts would dare.

### **BODYWASH**

MONTREAL, QC

### Sat 3:00pm - Sled Island's Ramsay Block Party

Bodywash meanders through moments of dream-pop bliss, marrying influences of '90s shoegaze, trip-hop and experimental electronica along the way. The Montreal-based duo trade vocal duties as musical backdrops pulse and shimmer in a state of flux. Across distinctly textured tracks, grounding rhythms and an overhanging airy warmth unify the space into a singular, allencompassing experience.

### **BOG BODIES**

CALGARY, AB

### Fri 9:30pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Calgary duo Bog Bodies has made sharp, short bursts of punk since 2014. Its sound is best described as a combination of a sneering snarl, super-fuzzy distortion and lo-fi electronic elements served up at a herky-jerky pace. 2019 LP *P.L.A.Y.T.H.I.N.G.* perfectly showcases the act's crack blend of minimalism and experimentalism.

### **BOOTER**

WINNIPEG, MB

### Sat 4:00pm - Sled Island's Ramsay Block Party

Fronted by Alannah Walker (Cannon Bros) and bolstered by members of Tunic and Hut Hut, Booter brings impressive pedigree to its modern take on riff-heavy '90s rock. On the 2022 album 10/10, chunky bass lines and sprightly splashes of open chords empower Walker's bittersweet musings across 13 tracks of sapphic power-pop bliss.

### **BRAIN BENT**

CALGARY, AB

### Thu 9:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

There's a biting satire running through Brain Bent's shout-sing take on garage punk that gives their listeners a twisted grin while their hips unwind. Somewhere between early Devo and Office Space, the band's keyboard-laden rave-ups writhe and wriggle while lyrics tackle the indignity of working menial jobs and panic attacks. This spring's double A-side single Boilerplate is a perfect entrypoint to Brain Bent's sardonic sound.

### **BRASS**

VANCOUVER, BC

### Sat 9:30pm - Pin-Bar

There's nothing more invigorating than a dose of good old throwback '80s DC punk. Fast and furious, best enjoyed in a pit or circle, these five left coasters throw it all the way back, not trying to reinvent, but revisit and refresh, throwing some Murder City Devils muscle into their Rollins-era spit and slam.

### **BRIDGELAND**

CALGARY, AB

### Tue 12:00am - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

This Calgary quintet is making its secondstraight Sled Island appearance, having won over audiences in 2022 with a tripped-out post-punk sound. Drawing on everything from late '80s Anglo psych to the doomier side of krautrock, it's music perfect for a night of nihilism — and dancing.

### **BURS**

TORONTO, ON

### Sat 10:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

Folk-rock quartet Burs wash over each moment with absolute warmth and homestyle harmony. Tenderness is maintained as gentle strings trade places with perfectly deployed moments of untamed, cathartic release. Above it all, vocals sway

with striking vulnerability through themes of love, grief and "the search for peace in modern condition."

### **CARISSA GEM**

CALGARY, AB

### Sat 8:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

Carissa Gem is a bass music curator and radio host that has risen to prominence in Canada's electronic music and festival scenes. Her crates are deep and diverse, both current and historical. Displaying a profound knowledge of all genres 140-160 bpm in her sets, Carissa Gem always packs the floor.

### **CECILE BELIEVE**

MONTREAL, QC

### Wed 12:00am - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Cecile Believe, FKA Mozart's Sister, is a producer-vocalist at the intersection of indie pop and avant-garde electronic music. Starting out playing in bands like Miracle Fortress, Think About Life and TR/ST, her solo career grew to include vocal leads for SOPHIE and other major contributions to hyperpop. Now, as Cecile, she makes boundary-pushing electro-pop that includes a new release TBA in 2023.

### CHEER

CALGARY, AB

### 22 Sat 5:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Cheer is a homegrown beast of prog-rock virtuosity. Over two releases — including the three-part psych epic *Time and Space* — the group has sharpened its unpredictable compositions into a lethal brand of "wonk rock." Upcoming album *Palingenesis* promises to induce psychedelic mind fuzz, as does the band's Sled Island debut performance.

### **CHUNDER BUFFET**

SASKATOON, SK

### Sat 3:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Chunder Buffet is a frenzied food fight of stomping riffs and hedonistic attitude. On

Lemon Sleazy, the band pens a sinister love letter to trashy glamour with wailing feedback and unnerving bass lines. 2023 has seen the band roar back to life and bring strutting style back to mosh pits across the prairies.

### **CINEMA HEARTS**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

### Wed 10:30pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Caroline Weinroth channels the highs and lows of Miss America pageantry into Cinema Hearts, a bubbly explosion of irresistible power-pop. The former Miss Virginia contender wields grungy hooks and breezy melodies to capture gritty glamour on 2022 debut EP Your Ideal, which was produced by Sled Island 2023 guest curator Bartees Strange.

### **COLA**

MONTREAL, QC

### Sat 8:00pm - Sled Island's Ramsay Block Party

Featuring ex-members of Ought, Cola harnesses 21st century absurdity to fuel a three-piece engine of open-tuning creepiness and lithe punk grooves. The group's debut album *Deep in View* fizzes loudly with tightly coiled guitar and jagged commentary on tracks like "Degree," before exploring modern melancholia on the piano-driven closer "Landers."

### CO-OP

VANCOUVER, BC

### Thu 10:30 - Palomino (Downstairs)

Formed in 2016, Co-op is an experimental band that harkens back to the weirder corners of the '70s art-punk scene. Released earlier this year, Reward System see's the trio push the dynamics of sparse post-punk atmosphere with synthesized wails, electronic drum grooves, and eccentric melodies that never fail to hook the ear.

### **CRYSTAL EYES**

CALGARY, AB

Thu 9:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

On its latest album, 2022's *The Sweetness Restored*, this Calgary collective takes a great leap forward. Slick, polished and all-pro, the nine tracks (co-produced in Montreal by Canadian darling Basia Bulat, who also lends some backing vocals) display a band confidently blending the best of atmospheric shoegaze and straight-up, pretty, pristine dream-pop.

### **CXTOTHEWORLD**

EDMONTON, AB

### Sat 3:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

Cxtotheworld is a Tanzanian-Canadian lyricist and producer with a versatile sound, genre bending his way from hip-hop to punk to soul to R&B. His productions dabble with varying melodies, but always showcase an airtight flow, with lyrics touching on themes like self-doubt, love, fear and success.

### **DANES**

VANCOUVER, BC

### Sat 5:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

West coast living can be stormy, and danes captures that reality with sludgy punk bravado. This jagged explosion of post-hardcore takes no prisoners on recent EP *Dislocation*, riding the artfully weird licks of "Feast" into the punishing feedback wall of "Inspector." All hail the noise of an angry, artful three-piece.

### **DEAD FIBRES**

### EDMONTON, AB/VANCOUVER, BC

### Sat 10:30pm - Pin-Bar

If you haven't had your face melted by this band at the festival before, get thee to see Dead Fibres. Frenetic, fun and full of what can only be described as swagger, this three-piece, noise-punk crew takes what they do very seriously — but in the most chaotic way possible.

### **DEAD FRIENDS**

EDMONTON, AB

Thu 9:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

Dead Friends is one of the rowdiest, prairie-



surf-garage bands to see play live. Wavy riffs and tender, yet grounded vocals seem to inspire lots of crowd surfing. Gentle bopping along the shore of the mosh pit is also very acceptable. No swim lessons required.

### **DEATH IN SLOW MOTION**

VANCOUVER, BC

### Sat 10:00pm - Dickens

Death in Slow Motion is as mesmerizing and harrowing as its name suggests. The hypnotic post-rock compositions created by this duo on the 2022 EP *DISM* balance beauty and chaos with discordant walls of distortion and melancholy string arrangements, creating a soundtrack to the apocalypse through mesmerizing instrumentation.

### **DELAB**

EDMONTON, AB

### Sat 7:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

Devon Laboucan has been producing proudly Indigenous beats as DeLab since 2015. The DJ's melodic production, wild remixes, and energetic live presence has been a distinct pulsing heartbeat of dance floors across Treaty 6 territory. The deeptech beats of tracks like "Second Winter" cast an entrancing spell of gyrating joy.

### THE DELLA KIT

VANCOUVER, BC

### Wed 7:00pm - Sloth Records Thu 10:00pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

Dee "the della kit" Landsberg is a future-sounding vocalist/songwriter/DJ/producer drawing on funk, jazz, neo soul and R&B. A queer performer from an Italian/Jewish jazz lineage, her credits include global streams, appearances at Toronto Jazz Festival and Lightning in a Bottle and support slots for Mos Def and Questlove. Start with the vibe-heavy moonbeams & frequencies from 2022 and find yourself soon under the della kit's spell.

### **DIZZY WALKA**

CALGARY, AB

### Fri 4:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

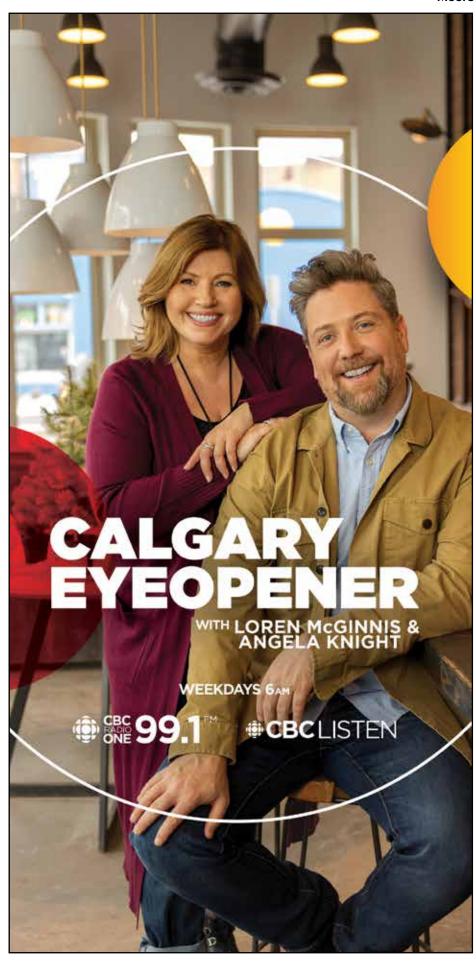
Dizzy Walka is a young hip-hop artist whose music possesses the maturity of artists generations older. His messages tackle themes of perseverance, tenacity and determination, inspiring listeners to celebrate every moment. His sound is percussive, featuring sharp 808s and polished, slick lyrics that focus on positivity.

### **DJ PAISLEY EVA**

SQUAMISH NATION, BC

### Fri 8:30pm - King Eddy

Eva hails from the Skwxwú7mesh Nation village of Eslha7an. She is the co-founder of Dame Music Collective, which offers lowbarrier DJ lessons for her community. She is







### **BARTEES STRANGE**

WASHINGTON, D.C.

Wed 11:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

Bartees Strange is a lot of things but most of all more than just the sum of his parts. A man of varied experience, he was born Bartees Cox Jr. in England, grew up performing opera in Mustang, OK, worked in D.C. for the Obama administration and has played in emo and post-hardcore bands in New York. Today, he's best known for his anthemic and chameleonic style as a solo recording artist.

Under the stage name Bartees Strange, he arrived on the international music press's radar in 2020 with the release of Say Goodbye to Pretty Boy, a collection of reinterpreted songs by The National informed by his experience of being one of only a few Black audience members he saw at the band's concerts. It was later that year that his star rose further following the release of his debut album Live Forever.

That album garnered him a Best New Music designation from *Pitchfork* and showed up on numerous critics' best of the year lists. The album's central force lies in the powerful anthems wherein Bartees unleashes a font of emotion in each explosive chorus. Though much of the album is guitar-driven, it shines when Bartees' wide array of influences are

channeled through electronic elements, rap, emo, inventive use of Auto-Tune, horn blasts and the tiniest hint of country-western. New listeners should start with the rave-up "Boomer" and dance floor stirrer "Flagey God."

The success of *Live Forever* built a momentum that seems only to continue to grow for Bartees. His 2022 album *Farm to Table* (released by elite indie imprint 4AD) is his next level up, a collection of similarly eclectic tracks that explore even more genres and show off his best lyricism yet (just try not to get chills when listening to "Tours" or "Hennessy"). It has gained him additional critical devotion as well as fans and tourmates including Phoebe Bridgers, Courtney Barnett, Metric and Lucy Dacus. In a full-circle moment, he supported The National in 2022 including a stop right here in Calgary.

Now touring major venues worldwide as a crowd-commanding headliner, Bartees has noted that his audience is not the all-white, monocultural blah that perturbed his younger, concert-going self. Now isn't just his moment, but one for fans of myriad backgrounds and experiences. And so it is with great excitement that we welcome him to bring his one-of-a-kind sensibility to Sled Island through both curatorial picks and as one of this year's festival-defining headliners.

25

the lead facilitator at Decolonizing Practices, and a graphic designer and consultant. Her work is all based in Skwxwú7mesh teachings and driven by sharing equity with marginalized folk and getting dirty on the dance floor.

### **THE DOG INDIANA**

VICTORIA, BC

### Sat 7:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Connecting the most favourable features of punk, grunge and psychedelia, The Dog Indiana creates an auditory ambiance that is both aggressive and hazy. At once focused and casual, The Dog Indiana's 2023 album Burnt Ends squarely expresses this sentiment via angular drum beats, dissonant guitar swells and emphatic, projected vocals.

### **DOUBLE RIDER**

SIKSIKA NATION, AB

### Sun 6:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Together for more than a decade, this trio finally released its first EP last year. Recorded at OCL Studios, it features the three musicians — Hannah and Lennon Owl Child, and their cousin Erin Manyheads — paying tribute to their Indigenous heritage while also offering a more raw rock sound and approach.

### **DRAGON FLI EMPIRE**

CALGARY, AB

### Fri 7:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

Dragon Fli Empire, aka DJ Cosm and Teekay, have been established members of Canada's hip-hop community for over two decades. Pairing Golden Era flavours with smooth beats and singable lyrics, Dragon Fli Empire gained popularity nationwide in the early 2000s through releases like their seminal hit "Mount Pleasant."

### **DUMP BABES**

SASKATOON, SK

### Wed 9:30pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Dump Babes weave between dance-happy disco romps and moments of floating psych-rock bliss. Above driving drums and prairie dusted guitars, vocalist Aurora Wolfe soars with purpose, delivering on themes of identity, rejecting commodified stereotypes of Indigeneity and "embracing her status as a full-time dirtbag."

### **EARTH FREAKS**

VICTORIA, BC

### Wed 10:00pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Earth Freaks strike with contagious psychrock energy. Simultaneously carefree and precise in approach, the quartet cruises atop driving rhythms and desert-tinged riffs. Explosive live shows bring it all to life, offering an invitation to float beyond current reality and into a space untethered by time.

### **EBUN**

AIRDRIE, AB

### Fri 3:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Ebun explores the intricacies of life to create a kaleidoscope of eccentric, rhythm-heavy pop that is perfect for late-night journaling or late-night clubbing. Her latest single "Blue Waters" contrasts funky hip-hop production with soulful vocals and defiant lyrics that transports listeners to a dance party on the beach of inner dreams.

### **EINE KLEINE CHINA**

CALGARY, AB

### Fri 10:00pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Eine Kleine China (pronounced "eye-na klyna China") is a Calgary-based experimental electronic artist. He merges conceptual guitar melodies, jerky beats, eclectic samples and sparse vocals to take listeners on a vibrant sensory journey through time and space — akin to the meditative practice that inspired his sound.

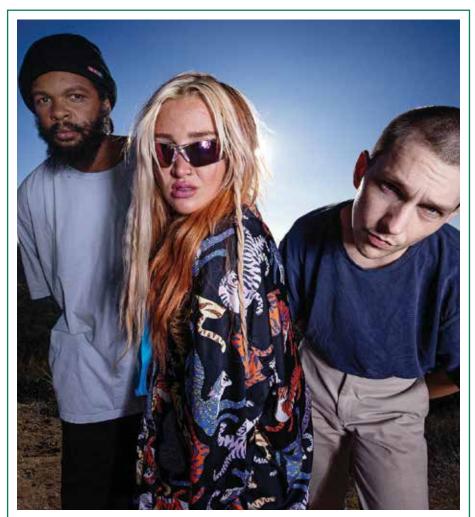
### **EMPANADAS ILEGALES**

VANCOUVER, B.C.

### Sat 11:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

Percussive and rhythmic, Empanadas Ilegales combines conventional Latin sounds





### **DEHD** CHICAGO, IL

Thu 12:00am - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

DEHD does a lot with a little. With just post-punk bass lines, jangly guitar, steady drums and the odd electronic flourish, the band creates a formidable bedrock upon which its dual vocal melodies can soar and swirl together. I.e. on "Bad Love," from last year's excellent album *Blue Skies* (the band's first for Fat Possum), bassist Emily Kempf and guitarist Jason Balla stack their vocals upon one another until the tension makes it feel like it's all about to come toppling down.

It's the alternation and intertwining of their vocals that lives at the heart of DEHD's sound. Together, they create an androgynous storm replete with characters by Kempf and voyages to the limits of their collective range — all while drummer and occasional vocalist Eric McGrady holds it down. This gives the music a lived-in urgency that alerts the listener that the emotion from their words is real.

Until Blue Skies, DEHD recorded for various boutique indie labels, releasing debut Dehd in 2016 and Water in 2019 before exploding in popularity with 2020's Flower of Devotion. That album came out mid-pandemic and was described as a force of connection, filled with road trip anthems for a time apart. It received a Best New Music designation from Pitchfork and made many year-end best lists.

DEHD's sound has remained true throughout its discography, but the melodic force and focus on minimalism grows ever stronger with each release. Blue Skies is an undeniable future classic, full of cathartic choruses that feel at once ready for the masses and so specifically personal as to tell rich stories. Road-ready after a year of touring behind it, DEHD arrives for the first time in Calgary for a set that is sure to inspire mass singalongs and the collective rapture we've all been missing.

and instruments with steady undertones of surf rock and psych. They're experimental and groovy, with upbeat, guitar-forward riffs that keep parties rockin' and dance floors full. To summarize, this is not "traditional" Latin music, but much more layered, colourful and interplanetary.

### **EVE PARKER FINLEY**

MONTREAL, QC

### Fri 2:45pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor) Fri 9:30pm - King Eddy

An indie-pop auteur with an affinity for comedy, Eve Parker Finley is one of the most charming young musicians in Canadian music. Her music combines heartfelt chamber pop with chest-rattling beats, kind of like if Bridgerton was set in a DIY club. Parker Finley also hosts the new online CBC Music show, *Ten Minute Topline*.

### **EVERYTHINGYOUEVERLOVED**

EDMONTON, AB

### Thu 5:00pm - Sloth Records Sat 9:00pm - Dickens

A patient, open-minded metalhead will appreciate the dramatic mood swings encapsulated within an Everythingyoueverloved song. The band's shortest track clocks in at six minutes, gently and slowly building to a searing onslaught of abrupt, piercing vocals and atmospheric guitar. Edmonton's genre-bending doom crew claim "sadness reigns," but truthfully you might experience more of a delightful melancholy during their set.

### **EYE OF NEWT**

CALGARY, AB

### Sat 10:30pm Palomino (Downstairs)

Eye of Newt is precisely the sort of wonderful weirdness you'd expect to come from the warped minds of scene vets Nate Waters, Brock Geiger, Samantha Savage Smith and Chris Dadge. So far left-of-centre as to be not-quite-right, the band, on songs such as "Yoga Girls Get Off My Waterfall" live in their own bloopy, blippy, freeform world, writing songs as if by lava lamp.

### **FACECUT**

LETHBRIDGE, AB

### Thu 8:00pm - Pin-Bar

Riding a hot rod of crooked guitar riffs and primal percussion, Facecut drives headlong into garage-rock revival country. 2021's Loft Sounds injects western attitude into fuzz-rock anthems with twang, reverb, and a healthy dose of vocal sleaze. This trio of prairie punks deals in non-stop high fives and compulsive headbanging.

### **FAITH HEALER (SOLO)**

EDMONTON, AB

Fri 2:00pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

The songwriting of Edmonton-based Jessica Jalbert embodies the subtle depths of the prairies, wrapping sweet melodies around the warmth of fuzzy psychedelia. 2017's *Try ;-*) was a fizzy shot of smiling indie-pop, and her latest single "Another Fool" is a luscious dream of hushed words and synth melodies.

### **FAMILY DINNER**

CALGARY, AB

### Thu 7:00pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

A new band that creates methodical, cerebral music interspersed with bursts of heavy frenetic energy, FAMILY DINNER is a post-rock-meets-punk group reminiscent of respected forebears like Slint and Unwound in both their sound and difficulty to categorize into a specific genre or scene. Wherever you may find yourself, you are welcome at their table.

### **FAULT**

CALGARY, AB

### Tue 11:00pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

Made up of members of some of Calgary's most beloved bands (Motiv, Lovelet, Stucco, Sunderer, Tunebags), Fault is a mysterious new post-punk project that seeks to reflect both the turmoil and tranquility of the city. While harsh and discordant in sound, there is a hope in the music that shines through the furor.

### **FAUXFUN**

MEDICINE HAT, AB

### Fri 11:30pm - Pin-Bar

Full of energy and charm, FauxFun promises an energetic and engaging set of quick, angular post-punk songs that are a lot of fun (actually)! It's hard to be somber when your melodies are this immediate and infectious, and despite the band's tongue-in-cheek name, you will not leave its shows without feeling true and unbridled joy.

### **FEEDING**

EDMONTON, AB

### Fri 4:30pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

If the orcs from The Lord of the Rings decided to start a band, it wouldn't be a reach to imagine it sounding like Feeding. Who else would threaten to spread their brand of filth without remorse? Orcs who can shred punk-inspired death metal, that's who.

### **FOLD PAPER**

WINNIPEG, MB

### Sat 5:00pm - Sled Island's Ramsay Block Party

With Fold Paper, Winnipeg's Chell Osuntade (Julien's Daughter, JayWood) aims to drive post-punk to new, eerie heights. Demos like "Come Down Awkward" and "Medical Jargon" are raw and foreboding, eschewing convention with surprising time signatures,

pointed strings and urgent shouts that haunt the mind and crawl into the soul.

### **FRESH WAX**

MONTREAL, QC

### Fri 11:30pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

After spending most of their lives playing music together in Calgary, Lachlan Cowan and Edan Harmsen moved to Montreal and recently released their debut album as Fresh Wax. Reminiscent of the acclaimed early-'00s noise-rock scene of their new hometown, their driving bass lines, frenetic drumming and discordant synthesizers are rooted in experimental pop music.

### **FULFILMENT**

CALGARY, AB

### Sat 9:00pm - Ship & Anchor

Led by the venerable Kevin Stebner, a fixture of Calgary's post-hardcore scene, Fulfilment plays raw and blistering punk tunes with an edge that wouldn't sound out of place in the heyday of Touch and Go and Dischord Records. You will leave their set impressed by how loud and energized a three-piece band can be.

### **GADFLY**

VANCOUVER, BC

### Sat 11:00pm - Dickens

The music of Gadfly brings listeners in with



its enchanting and lush atmosphere, then blasts them with the energy of heavy guitar riffs. Persian melodies soar over a sonic palette that draws as much from avantgarde composers as it does from metal's most well known shredders.

### **GENIZAH**

EDMONTON, AB

### Thu 10:00pm - Dickens

Genizah is a heavy, experimental, grindcoreinfused slap across the face – one that likely comes from the long hair head banging in front of you at their show. The trio has somehow made a look at hardship and grief fun and unyielding, eliciting a strange craving for gloom and doom.

### **GHOST WOMAN**

EDMONTON, AB

### Sat 6:00pm - Sled Island's Ramsay Block Party

A solo project turned duo, Ghost Woman artfully moves between shoegaze, garage and neo-western. This is nostalgic, romantic music that captures a very specific mood. But because it's a little bit country and a little bit rock 'n' roll, the right mood is all the time.

### **GINGER BEEF**

CALGARY, AB

Wed 10:00pm - Dandy Tasting Room

Ginger Beef is the collaborative project between flutist Jiajia Li and producer MSG. Caught somewhere between the vintage pop you might hear in the hallway of a dim sum restaurant and jam breaks from '80s prog, the duo is both virtuosic and transportive, taking you to a place where the vibes are immaculate and soloists hold musical court.

### **GIRL WITH DREAM**

MONTREAL, QC

### Wed 9:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

The solo project of Chris Lawson, bassist in Montreal art-rock group Dresser, girl with dream uses breezy and delightful indie pop stylings to showcase her insightful songwriting. Her reflective and celebratory songs are easy to get lost in, making for the perfect soundtrack to a pleasant June afternoon.

### **GLOIN**

TORONTO, ON

### Fri 9:00pm - Palace Theatre

Emerging from Toronto's noise-rock scene, Gloin screams into the void with infectious pop at ear-splitting decibels. The group's 2022 debut album *We Found This* is a wild ride of fuzz-punk delirium and distorted earworms. Careening improvisation and riotous energy defines the Gloin live

experience, proving that sometimes, louder is better.

### **GOSSAMER BLUE**

TORONTO, ON

### Thu 9:00pm - Pin-Bar

Gossamer Blue combines the accessible jangle of '80s indie pop, the dreamy distortion of '90s shoegaze and the psych leanings of contemporary garage rock. Though the band is indebted to music of the past, it never feels like a relic of a bygone scene, fitting perfectly in the contemporary landscape.

### **GREY LIGHT DISTRICT**

SASKATOON, SK

### Sat 2:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

It's always impressive when three instruments can make so much damn noise. It's an interesting blend of noise, too; a touch of disheveled prog with confrontational vocals that might send one back to the screamo scene of the early aughts. With members of KEN Mode, the Moas, and the New Jacobin Club, Grey Light District brings the finest rock 'n' roll Saskatchewan has to offer.

### **GRIMELDA**

SASKATOON, SK

Sat 5:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)



28



FOURFORTY BACKLINE

Behind Every Musician.



Canada's largest backline rental and services provider.



Abstraction

Grimelda has elevated beyond Earth-bound terms like "time-signature" and "tempo." In their place, the Saskatoon art-punk duo fills venues with pinballing arrangements that rebound in unpredictable angles. Simultaneously precise and unhinged, calculated and chaotic, Grimelda is an auditory enigma that exists outside of our mortal plane.

### **GULFER**

MONTREAL, QC

\*\*SELECTED BY BARTEES STRANGE\*\*

### Thu 11:30pm - Ship & Anchor

People say late '90s indie genres like emo and math rock are "back" – but Montreal quartet Gulfer is a reminder of this music's timeless appeal. The band layers wordy gang vocals with intricate, cathartic guitar lines at unpredictable time signatures that keep you on the edge of your seat, offering a nostalgic but spontaneous take on some of indie's most beloved sounds.

### **GUSTAF**

BROOKLYN, NY

### Thu 12:30am - Palomino (Downstairs) Fri 12:30am - Pin-Bar

Known for high-energy shows and an idiosyncratic take on art rock, Gustaf is a rhythmically intoxicating post-punk band that knows how to make a party turn weird... in the best way. Debut album *Audio Drag for Ego Slobs* (Royal Mountain Records) has shades of Jonathan Richman, The Fall and ESG, delivered with their own sense of one-of-a-kind cool.

### **GUT BALLOON**

REGINA, SK

### Thu 9:00pm - Loophole Coffee Bar Sat 11:30pm - Pin-Bar

While making comedic folk-punk songs under the name G.B. Loon & The Loonies, the members of Gut Balloon were intrigued by the new thrill of playing '80s-inspired punk and garage rock. Changing its name and sound but keeping the wit, the band has emerged as a force with which to be reckoned.

### **HAILSTONES**

CALGARY, AB

structuredabstraction.com

\*\*SELECTED BY SET FESTIVAL\*\*

### Sat 7:30pm - King Eddy

Hailstones is the brainchild of Calgary-based Iranian musician Hesam Ohadi (aka Idlefon). After 15 years of making strictly electronic music, Ohadi started to experiment with piano and vocals in a fully acoustic context. Those experimentations led to the formation of Hailstones, a band that Ohadi started with their fellow musicians Mehraun Ehsani and Bo Scavvies.

30

Structured

### **HAIR CONTROL**

CALGARY, AB

### Sat 9:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Using synthesizers and drum machines to create a unique brand of hypnotic and energizing new wave music, Hair Control's sound and aesthetic is rooted in both vintage workout tapes and trendy dance clubs. This is music to sweat to while smiling, wherever you find yourself listening to it.

### **HARDCORE MAKEOUT**

CALGARY, AB

### Sat 12:00pm - Sled Island's Ramsay Block Party

A thrilling and mysterious new band featuring members of Calgary acts Sonido Nuevo, Kid Cali and Pancake, Hardcore Makeout has been generating buzz around town for its unique take on indie pop and R&B. Whether at the back of the room or the front of the stage, this is lively and lighthearted music for anyone to enjoy.

### **HARSH**

CALGARY, AB

### Sat 8:30pm - Pin-Bar

Relentlessly positive while steadfast in its radical ideology, HARSH manages to walk the fine-but-vital line of being both challenging and inclusive. The band expands on the melodic lo-fi punk sound and vocal harmonies that are often associated with queer and feminist punk, with soaring guitar riffs that are heavy and, well, harsh.

### **HATERS**

BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

### Thu 11:30pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Lovers was taken. Haters are a joyous giant pastel pink heart shaped helium balloon full of razor blades and broken glass. A three-piece mix of garage, indie and punk, with sharp, candid and deliberately uncomfortable lyrics from Queensland, Australia.

### **HAVIAH MIGHTY**

TORONTO, ON

### Fri 11:30pm - Dickens

Polaris Prize and JUNO winner Haviah Mighty returns to Calgary for her first-ever Sled Island performance. A former member of The Sorority, the celebrated rapper last released the single "Honey Bun" following a JUNO win for the 2021 mixtape Stock Exchange. A commanding presence on both record and stage, her set at Dickens will be a celebration of the finest in Canadian hip-hop.

### **HERMITESS**

CALGARY, AB

### Thu 6:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

If you think the harp is only played as part  $% \left\{ 1,2,\ldots ,n\right\}$ 



### **EMMA RUTH RUNDLE**

PORTLAND, OR

Wed 8:00pm - Central United Church

Disquieting singer-songwriter Emma Ruth Rundle got her start as a post-rock and metal guitarist playing with bands like Red Sparowes (of which she is still a member), Marriages and The Nocturnes, but has emerged in recent years as an auteur of haunted folk.

Beginning with 2014's Some Heavy Ocean, her solo discography has largely been led by her voice and electric guitar that conjure pitch-black gothic imagery, setting funereal instrumentals against allegorical tales of graveyards and ghosts.

But it's 2021's Engine of Hell that Rundle is celebrating during her stop at Sled Island, where she will perform solo on piano. Recorded live with all acoustic instruments and more directly personal than any of her other work to date, it's a bare, aching work that — for the first time — prominently features Rundle at the piano bench.

With its Biblical allusions set in relatably modern scenarios and accounts of bone-crushing grief, the record and its respective live incarnation offer moments of cathartic reflection unlike any other musical experience at Sled Island.

### **HERR SPECTRE**

ISTANBUL, TURKEY/CALGARY, AB
\*\*SELECTED BY SET FESTIVAL\*\*

### Fri 12:00am - Palomino (Downstairs)

HERR SPECTRE is the collaborative project between Iranian musicians Hesam Ohadi (Idlefon) and Zhina Ardalan (Xeen). Their music draws inspiration from various styles such as synth-pop and coldwave. Ardalan's distorted guitars and gloomy vocals subtly complement the electronics that Ohadi produces, bringing out unique multilayered compositions and emotions.

### **HOT GOSS**

VICTORIA, BC

### Fri 10:30pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

A fresh face in Victoria's burgeoning postpunk scene, Hot Goss is here to provide you with the lighthearted good time its moniker suggests. Equal parts sassy and discordant, the band's contagious music and captivating shows are sure to stick with you like scandalous conversations with your friends.

### **HOUSEPANTHER**

WINNIPEG, MB

### Wed 7:00pm - Dandy Tasting Room

housepanther offers a soundtrack to hazy house party memories. Laid-back rhythms occupy the low end while dreamy, jangling guitars and swaying melodies perch above. Taken together, the result is a warm vibe that feels remarkably familiar without losing its spark of spontaneity.

### **HOUSEWIFE**

TORONTO, ON

### Fri 10:00pm - Ship & Anchor

Housewife's songs weave through fuzzy guitars and impossibly catchy chorus melodies. Equally apt for the dance floor and the dive bar, the ever-evolving indie project has found acclaim while remaining free from the constraints of genre. Instead, each Housewife track offers an unpredictable direction while still feeling right at home wherever it lands.

### **HUNDRED FOOTERS**

MONTREAL, QC

### Sun 7:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

They had us at "some trans dykes kickin it" in their Instagram bio. Add punk/country

songs ranging in theme from the Jackass movies to heartfelt tracks about the "butch lesbian experience," and it's an easy sell. Throw some spikes on your cowboy hat and party on, partner!

### **ILLHUMANNATION**

SASKATOON, SK

### Sun 5:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

IllHumanNation is a vocal-forward, six-piece hip-hop group often layering sultry guitar parts and heartfelt melodies with classic hip-hop beats to share messages of hope. Bringing illumination to an ill human nation is at the core of IHN's mantra, and through conscious rhymes and choruses, they're working on healing one listener at a time.

### **INDIAN GIVER**

TORONTO, ON

### Wed 8:30pm - Ship & Anchor Thu 6:00pm - Sloth Records

Indigenous metal-crossover crew Indian Giver is unapologetically reclaiming all that's been stolen or lost to colonialism, including access to punk and hardcore scenes. With snarling vocals, crackling guitar and pounding drums, its music is a love letter to Indigenous youth craving representation and demanding reconciliation.

### JANE INC.

TORONTO, ON

### Thu 9:30pm - Commonwealth (Downstairs - Common/Undrgrd)

Jane Inc. is the solo project of the versatile creative force Carlyn Bezic, who spent time as one half of synth-pop duo Ice Cream, and also as a member of Meg Remy's projects U.S. Girls and Darlene Shrugg. Making music that is both edgy and accessible, she pushes her experimental sounds further into the pop realm.

### **JAYWOOD**

WINNIPEG, MB

Tue 9:00pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

### Wed 9:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

Integrating the tranquility of bedroom pop with electro-funk aesthetics and an indie-rock attitude, JayWood crafts eclectic, contemplative recordings. Hailing from the Canadian prairies, JayWood works equally well for a frigid Winnipeg winter or an LA dance floor. The 2022 release, *Slingshot*, sees a matured continuity from humble jangle-guitar beginnings to more elaborate productions.

### **JED ARBOUR**

MONTREAL, QC

### Fri 9:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

Reminiscent of the lo-fi aesthetic and raw vulnerability of Phil Elverum or Cat Power,



70

Jed Arbour is a showcase for the incredible songwriting of Jed Stein. Their songs carry a profound and haunting intimacy — a space that very few writers can occupy comfortably. Complete as a highly versatile and dynamic three-piece that can range from folk to post-rock, this is a truly impressive group that demands your attention.

### **JODY GLENHAM**

VANCOUVER, BC

### Sat 4:00pm - Ship & Anchor

With the haunting vocals and layers of nostalgic synths and distorted guitars that have become synonymous with "ethereal," Jody Glenham makes music for long drives on dreamy nights. This is moody without being dour; her songs steadily build into anthems that will stick with you long after they finish.

### **JWORDS**

BROOKLYN, NY

\*\*SELECTED BY BARTEES STRANGE\*\*

### Thu 11:30pm - Commonwealth (Downstairs - Common/Undrgrd)

Philly producer JWords is an electronic beatmaker with a deep connection to hiphop. As one half of H31R, alongside fellow Bartees Strange-curatorial pick Maassai, she is responsible for the new experimental rap classic ve·loc·i·ty. And her extensive Bandcamp discography is worth its own exploration, from the "DancePak" mixtape series to the 2022 album Self-Connection.

### **K-RIZ & THE FAMILY**

CALGARY, AB

Wed 10:30pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

### Fri 3:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

K-Riz, a rapper originally based in Edmonton, is making waves in the global hip-hop community with his mellow vocals and jazz-influenced beats. His music has a Bay Area hyphy feel that would be at home at the legendary Good Life Café, and covers themes of both joy and sadness, but more so the feeling of being at peace with it all.

### **KAEYAE ALO**

CALGARY, AB

### Wed 6:00pm - Sloth Records Fri 5:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

With austere R&B textures and hypnotic vocal stylings, Kaeyae Alo has her finger on the pulse of contemporary soul music. Focusing both on the connections between people and the inner lives we all privately have, her music encourages you towards deeper connection to, and understanding of, yourself and your community.



HELADO NEGRO
BROOKLYN, NY
\*\*SELECTED BY BARTEES STRANGE\*\*

Sat 12:00am - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

If you're not familiar with the man Lido Pimienta called "the most prolific artist ever," we are pleased to introduce you to Roberto Carlos Lange, a.k.a. Helado Negro. The folk-pop-electronic experimentalist has indeed released a lot of music in even more styles but there's a sublime, psychedelic sensibility holding the vast puzzle of music together.

Beginning with Awe Owe, Lange released five albums on Asthmatic Kitty from 2009 to 2016. Each blended folk, electronic music and his distinct approach to experimentalism. Though his core is gentle vocals in both Spanish and English, acoustic guitar, synth and drums, Lange's arsenal includes strings, woodwinds, brass, steel drum and more.

It was in 2019, though, that Lange released what *Pitchfork* called a "masterpiece:" *This Is How You Smile* on Rvng. Intl. The 12-track, autobiographical album explores themes of contemporary Latinx life with a focus on familial relationships. It follows Lange's inward-looking narrative carried by acoustic guitar while a Pet Sounds-level menagerie of accompaniment encircles each song.

And on most recent album Far In (4AD), Helado takes a victory lap. Full of elongated, vibe-soaked meditations that drift between buzzing dance tracks and tidal slow-jams. It is particularly synth-forward and is bolstered by an eclectic drum presence that matches each shift in mood.

Along the way, Lange has earned prestigious recognition. Beyond the music press's adoration, he's scored a Joyce Foundation Award and a United States Artists Fellowship in Music. Of the eclectic lineup of Bartees Strange's curator picks, Helado is perhaps the further into his artistic career of the batch, an act at his peak that arrives just in time for this year's festival.



WHERE ARE WE?
Right beside The Nash in
Inglewood: 925 11 ST SF

\$10 Barrel Aged Cocktails \$10 Brown Bag Wine Features

SOME THINGS DON'T CHANGE, THEY JUST GET BETTER.

### KAINA

CHICAGO, IL

\*\*SELECTED BY BARTEES STRANGE\*\*

### Thu 11:00pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

KAINA creates a timeless kind of pop best described as weightless and sublime. Raised in a Venezuelan-Guatemalan household in Chicago, she grew up with the music of Stevie Wonder, Celia Cruz and Oscar D'León — and it shows. Her croon is classic, powerful but never showy, and always served by arrangements that play with polyrhythm and psych-pop to pristine results.

### **KAMIKAZE NURSE**

VANCOUVER, BC

### Fri 4:30pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor) Fri 10:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

Taking its name from Simone Weil's belief in radical compassion and courage in response to a great evil, Kamikaze Nurse plays noisy dream pop that is both frenzied and heavenly. Torchbearers to the sound created by Sonic Youth, the band adds to that palette with the pop stylings that are synonymous with its label, Mint Records.

### **KRILL WILLIAMS**

CALGARY, AB

### Thu 7:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

This Calgary indie-pop quintet is building

a buzz with numerous festival appearances and a pair of self-released EPs that showcase its easy going sweater-pop sound (i.e. comfy, cozy, fuzzy, familiar). Put 'em on and feel the warmth, but don't get too attached, because each member is bringing something different to the table.

### **KT LAINE**

MONTREAL, QC

### Thu 8:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

Prairie-born KT Laine makes superb, confessional bedsit pop that punches at the same weight as Courtney Barnett, Margo Price and Phoebe Bridgers. Her songs haunt like a late-night heart-venting over a fourth bottle of red wine and a backdrop of a moonlit sleeping city. It's beautiful, beautiful stuff.

### LA SÉCURITÉ

MONTREAL, QC

### Fri 12:30am - Palomino (Main Floor) Sun 9:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Fun-but-freaky art-rockers La Sécurité make music for studio freaks cutting loose at a basement party. All wiggles and itch, the band layers bouncy bass lines, overheated synths and guitar yelps for an adrenalineladen trip through outré rock styles.

### **LAURA HICKLI**

CALGARY, AB

### Fri 6:00pm - Central United Church

Local songwriter extraordinaire and road warrior Laura Hickli returns to Calgary to perform at Sled Island 2023 in the midst of a seven-month-long tour across North America. Hickli applies classically trained piano proficiency and reverberating instrumentation to achieve stunning performances. Hickli's 2022 EP, Both Feet In The World, At Least I Can Stand, tackles themes of mental health, trauma and a religious upbringing to accomplish chamber pop bliss.

### **LAURENCE-ANNE**

MONTREAL, QC

### Thu 10:00pm - Dandy Tasting Room Sat 11:45pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Laurence-Anne creates experimental pop music with a psychedelic edge. With a voice that is equally haunting and sweet, she layers lush and inviting sonic textures over a foundation of lo-fi beats. This creates an inviting style reminiscent of both early 1970's bossa nova and yé-yé, and contemporary shoegaze and dream pop.

### **LEATHER JACUZZI**

TORONTO, ON

Sat 12:30am - Pin-Bar

If pissed-off femme energy could be bottled

35





### LITURGY NEW YORK, NY Wed 11:30pm - Dickens

Since 2009, Liturgy has been both a critical darling and a lightning rod for conversation about what is and isn't black metal. Like their contemporaries Deafheaven, Liturgy draw from a foundation of extreme music but tear apart so-called "rules" with each release. Their albums have featured everything from synthesizers to bagpipes, and while there's a vocal minority among metal fans who like to gatekeep and shout down defectors from genre constraints, Liturgy is a band that has proved itself beyond these semantic arguments.

From cemented classics Aesthetica (2011) and The Ark Work (2015) to bold newer works H.A.Q.Q. (2019) and Origin of the Alimonies (2020), the band has undergone many a lineup change and frontwoman Ravenna Hunt-Hendrix's own gender transition. Through countless challenges and breakthroughs, Hunt-Hendrix's fiendish howls, apocalyptic shredding and compositional spontaneity always remain at the forefront.

Always flipping the script, the band makes its Sled Island debut in support of new album 93696, perhaps Liturgy's most straight-up metal album to date. It's yet another surprise in a career chock full of them, and one we eagerly await.

and then somehow transmuted into a punk, power-pop band, it would sound something like Leather Jacuzzi. A snotty supergroup featuring members of Motorists, Mandates and Gawker (just to name a few), Leather Jacuzzi creates loud, fast, raucous tunes that channel early American hardcore, but with a touch of humour. Okay, maybe a lot.

### **LEV SNOWE**

WINNIPEG, MB

### Fri 5:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

The sonic experiments of Winnipeg producer Lev Snowe — which flourished on 2020's Someday Soon and will continue with a fourth EP this summer — are the perfect soundtrack for low-lit bars on summer days. His wry lyrics float over dreamy electronic soundscapes and bounce with funky energy, making a feverish dance floor inevitable.

### **LOOK ALIVE**

CALGARY, AB

### Fri 2:30pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

This new Calgary act features members of Fall City Fall, Gutter King, and Snakepit. Somewhere along the border of metal and punk, the band's sound is defined by a mix of shredded vocals, chugging riffs and meaty blast beats. The video for its track "Sick Joke" proves that though the band is new, it brings its members' collective experience together for an intense live experience.

### **LOVE LANGUAGE**

MONTREAL, QC

### Thu 10:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

Using the beloved formula of layering distorted guitars over accessible indie rock, Love Language pays homage to the best bands of the '90s without feeling like part of a bygone era. Recently released EP, *Indian* Cowboy, reflects on the tension of expressing Indigeneity in a culture of entrenched colonial religious and social values.

### **LOVELET**

CALGARY, AB

### Wed 8:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

For those who revel in being dramatic, Lovelet's 2018 album Couples Fight Night provides the perfect backdrop to be deeply in your feelings. The wistful, down-tempo emo sound might elicit a tear or two, or at the very least, prompt the shoegaze shuffle. Either way, it's a victory for those unafraid to confront their emotions.

### LOWKITA

SURREY, BC

### Sat 2:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

Lowkita blends hip-hop, R&B and Caribbean tones to create a unique sound

perfect for primetime at the club. Not afraid to slow it down every once in a while, her latest single "Karmahis" features a mellower vibe with melodic keys, displaying Lowkita's vocal range and ability to create both bangers and ballads.

#### **LUKE REQUENA**

VANCOUVER, BC

## Sat 8:15pm - King Eddy

Primarily working with analog synthesizers, Luke Requena creates music to soundtrack whatever realm you may find yourself exploring, and it's easy to get lost in the dense and moody ambiance of his compositions. Engaging and inviting, there is a warmth and comfort throughout the sonic landscape that Requena has created.

#### **LUSHINGS**

CALGARY, AB

# Fri 2:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor) Sat 1:00pm - Sled Island's Ramsay Block Party

Emerging from the early days of the pandemic, Lushings has honed a psychrock sound that's equal parts dreamy and haunting. Grunge influences ruffle the edges while wandering riffs and ethereal vocals occupy the core. Taken together, the dynamic offers a sonic space well worth getting lost in.

#### MAASSAI

BROOKYLN, NY

\*\*SELECTED BY BARTEES STRANGE\*\*

# Fri 10:30pm - Dickens

Avant-garde rapper Maassai has been gaining positive critical attention for her blend of lo-fi, jazz-inspired beats and introspective lyrics ever since the 2021 release of debut album *With the Shifts*. On it, she channels underground sounds and challenges listeners to dig in and engage to great success. She is also half of the duo H3IR, alongside electronic producer IWords

#### **MAGELLA**

MONTREAL, QC

# Fri 7:00pm - Central United Church

MAGELLA commands any stage she graces with her powerful, warm voice. As a singer-songwriter that explores themes of isolation, resistance and identity, MAGELLA's songs are as potent as they are compelling. Her sound is contemporary and forward-thinking, rooted in a hybrid of electronic and experimental genres.

#### **MAKY LAVENDER**

MONTREAL, QC

Wed 11:00pm - Commonwealth (Downstairs - Common/Undrgrd) Sat 4:00pm - Modern Love (Patio) Maky Lavender is a bilingual rapper that drops lyrics over a variety of beats, from deep emotional synths to dance floor trap. His music is both pop-forward and laid back, while newer tracks are straight-up club bangers. Maky L's music is dynamic with a worldly influence, and listeners can hear London, NYC and Montreal influences from track to track.

# **MALAIKA HAILEY**

CALGARY, AB

# Wed 4:00pm - Sloth Records Thu 9:00pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

Sweet, velvety vocals, clear melodies and effortless harmonies comprise Malaika Hailey's music. Paired with laidback beats, her vocals are at home with both synthesizers and subtle acoustic guitars. Malaika's music is perfect for when you're going through a breakup, but want to feel good again — it's a vibe!

# ARTIST BIOS ARE CONTINUED ON PAGE 52



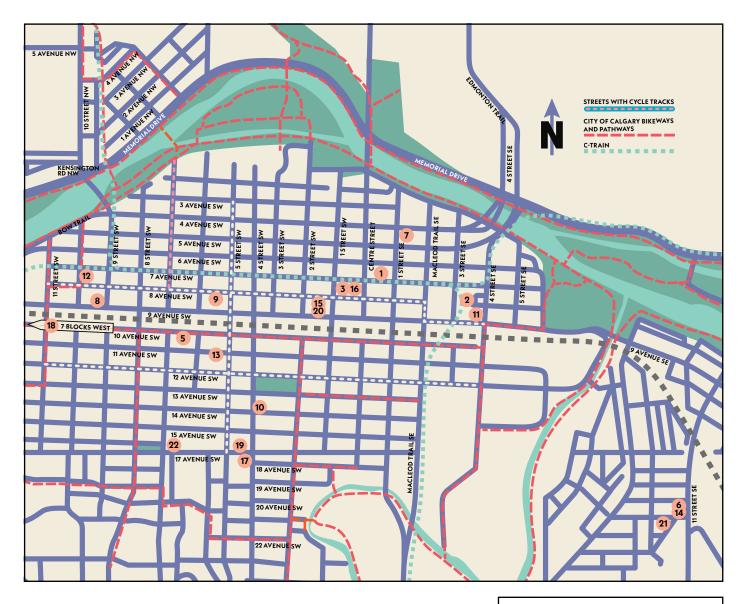
38



OUR ARTS COME HAVE A BEER!!!



# **VENUE MAP**



- #1 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
   (TWO FLOORS) 116 7TH AVE. SE 66 &
- 2. CALGARY CENTRAL LIBRARY (LEVEL 0) 800 3 ST SE & &
- **3. CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH** 131 7TH AVE. SW &
- 4. **CJSW 90.9 FM** (TUNE IN!)
- 5. COMMONWEALTH (TWO FLOORS W/ COMMON/UNDRGRD) 731 10TH AVE. SW
- 6. DANDY TASTING ROOM 2003 11ST SE ♣ . .
- 7. DELTA HOTEL 209 4TH AVE. SE &
- 8. DICKENS 1000 9TH AVE. SW 56.
- 9. GLOBE CINEMA 617 8TH AVE. SW
- **10. I LOVE YOU COFFEE SHOP** 348B 14 AVE SW
- **11. KING EDDY**438 9TH AVE. SE **⋘** &

- 12. LOOPHOLE COFFEE BAR 1040 8 AVE SW 🗞 🕏
- 13. MODERN LOVE\* 613 11 AVE SW 🚳
- 14. NVRLND. (BOUTIQUE) 1048 21ST AVE. SE &
- **15. PALACE THEATRE** 219 8TH AVE. SW 🚜 🛦
- **16. PALOMINO** (TWO FLOORS) 109 7TH AVE. SW 66 &
- 17. PIN-BAR\* 501 17TH AVE. SW &
- 18. QUICKDRAW ANIMATION SOCIETY (2011 10 AVE SW) &
- **19. SHIP & ANCHOR\*** 534 17TH AVE. SW **ॐ &**
- 20. SLED ALLEY\*\* (THE PALACE THEATRE ALLEYWAY) ఈ &
- 21. SLED ISLAND'S RAMSAY BLOCK PARTY 2126 HURST RD. SE 🚜 &
- 22. SLOTH RECORDS 736B 17TH AVE. SW

- ₱ Bike rack locations

   Bike rack locat
- & Wheelchair accessible

# All-ages venues

- \*All-ages accessibility varies, please refer to the Sled Island schedule for details
- \*\*Friday, 12:00pm The Calgary Downtown
  Association (CDA) is our partner in placemaking this year! As the oldest BIA, the CDA
  advocates for Downtown's prosperity and
  resilience on behalf of all Calgarians. As part
  of their mission to help create a lively and
  welcoming downtown, the CDA is activating
  the alleyway behind The Palace Theatre with an
  art market curated by Making Treaty 7 Cultural
  Society, DJ sets, food, drinks and much more!
  Make sure to visit this one-off event on Friday
  before heading to nearby venues!

For detailed venue accessibility information, washroom information and more, please visit SledIsland.com/Venues

# **TUESDAY, JUNE 20**

#### **SLED ISLAND POSTER SHOW**

# Opening Reception, Tue 6:00pm - 9:00pm I Love You Coffee Shop

Our annual Poster Show returns! A vital part of Sled Island since its inaugural year, the Sled Island Poster Show pairs local artists with musicians playing the festival to create limited-edition, hand silk-screened posters by Burnt Toast Studios. Artists include Osees, Bartees Strange, Blackwater Holylight, Cola, Emma Ruth Rundle, Haviah Mighty, Helado Negro, Liturgy, Mannequin Pussy, THICK, SPELLLING and Sun Ra Arkestra! Posters will be on display and for purchase.

Poster illustrators include Paityn Savoie, Mantis Mei, Kevin Stebner, Mitch Malyk, Ava Ginger Djan, Janeen Scott, Josh Ruck, Sikapinakii Lowhorn, Nicole Haywood, Tyler Rambie, Katie Armour, and Cheyenne Suwataga-Mu. Curated by Josh Ruck.

#### **PUNK ROCK BINGO**

# Tue 7:00pm - The Ship & Anchor

The title says it all! Our annual Ship & Anchor Punk Rock Bingo night!! What's better than a punk rock DJ night? If you said a punk rock DJ night where you can win prizes, then... BINGO!



#### **QUIZ SHOE: THE SLED ISLAND EDITION**

# Tue 7:00pm - Modern Love

One of the longest-running trivia nights in Calgary for a reason, Quiz Shoe returns once again to the Sled Island lineup. Whether you're good at thinking or drinking, bring your team and see if you have what it takes to win top prize or one of the many fantastic mini-prizes that can be won throughout the night.

#### **SLED ISLAND KICK-OFF**

Join us for two floors of great music!

# Commonwealth (Main Floor)

8:00pm - More Than Nothing

9:00pm - JayWood

10:00pm - Ryan Bourne & The Plant

# City Band

11:00pm - Fault

12:00am - BRIDGELAND

#### Commonwealth (Downstairs)

8:30pm - **Temia** 

9:30pm - Roya

10:30pm - **R.Flex** 

11:30pm - Sepehr





FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULE, PLEASE CHECK SLEDISLAND.COM/SCHEDULE.

FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULE, PLEASE	. OHEOR OLLD	10LANDIOON	,													
VENUES	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	12:00 AM	1:00 AM
	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30
#1 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (MAIN FLOOR)									GENRES: INDIE ROCK	CONNECTFIRST PRESENTS:	LOVELET	JAYWOOD	SEN MORIMOTO	BARTEES STRANGE		
#1 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (UPSTAIRS)										ENRES: CONN IE ROCK PRE	ECTFIRST SENTS: SILVE	RING GIRL W	ITH DREAM WEAK	KNEES		
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH *								GENRES: SINGER-SONGWRITER & EXPERIMENTAL	TAYLOR JADE	SARRSEW	EMMA RUTH RUNDLE					
CJSW 90.9 FM (TUNE IN!)			LIVE ON	-AIR 1876 ON (1:15PM)									LIVE ON-AIR SESSION	CHECK SLEDISLAND. UP-TO-DATE CJSW L	COM/SCHEDULE FOR IVE SESSIONS TODAY	
COMMONWEALTH (MAIN FLOOR)									GENRE: HIP-HOP &	5: RNB 10 AT 10 F	RESENTS: TEN	MIA N	ADUH K-RIZ	Z & THE ★ MILY AKIN	ІТОҮЕ	
COMMONWEALTH (DOWNSTAIRS – COMMON/UNDRGRD)										GENRES: HIP-HOP & RNB	10 AT 10 PRESENTS:	THE NORTHWEST KID	MIXTAPPER	MAKY LAVENDER		
DANDY TASTING ROOM								GENRES: INDIE ROCK, SINGER- SONG- WRITER, & POP	DANDY PRESENTS:	HOUSEPANTHER	BAD BODIES	TROLL DOLLY	GINGER BEEF			
DICKENS									GENR	ES: HEAVY PRES	AIM! STATE N	DIVISION MARYA	M SIRVAN BIG	BRAVE LITU	IRGY	
I LOVE YOU COFFEE SHOP *	SCREEN-PRINTED ART			SLED ISLAND	POSTER SHOW (9:00	AM – 6:00 PM)										
MODERN LOVE (MAIN FLOOR) **											GENRES: ELECTRONIC	TAWNI BIAS	MINEO KAWASAKI	TEMP-ILLUSION X AMIR B.ASH	CECILE BELIEVE	
NVRLND. (BOUTIQUE) *		ART SHOW			AUARTS STUDENTS'	ASSOCIATION EXHIBIT										
PALOMINO (DOWNSTAIRS)											GENRES: ROCK	WACK	EARTH FREAKS	BARNACLE	тніск	
PALOMINO (MAIN FLOOR)											INDIE ROCK MATT MA		P BABES CINEM	A HEARTS THE W	ESLEYS	
SHIP & ANCHOR **									GENF	RES: PUNK MOMI	INTS FEST SENTS:	GIVER BENC	H PARTY NO MOI	MORE 18	376	
SLOTH RECORDS *					GENRES: RNB & SINGER-SONG-	SLOTH RECORDS IN-STORE:	MALAIKA HAILEY	ALADEAN KHEROUFI	KAEYAE ALO	THE DELLA KIT						

<sup>\*</sup> ALL-AGES VENUE
\*\* NOTE: FAMILY-FRIENDLY FOR CERTAIN HOURS. MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. SEE PAGE 77 FOR MORE INFO.





FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULE, PLEASE CHECK SLEDISLAND.COM/SCHEDULE.

VENUES	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	12:00 AM	1:00 AM
	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30
#1 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (MAIN FLOOR)										GENRES: INDIE ROCK	CONNECTFIRST PRESENTS:	CRYSTAL EYES	LOVE LANGUAGE	BIG EVIL RAT	DEHD	
#1 ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (UPSTAIRS)										GENRES	: ROCK CONNE	CTFIRST DEAD	FRIENDS W	UT THE V		EY & THE AMIDS
CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH *								GENRES: EXPERIMENTAL	SHUMAILA HEMANI	SHN SHN	SUN RA ARKE	STRA				
CJSW 90.9 FM (TUNE IN!)									LIVE ( SES	DN-AIR PAISLEY (7:30			LIVE ON-AIR SESSION		.COM/SCHEDULE FOR IVE SESSIONS TODAY	
COMMONWEALTH (MAIN FLOOR)										GENRES: RNB & POP	10 AT 10 PRESENTS:	MALAIKA HAILEY	THE DELLA KIT	KAINA	AMINDI	
COMMONWEALTH (DOWNSTAIRS – COMMON/UNDRGRD)										GENRES: EL		PRESENTS: JAN	IE INC. RACHE	L GEEK JW	ORDS	
DANDY TASTING ROOM								GENRES: INDIE ROCK	DANDY PRESENTS:	WINDOW LAMP	BABE CORNER	SHEBEAR AND THE HIBERNATION	LAURENCE-ANNE			
DICKENS											GENRES: HEAVY	SIMONE	GENIZAH	BLACKWATER HOLYLIGHT	THE BODY	
I LOVE YOU COFFEE SHOP *	SCREEN-PRINTED ART			SLED ISLAND	POSTER SHOW (9:00 A	AM – 6:00 PM)										
LOOPHOLE COFFEE BAR *									GENRES: PUNK	FAMILY DINNER	QUIT IT!	GUT BALLOON	TJ FELIX AND THE CHARITY CASES	NO BRAINER		
MODERN LOVE (MAIN FLOOR) **									GENRE SINGER-SO	S: FOLK/ ONGWRITER CJSR PR		INETT NEIGH	HBOURLY ALAI KHEF	DEAN SE	SSA	
MODERN LOVE (PATIO) **							GENRES: FOLK/SING- ER-SONGWRITER	THE SCENE PRESENTS:	HERMITESS	KRILL WILLIAMS	KT LAINE	SISTER RAY				
NVRLAND. (BOUTIQUE) *		ART SHOW			AUARTS STUDENTS'	ASSOCIATION EXHIBIT										
PALOMINO (DOWNSTAIRS)										GENRES: P	OST-PUNK C.	JSW BRAI	IN BENT CO		Y GOD GIVES GI	JSTAF
PALOMINO (MAIN FLOOR)											GENRES: PUNK	sтиссо	AVERSIONS	MVLL CRIMES (11:00PM- 11:20PM)  HATERS (11:30PM- 11:50PM)	TVOD	
PIN-BAR **										GENRES: ROCK	FACECUT	GOSSAMER BLUE	RIP ROOM	SUNGLACIERS		
SHIP & ANCHOR **										GENRES	: ROCK OR.	ANJE SUNI	FORGER SWIN	IMING GU	LFER	
SLOTH RECORDS *					GENRES: HEAVY	SLOTH RECORDS IN-STORE	NARCISSISTIC NECROSIS	EVERYTHING YOUEVERLOVED	INDIAN GIVER	SUFFERING HOUR						

<sup>\*</sup> ALL-AGES VENUE
\*\* NOTE: FAMILY-FRIENDLY FOR CERTAIN HOURS. MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. SEE PAGE 77 FOR MORE INFO.







VENUES	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	12:00 AM	1:00 A
	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:3
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (MAIN FLOOR)										GENRES: ROCK	CONNECTFIRST PRESENTS:	STRIPMALL	KAMIKAZE NURS	E MANEKA	MANNEQUIN PUSSY	
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (UPSTAIRS)										GENRE	S: ROCK CONNEC	CTFIRST JED	ARBOUR WA	AIT//LESS SIC	CK PUPPY	
GARY CENTRAL LIBRARY (LEVEL 0) *	CONFERENCE	GETTING THE GRANT - SOCAN, FACTOR AND AFA	FOR THE RECORD: GETTING YOUR MUSIC ON VINYL	FOOD FOR THOUGHT: BANKING ON YOUR TALENT	HAVE YOU HEARD? PR STRATEGY FOR INDE- PENDENT MUSICIANS	CASHING IN: HOW TO COLLECT ROYALTIES	RIDING THE AIRWAY EVERYTHING YOU WA TO KNOW ABOUT COMMUNITY RAD	NTED								
TRAL UNITED CHURCH *							GENRES: EXPERIMENTAL/F	CJSW PRESENTS:	LAURA HICKLI	MAGELLA	SPELLLING					
W 90.9 FM (TUNE IN!)	MAASSAI (9:00 AM)	FAITH HEALER (SOLO) (11:15AM)		LIVE ON-AIR SESSION	SUFFERING HOUR (2:15PM)	BOG BODIES (3:15PM)							LIVE ON-AIR SESSION		ND.COM/SCHEDULE FOR V LIVE SESSIONS TODAY	
//MONWEALTH (MAIN FLOOR)		(TT.TSAM)	GENRES: A DIVERSE CROSS-SECTION	MINT RECORDS SHOWCASE:			R DUTY KA H WORK NUI	ZE MIESHA AND THE	•							
KENS					(3010)				GENRE:	S: HIP-HOP RNB	PRESENTS: VEF		ER DUTY SH WORK	AASSAI HAVIA	AH MIGHTY	
BE CINEMA *								SLED ISLAND COMEDY	STRUCTURED ABSTRACTION PRESENTS:	DAVE MERHEJE, TIN MARK LITTLE, JORDANI SARAH ADAM HOSTED BY AMY E	S					
'E YOU COFFEE SHOP *	SCREEN-PRINTED ART			SLED ISLAND	POSTER SHOW (9:00	AM – 6:00 PM)				TIOSTED DI AINT E	DOAK.					
G EDDY *									GENRE: I	PINK FL	UG MART & .AMINGO DJ PAIS SENT:	EVE PARKER FINLEY	VIVEK SHRAYA	<b>y</b>		
PHOLE COFFEE BAR *				GENRE:	S:HEAVY LOOP		ISSISTIC ROSIS	FEEDING OBR	DA-SKAI		GENRE: ELECTRONIC/ EXPERIMENTAL	WIHTIKOW	SLUG ALTAR	WISH LASH	MHZ	
DERN LOVE (MAIN FLOOR) **				GENRE:	S: RNB & THE G	AUNTLET SENTS:	BUN	WURA SOL KAEY	AE ALO SARG	GEANT X GENRES: HEAVY	ABSOLUTE UNDERGROUND PRESENTS:	THE WEIR	THE NAUSEA	SCALDING	SUFFERING HOUR	
DERN LOVE (PATIO) **					GENRES: HIP-HOP & RNB	CBC PRESENTS:	DIZZY WALKA	86LOVE	MELODNA	DRAGON FLI EMPIRE						
LND. (BOUTIQUE) *		ART SHOW			AUARTS STUDENTS'	ASSOCIATION EXHIBI	T									
ACE THEATRE										GENRES: ROCK	TEBBY & THE HEAVY	GLOIN	OSEES			
ACE THEATRE ALLEYWAY *		CALGARY DOWN- TOWN ASSOCIATION PRESENTS:				SLEI	D ALLEY									
DMINO (DOWNSTAIRS)			GENRE ROCK, PC ER-SON	S: INDIE OP, & SING- OF, WRITER  CUPS I	N CAKES SENTS: AMY I	NELSON PAISLE	Y FIELDS	BABY JEY LEV :		RLAENA DORE	GENRE: ELECTRONIC/ DANCE	POP MONTRÉAL PRESENTS:	EINE KLEINE CHIN	A ASKO	HERR SPECTRE	PELADA
DMINO (MAIN FLOOR)	GENRES: A DIVERSE CROSS-SECTION	ALBERTA MUSIC PRESENTS:	ALBERTA MUSIC MIXER	SAMANTHA SAVAGE SMITH	LUSHINGS	K-RIZ & THE FAMILY	THOMAS THOM	IAS			GENRES: F	POST-PUNK, & ROCK:	BODIES H	OT GOSS FRI	ESH WAX LA SÉC	CURITÉ
BAR **					GENRES:PUNK	MAN MEAT	TEETH TO YOU THROAT	IR BAT SCRATCH	TAROTFUNTIME		ISCORDER TEN	MPS STIL	L DEPTHS BAN	ANAHAUS FA	AUXFUN GUS	STAF
? & ANCHOR **										GENRES: INDIE ROCK	BEACH BODY	PANCAKE	<b>▼</b> HOUSEWIFE	MOTHER TONGUES	POM POM SQUAD	

<sup>\*</sup> ALL-AGES VENUE
\*\* NOTE: FAMILY-FRIENDLY FOR CERTAIN HOURS. MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. SEE PAGE 77 FOR MORE INFO.





FOR THE MOST UP-TO-DATE SCHEDULE, PLEASE CHECK SLEDISLAND.COM/SCHEDULE.

VENUES	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	9:00 PM	10:00 PM	11:00 PM	12:00 AM	1:0
	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	:30	
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (MAIN FLOOR)										GENRES: FOLK / EXPERIMENTAL	CONNECTFIRST PRESENTS:	36?	BURS	EMPANADAS ILEGALES	HELADO NEGRO	0
ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION (UPSTAIRS)										GENRES: I	NDIE ROCK CONNEC		IY GIRL PUBE	ERTY WELL NO	FRILLS	
SW 90.9 FM (TUNE IN!)	LIVE ON-AIR SESSION		K SLEDISLAND.COM/SCI D-DATE CJSW LIVE SESSI													
CKENS											GENRES: HEAVY	EVERYTHING YOUEVERLOVED	DEATH IN SLOW MOTION	GADFLY	SUMAC	
OBE CINEMA *								SLED ISLAND COMEDY	STRUCTURED ABSTRACTION PRESENTS:	DAVE MERHEJE, TIN LOI LITTLE, JORDANNE BRO D'SILVA. HOSTED BY AN	RICA, MARK DWN, JEFF MY EDGAR.					
OVE YOU COFFEE SHOP *	SCREEN-PRINTED ART			SLED ISLAND	POSTER SHOW (9:00	AM – 6:00 PM)										
NG EDDY *									GE! EXPERI	NRES: HAIL STONES	LUKE REQUENA (8:15PM - 8:45PM)	MICHAEL PETER OLSEN				
DDERN LOVE (MAIN FLOOR) **	DRAG SHOW	HOSTED BY: BIRTHDAY GIRL	SLED ISLAND DRAG	GBRUNCH			GENRE	S: ROCK CH	IEER S	AP THE DOG	INDIANA MARGA					
DDERN LOVE (PATIO) **			GENRES: HIP-HOP	SERENADE & ADORÉ	LOWKITA	CXTOTHEWORLD	MAKY LAVENDER	GENRES: DRUM BEAT ELEC- PRODUCTIONS TRONIC PRESENTS:	SEAN BEAVER	DELAB	CARISSA GEM	YOUNG DENE				
RLND. (BOUTIQUE) *		ART SHOW				AUARTS	STUDENTS' ASSOCIATI	ION EXHIBIT								
LOMINO (DOWNSTAIRS)					: ROCK & WITCH	I VICTIM UNCAN	NY VALLEY SNAKI	E RIVER DA	INES	GENRES ROC		SENTS: HAIR (	CONTROL EYE	OF NEWT PA		ATER FROM OUR EYES
LOMINO (MAIN FLOOR)			GENRES: ROCK	CFCR PRESENTS:	GREY LIGHT DISTRICT	CHUNDER BUFFET	SOUL MATES	GRIMELDA			GENRES: POP	VIC (9:4	I5PM - (10	):45PM - (11:	NCE-ANNE :45PM - 2:15)	
V-BAR **			GENRE	ES: PUNK CITR + DI	ISCORDER MAR	RCHER SO	TIRED MIDNIC	GHT PEG STI	UTTR	GENRE:	S: PUNK HAI	٧				HER JACUZZ
JICKDRAW ANIMATION SOCIETY *	WORKSHOP	QUICKDRAW ANIMATION SOCIETY PRESENTS:	PLASTIC	INE PORTRAITURE WO	DRKSHOP											
IP & ANCHOR **				GENRES: SINGER- SONGWRITER & RNB	ZENON+	BARBARA	JODY GLENHAM	SAMANTHA SAVAGE SMITH			GENRES: ROCK	FULFILMENT	SPEEDREADER	TOUGH AGE	WEIRD NIGHTMA	ARE
ED ISLAND'S RAMSAY BLOCK PARTY *	GENRES: ROCK	SLED ISLAND, EIGHTY-EIGHT, AND DANDY PRESENT:	HARDCORE MAKEOUT	LUSHINGS	PACKS	BODYWASH	BOOTER	FOLD PAPER	GHOST WOMAN	POM POM SQUAD	COLA					

<sup>\*</sup> ALL-AGES VENUE
\*\* NOTE: FAMILY-FRIENDLY FOR CERTAIN HOURS. MINORS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. SEE PAGE 77 FOR MORE INFO.





# **SUNDAY, JUNE 25**



#### **SLED ISLAND POSTER SHOW**

# Final Day, Sun 9:00am - 6:00pm I Love You Coffee Shop

Our annual Poster Show returns! A vital part of Sled Island since its inaugural year, the Sled Island Poster Show pairs local artists with musicians playing the festival to create limited-edition, hand silk-screened posters by Burnt Toast Studios. AArtists include Osees, Bartees Strange, Blackwater Holylight, Cola, Emma Ruth Rundle, Haviah Mighty, Helado Negro, Liturgy, Mannequin Pussy, THICK, SPELLLING and Sun Ra Arkestra! Posters will be on display and for purchase.

Poster illustrators include Paityn Savoie, Mantis Mei, Kevin Stebner, Mitch Malyk, Ava Ginger Djan, Janeen Scott, Josh Ruck, Sikapinakii Lowhorn, Nicole Haywood, Ty-Ier Rambie, Katie Armour, and Cheyenne Suwataga-Mu. Curated by Josh Ruck.

# AUARTS STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION EXHIBIT

# Sun 12:00pm - 4:00pm nyrInd. boutique

The AUArts Students' Association, in collaboration with Sled Island and nvrInd. boutique present an exhibition featuring work by emerging artists from the Alberta University of Arts.

AUArts Students' Association is a visible and vocal student-run organization that represents a creative community of students. As emerging creative professionals we value meaningful opportunities that enhance our educational experience while recognizing the value of our dedication to art, design, research and craft.

Artists include Mantis, Alaska White, Juli Song, Alexandra Jaco, Rachel Erickson,

Vivian Smith, Nicole Shah, Lauren Jacobson.

#### **SLED ISLAND WRAP-UP PIG ROAST**

Sun 3:30pm - The Palomino Smokehouse Join us on Sunday for our annual wrap-up party at the Palomino Smokehouse! The final day of the festival is an incredible send-off complete with awesome music and incredible BBQ. The pig roast starts at 3:30pm, and is complimentary with your Sled Island wristband or ticket (while supplies last), so come hungry. When the music's over, join us at Modern Love for our Wrap-Up Karaoke! This is hardly the last hurrah.

# Palomino (Downstairs)

4:30pm - Bat Scratch

5:30pm - **SAP** 

6:30pm - Parisian Orgy

7:30pm - Sick Puppy

8:30pm - Weird Nightmare

9:30pm - Margaritas Podridas

# Palomino (Main Floor)

4:00pm - A.N.

5:00pm - ILLHumanNation

6:00pm - Double Rider

7:00pm - Hundred Footers

8:00pm - **ASKO** 

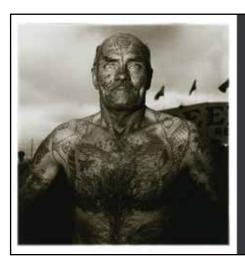
9:00pm - La Sécurité

# **SLED ISLAND WRAP-UP KARAOKE**

#### Sun 10:00pm - Modern Love

This is the true test of a real Sled Island enthusiast! After making it through five-ish days of running around, dancing your butt off and partying until you drop, you have one final chance to let loose before next year's festival.

Check out SledIsland.com for all of the latest news and schedule updates!



# DIANE ARBUS

PHOTOGRAPHS, 1956 - 1971



MAY 11 — SEPTEMBER 17, 2023

OF ONTARIO

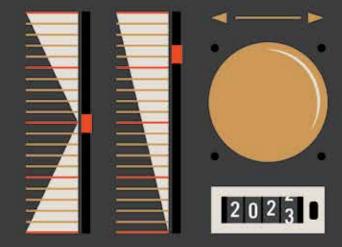


LEARN MORE:

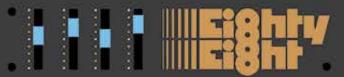
DIANE ARBUS: PHOTOGRAPHS, 1956 - 1971 IS ORGANIZED BY THE ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO



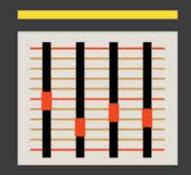
Eighty-Eight Brewing Co. is a proud sponsor of the 2023 Sled Island Music & Arts Festival.

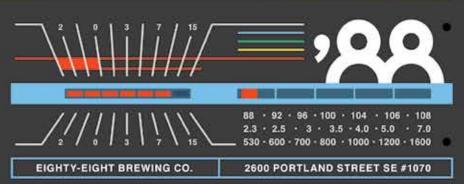




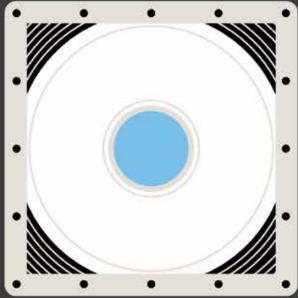


# EIGHTYEIGHTBREWING.CA









#### MANEKA

DETROIT, MI

\*\*SELECTED BY BARTEES STRANGE\*\*

# Fri 11:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

Former Speedy Ortiz-ian Devin McKnight now records exciting genre exercises as Maneka. Caught between his obvious talent for '90s-indebted indie rock and a voracious appetite for samples and studio wizardry, Maneka is a genre-agnostic exploration of a restless creative spirit. 2022 album *Dark Matters* is equal parts anthemic slacker tunes and complete non-sequiturs of jazz and electronic music — it's an intoxicating mix.

#### **MAN MEAT**

SASKATOON, SK

#### Fri 3:00pm - Pin-Bar

Formed in 2014, Man Meat have dug their heels in deep to establish their own personal brand of sludgy noise rock. Man Meat released their first EP Hail Nothing, Eat Shit in 2016 and followed it up with an equally disarming EP in 2018 titled Dirt Fight. Now armed with a newly released single and a collection of new tunes, the band's passion for whirlwind momentum continues.

#### **MARCHER**

52

CALGARY, AB

#### Sat 2:30pm - Pin-Bar

Reflecting on the often abhorrent treatment

of both marginalized people and the environment in the city of Calgary, Marcher is a solo punk/experimental project that uses harsh and confrontational sounds to both vent frustrations and inspire change. Much like the melody that cuts through the music's layers of distorted noise, there is a hope in the bleakness.

#### **MARGARITAS PODRIDAS**

HERMOSILLO, MEXICO

# Sat 8:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor) Sun 9:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Roughly translated in English to "Rotten Daisies," Margaritas Podridas is a grunge and shoegaze-inspired quartet from Hermosillo, Mexico. A rising DIY act, the group has gained international attention thanks to its placement on the 2022 *This Ain't No Picnic* lineup and a buzzy live set for KEXP. Start with the group's 2021 self-titled album for a taste of its interpretation of different '90s underground sounds.

#### **MARLAENA MOORE**

MONTREAL, QC

#### Fri 6:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Ex-Edmontonian Marlaena Moore sings with a paradoxical mix of resignation and hope that suits listeners on the verge of collapse or at the start of a new love with equal measure. Her powerful — though understated — voice

carries strummy indie-rock torch songs that are occasionally dressed up with cathartic synths and strings but mostly fall along the indie-rock spectrum.

#### **MARYAM SIRVAN**

CALGARY, AB

\*\*SELECTED BY SET FESTIVAL\*\*

### Wed 9:30pm - Dickens

Maryam Sirvan is an Iranian sound artist, vocalist, and composer based in Calgary. Her works explore different possibilities of blending noise, processed voice, field recordings, and electronics. She has been half of the multidisciplinary duo NUM since 2010. She has released three solo albums as well as several releases with NUM.

#### **MATT MACNEIL & THE GEEKS**

TORONTO, ON

#### Wed 8:30pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

The solo project of one-half of Hogtown duo Homer, Matt MacNeil would sound at home on any campus playlist — and every Canadian indie-rock club stage. It's rock for nice, thoughtful Pete Yorn-people, with melodies and vocals ready and eager to engage on any and every level.

#### **MELODNA**

REGINA, SK

Fri 6:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

SUPPorteSival volunteers.

Stand Festival volunteers.

PANAGO
310-0001

SLED ISLAND 2023



#### **MANNEQUIN PUSSY**

PHILADELPHIA, PA

Fri 12:00am - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

Mannequin Pussy deals in sonic catharsis. The snarling riffs and primal yells that populate the band's discography contrast with poignantly vulnerable lyrics and aching shoegaze melodies. This vibrant approach to punk rock defines the uncertainty of the last decade, as Mannequin Pussy leads us fearlessly into a new one.

Initially formed in Connecticut, Mannequin Pussy began life in 2010 as a scrappy two-piece project for childhood friends Marisa "Missy" Dabice and Athanasios Paul. They released two EPs in 2011, playfully titled Meatslave and Bonerjamz!.

After relocating to Philadelphia, they released their self-titled debut album in 2014. This 18-minute blast of hardcore joy established Mannequin Pussy as a force with which to be reckoned. In 2015 and 2016, respectively, Kaleen Reading and Colins "Bear" Regisford joined the Mannequin Pussy lineup.

The band cut its teeth on the touring circuit and released *Romantic* in 2016. The album's balance of taut fury and bitter reminiscence earned the group rave reviews from *Rolling Stone*, and a path to eventually join the legendary Epitaph Records.

Mannequin Pussy's first release through Epitaph was *Patience*, a collection of emotional revelations delivered with ferocious speed. *Patience* explored the melodic sensibilities of the group without losing any grit and was acclaimed by *Pitchfork* as one of the best albums of 2019.

With Paul exiting the band, the now three-piece barrelled into a new era with 2021's *Perfect* EP. These blistering five tracks explore themes of isolation behind a wall of guitar pop, offering a chance to thrash our anxieties away. Don't miss them at their first-ever Calgary show.

#### MHZ

WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND \*\*SELECTED BY SET FESTIVAL\*

# Fri 12:00am - Loophole Coffee Bar

Mo H. Zareei aka mHz is an Iranian sound artist and electronic musician based in New Zealand. His practice ranges from electronic music composition and performance to audiovisual and kinetic sound installations. His music has been published via Important Records (US), LINE (US), leerraum (CH), and Kasuga Records (DE).

#### **MICHAEL PETER OLSEN**

TORONTO, ON

# Sat 9:00pm - King Eddy

In addition to being a captivating, solo electric cellist making epic ambient music, Michael Peter Olsen is a film composer, Grammy-nominated songwriter and 54 collaborator of Drake and The Hidden Cameras. For his solo practice, he cheekily refers to his work as similar to "Enva (but instrumental)" and "Kraftwerk (with no drums.)" Olsen is also a full-time member of the shoegaze outfit Zoon, who you may have seen at Sled Island 2022.

# **MIDNIGHT PEG**

EDMONTON, AB

# Sat 4:30pm - Pin-Bar

If anything, catch Midnight Peg's set to ask vocalist Rocky Mann about her eclectic lyrics. "Milk that pigeon" comes to mind, but there are a plethora of examples scattered throughout their 2022 debut, Horn Colic. Mann's raspy punk sneer wraps around her curiously written lyrics backed by a playful post-punk (possibly even a little emo) punch.

# **MIESHA AND THE SPANKS**

CALGARY, AB

#### Fri 5:15pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

There's very little that hasn't already been said about this town's bestest, badassest, blues-rock Barbarella. Which is good because Unconditional Love In Hi-Fi, the latest release from Miesha Louie and her stick-swinging Spank Sean Hamilton, will leave the listener speechless. All sass and swagger with riffs for fucking days, it is, without a doubt, the finest, fiercest entry into an already astounding discography.

#### MINEO KAWASAKI

MATSUYAMA, JAPAN

# Wed 10:00pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Mineo Kawasaki is a solo drummer and composer who manipulates rhythms and effects with a MIDI controller as he performs. His sets include a mixture of postrock, indie, electronica, techno and minimal music. In the fall of 2022, he brought his eclectic sounds to Canada for the first time, touring Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal to enraptured crowds.

#### **MIXTAPPER**

BRAMPTON, ON

# Wed 10:00pm - Commonwealth (Downstairs - Common/Undrgrd)

MixTapper is an independent recording artist that reps both classic and contemporary hip-hop. Utilizing straightforward, fluid melodies with heavier trap rhythms, his rhyming aesthetic is a hybrid of classic rappers and new lyricists. Year after year, MixTapper has proven himself as a rising force in Canada's hip-hop scene.

#### MORE THAN NOTHING

CALGARY, AB

# Tue 8:00pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

If you're familiar with Calgary's experimental music scene, you'll know that a quartet of Jiajia Li, Laura Reid, Whitney Ota and Krzysztof Sujata means you're in for multidisciplinary improv music at the highest level. Flutist Li, violinist Reid, and electronics wizards Ota and Sujata know how to bring avant-garde new music to audiences like few others.

#### **MOTHER TONGUES**

TORONTO, ON

# Fri 11:00pm - Ship & Anchor

Mother Tongues draws from psych rock's decorated history to bolster a distinctly modern perspective, layering richly textured fuzz over dramatic key arrangements and droning kraut tempos. Debut EP Everything You Wanted revels in a world of mystical, twisting dynamics, best exemplified on the seven-minute shoegaze epic "Eternity."

#### **MVLL CRIMES**

LONDON, ON

# Thu 11:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Punk quartet MVLL CRIMES swings and stomps with divine purpose. Wailing riffs dizzy and distort alongside driving bass lines and massive drums, blending like a siren song to a DIY basement venue. All the while, songs ranging in themes from "Foods I Don't Eat" to "Don't Be a Cop" are delivered with equally alluring aggression.

#### **NADUH**

VANCOUVER, B.C.

# Wed 9:30pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

NADUH is a five-piece, femme-powered hip-hop group that writes, engineers and produces all its own music. Through R&B-infused beats and lyrical themes of empowerment, sexuality and spirituality, NADUH cracked 500K streams on Spotify in 2022 and was nominated for the Western Canadian Music Awards R&B Artist of the Year.

#### **NARCISSISTIC NECROSIS**

CALGARY, AB

# Thu 4:00pm - Sloth Records Fri 3:30pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

For seven years, Narcissistic Necrosis was the solo project of William BigCrow. Now, with the addition of drummer Jayden Walker, the band promises to be "the brutalist, heaviest duo you've ever witnessed." For reference, BigCrow plays with Dethgod, Nerada and Afterearth while Walker is in Urethane and Pearl Male.

#### **THE NAUSEA**

VANCOUVER, BC

# Fri 10:00pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Composer, musician and performer Anju Singh is bringing her combination of chamber-doom and noise – created via violin and electronics – to Sled Island as The Nausea. Easy-listening it is not. Rather, Singh is pushing the sonic boundaries of her instruments into the furthest reaches of the halls of extreme music to "channel doubt and discomfort, venting and volume, hypnosis and requiems." It's something best understood out-loud.

# **NEIGHBOURLY**

VICTORIA, BC

#### Thu 9:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

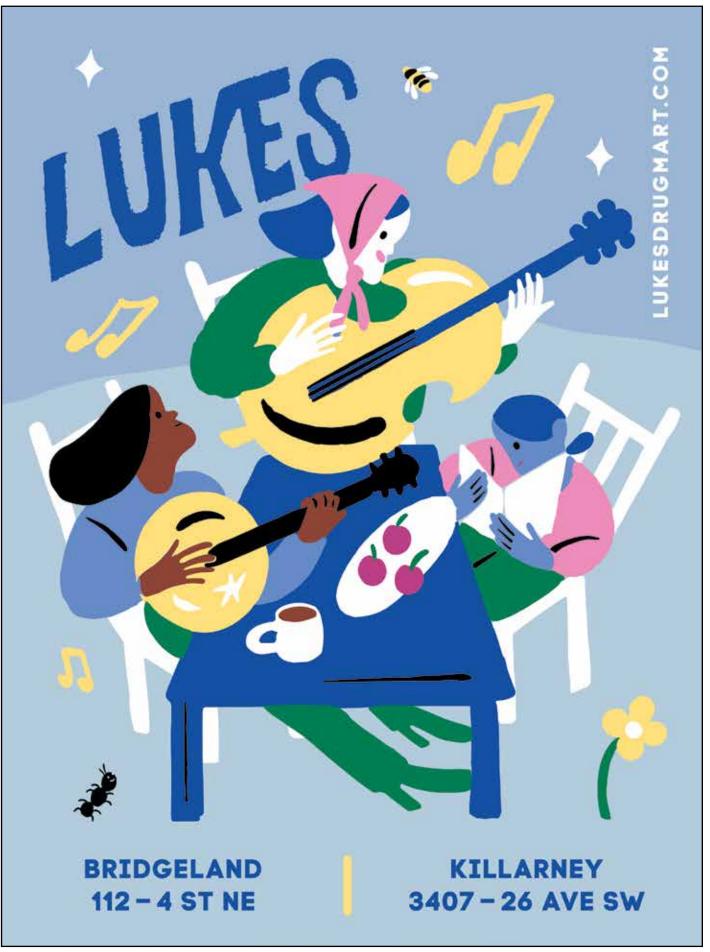
Psychedelic sweetness meets pure, funky bliss when Neighbourly hits the stage. This poppy four-piece, formerly known as SPEAK EASY, blends just the right amount of fuzzy sensibility into its brand of hookheavy bass lines and tasty guitar licks. If Canadian Island vibes are the destination, Neighbourly has the ticket.

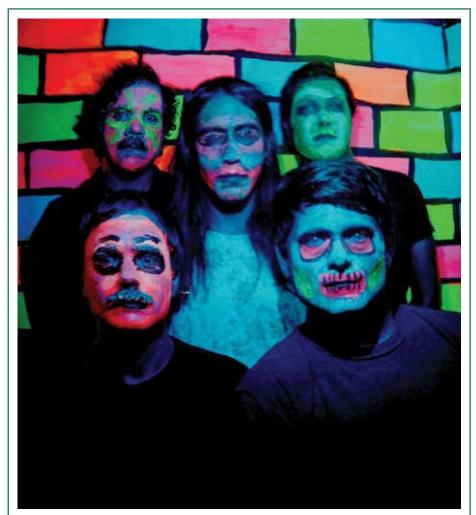
#### **NILOO**

VICTORIA, BC

# Sat 10:45pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

The solo project of singer-songwriter and visual artist Niloo Farahzadeh (formerly of LOOELLE), Niloo is an indie dreampop project inspired by shoegaze, '90s female singer-songwriters and '70s Persian pop. Otherworldly but lyrically vivid, she explores themes of hybrid identity, alienation and heartache.





#### **OSEES**

LOS ANGELES, CA

Fri 10:00pm - Palace Theatre

The non-stop audio death machine that is Osees has explored the edges of possibility for decades. With a discography in the dozens and a furiously sweat-drenched live show, the band has earned its place as a pillar of the modern underground.

Osees – formerly known as Thee Oh Sees, among other names – is the twisted brainchild of John Dwyer, who served as a guest curator for Sled Island 2013. The project was initially a solo exploration of experimental sounds as Dwyer carved his way through the early '00s California music scene, fronting bands such as Coachwhips and Ziegenbock Kopf. As these groups disbanded, Dwyer began assembling a rotating lineup to help bring Osees' dream to life.

The freaky folk arrangements of 2007's Sucks Blood warned the world of what was to come. The Master's Bedroom is Worth Spending a Night In was unleashed in 2008, featuring a four-piece Osees exploring the outer edges of garage punk. Follow-up releases Help and Carrion Crawler/The Dream expanded into the dance-y krautrock stratosphere.

After a hiatus and lineup change in 2014, Osees explored psych, metal, and free jazz on albums such as *Orc* and *Face Stabber*. A rigorous touring schedule matched this flurry of releases, building the reputation of Osees' live show. A *Foul Form* is the group's latest release, a staggering blast of '80s-style hardcore punk.

Osees' 2011 Sled Island performance at Broken City was a legendarily huge party. The band's long-awaited return will be a monstrous lesson on hip-shaking rock.

#### **NO BRAINER**

CALGARY, AB

#### Thu 11:00pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

Wait, what year is it? Are we at the Vans Warped Tour (before it sucked, duh)? This four-piece made up of members of PMMA, Paradise, The Special Edisons, and Death Knell don't mess around with its galvanizing and nostalgic variety of punk rock. Pull your buddies close, and thrash around to the sound of a simpler time... and cheaper show beers.

#### **NO FRILLS**

TORONTO, ON

# Sat 11:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

Springing from the imagination of Daniel Busheikin, No Frills delivers intimate ballads and subtle desperation with lo-fi charm and jangly delivery. Featuring members of Born Ruffians, Rapport and Ducks LTD., the band crafts melodies that are as playful as they are bittersweet. Check out their 2022 LP Downward Dog for dance floor ready bedroom pop.

# **NO MORE MOMENTS**

SIKSIKA NATION, AB

## Wed 10:30pm - Ship & Anchor

Siksika punk combo No More Moments have been blowing up stages in Calgary for years, with an extra degree of urgency since releasing the *Quarter Life Crisis* EP in 2022. That release showed just how furious the band's interpretation of hardcore and metal remains after 15 (!) years playing together.

#### THE NORTHWEST KID

SASKATOON, SK

# Wed 9:00pm - Commonwealth (Downstairs - Common/Undrgrd)

The Northwest Kid (NWK) is a poet and emcee whose sound ranges from Golden Era hip-hop to nightclub EDM. Using everything from acoustic instruments to pounding sub bass in his music, he's collaborated with artists such as Kimmortal, Tara Williamson and Tall Paul. You can even find him in a guest appearance on the new album from The Halluci Nation (formerly A Tribe Called Red).

# **OBROA-SKAI**

EDMONTON, AB

#### Fri 5:30pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

Much like the planet from the Star Wars universe that shares the same name, this Edmonton four-piece is a terrestrial mix of noise, clobbering post-hardcore and screamo. Grounded in the destruction of malevolent forces such as transphobia, fascism and colonialism, Obroa-Skai sink their teeth into providing the perfect soundtrack for the fall of the empire.



# **ONLY GOD FORGIVES**

TORONTO, ON

#### Thu 11:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Impishly groovy quartet Only God Forgives makes scrappy rock and roll to squirm and squeal to. Above the herk and jerk of its rhythm section, the band's gang vocals and duelling melodies from guitar and synth fall somewhere between the snarl of no wave and the effervescent sheen of pop. It's an addictive mix worth risking it all for on the dance floor.

#### **ORANJE**

CALGARY, AB

#### Thu 8:30pm - Ship & Anchor

Influenced by Midwestern emo/math-rock acts like Origami Angel and Chon, local trio Oranje plays tightly coiled start-stop tunes that keep your ears on edge. The group — who met playing in U of C's jazz orchestra — are gearing up to release their debut EP, and the demos they've released on Bandcamp so far show a great deal of musicianship and a distinctly engaging instrumental style.

#### **PACKS**

MONTREAL, QC

Sat 2:00pm - Sled Island's Ramsay Block Party

Sat 11:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

If in a parallel universe the epicentre of

'90s slack rock took place in storied Laurel Canyon, there would probably be dozens of bands like PACKS. In our reality, there is not — Maddie Link's recording project is a little Liz Phair, a little sunbathing on acid. 2023 album *Crispy Crunch Nothing* (that title!) is a serious showing of her distinct songwriting style and eerie vocal delivery.

#### **PAISLEY FIELDS**

BROOKLYN, NY

## Fri 3:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Queer country artist Paisley Fields has about the best stamp of approval an artist in his position could have — he was a touring member of Lavender Country (who you hopefully saw at Sled Island 2022), and was featured on their 2022 comeback album. His own album *Limp Wrist* tackles growing up closeted in lowa, the hate crime-murder of Matthew Shepherd and the hypocrisy of homophobes. It's stirring stuff, but delivered with the flair and chops needed to help the medicine go down.

## **PANCAKE**

CALGARY, AB

## Fri 9:00pm - Ship & Anchor

Sweet as sugar post-pop laced with infectious hooks, this Calgary band serves up fluffy funk beats and hip-swaying grooves. Add a side of "crunk-style surf-wave" and

you've got yourself Pancake. These bizarre glam shock fashionistas have no missing ingredients and all the secret fixings.

#### **PARISIAN ORGY**

CALGARY, AB

# Sun 6:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

What began as the outsider-synth solo project of Gwen Morgan (Uncanny Valley) has grown into a quintet featuring guitar, bass, drums and even more synth. Together, the band makes nervous, jittery music that brushes up against coldwave, no wave and post-punk but never really blends in with a single genre.

#### **PELADA**

MONTREAL, QC

# Fri 1:00am - Palomino (Downstairs)

From Montreal's underground rave scene comes Pelada, the collaboration between producer Tobias Rochman and vocalist Chris Vargas. Together, they make tectonic hardware jams influenced by electro, acid house, techno and punk. The name Pelada comes from Spanish, the language all vocals are performed in, and is roughly slang for "naked."

#### **POM POM SQUAD**

**BROOKLYN, NY** 

\*\*SELECTED BY BARTEES STRANGE\*\*

VOLUNTEER CURATED CFUV 3101.9 FM HOMEGROWN CONTENT SUSTAINABLY ETHICALLY MINDED ACTION BOUNDARY **PUSHING AND** GROUNDBREAKIG MEDIA lune in to your Dreams AWARD WINNING RADIO AND PODCASTS CFUV.CA

58

# Fri 12:00am - Ship & Anchor Sat 7:00pm - Sled Island's Ramsay Block Party

The Pom Pom Squad pep rally is all anthemic blasts of razor-sharp riffs that give way to lush orchestral arrangements and moodily sparse interludes. Frontwoman Mia Berrin charts the path from sugarcoated daydreams toward riot-grrrl rage with searing intensity. Identity crisis is Pom Pom Squad's fuel for poppy, dance-ready rock 'n' roll.

#### **PONY GIRL**

OTTAWA, ON

## Sat 9:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

Self-describing as "artpop," Ottawa five-piece Pony Girl makes debonair indie pop defined by its stuttered percussion, atmospheric electronic elements and lush accompaniment. As well, the vocals from Pascal Huot and Yolande Laroche bring a further smooth elegance that will lull you into Pony Girl's dream-like world. Start with the band's LP Enny One Wil Love You, released on Paper Bag Records.

#### **PUBERTY WELL**

MONTREAL, QC

# Sat 10:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

Prue Gendron, the "Jill of all trades" behind irreverent bedroom-recording act Puberty Well, says she's influenced by the "femmiest rock boys & toughest girls" of music history. Her cheekiness is on full display with this year's nine-track debut *The Boys Are Homophobic Sweethearts*, a truly DIY affair brimming with both grit and melody as rendered through '70s rock and psych-pop.

## **QUIT IT!**

CALGARY, AB

# Thu 8:00pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

No, you quit it! But don't actually, because this anthemic and hopeful style of punk is just what we need to hear while the world burns. Community vocals centered around themes of accountability and critical thinking are paired with speedy licks and the classic pop-punk breakdowns we all know and love.

# R. FLEX

TORONTO, ON

# Tue 10:30pm - Commonwealth (Downstairs - Common/Undrgrd)

Experimental R&B act R. Flex traverses electronic compositions ranging from sexy and subdued ("The Fog") to abrasive and manic ("Club Naked"). A veteran of the renowned online dance party Club Quarantine, R. Flex has earned praise from Exclaim! and The Star, and is a startling new(-ish) voice taking the underground music world by storm.

#### **RACHEL GEEK**

KELOWNA, BC

# Thu 10:30pm - Commonwealth (Downstairs - Common/Undrgrd)

Rachel Geek is a live-looping instrumentalist, producer, singer and rapper who fuses hip-hop, pop and electronic beats into a flawless genre all its own. She is equally as likely to bust into comedy on stage as she is to give a PSA about mental health, always putting on a unique and unforgettable show.

#### **RIP ROOM**

SAN FRANCISCO, CA

#### Thu 10:00pm - Pin-Bar

Rip Room delivers a furious, dizzying brand of art-laden post-punk to Sled Island 2023, a sound which feels at home in Calgary. 2022's full-length release, *Alight and Resound*, provides a foundation of merciless percussion, stabbing guitar hooks and shouted vocals to get you out of your seat and into the pit.

#### ROYA

STOCKHOLM, SWEDEN
\*\*SELECTED BY SET FESTIVAL\*\*

# Tue 9:30pm - Commonwealth (Downstairs - Common/Undrgrd)

Seamlessly navigating through virtually all known moody electronic music genres, Roya crafts soundscapes that are at once dreamy, sorrowful, passionate, sensual, and angstful. When performing live, Roya delivers a minimalist set, armed with only her synths and captivating vocals, enveloping the audience in an ethereal ambiance.

#### **RYAN BOURNE & THE PLANT CITY BAND**

CALGARY, AB

# Tue 10:00pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

There's something in the water. Something that helps grow the musical oddballs here. Something that makes an album such as Ryan Bourne's latest release *Plant City* such a purely quirky Calgary creation. Helped by fellow weirdos Chad VanGaalen and Chris Dadge, it's an ambitious and utterly unique auditory halluci-pop exploration, untethered by expectation but still confined to a very defined and delightful world.

# **SAMANTHA SAVAGE SMITH**

CALGARY, AB

# Fri 1:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor) Sat 5:00pm - Ship & Anchor

Long a fixture of Calgary's indie scene, Samantha Savage Smith is a singersongwriter who treads songwriterly pop with a lived-in ease that has charmed listeners into following her chameleonic career. 2022's Fake Nice is still on heavy



Show your Sled Island Pass and recieve 15% off

340 13th Ave SW @parkbysidewalk

60



Brunch, Lunch, Dinner Happy Hour Wed- Fri

rotation for many fans, thanks to its polyrhythms, dense psych-pop production and, of course, Savage Smith's engrossing lyrics and saccharine delivery. Start with "Sunset Rip" and let her become your next fave.

#### SAP

TORONTO, ON

Sat 6:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor) Sun 5:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

This group of veteran musicians/ex-record store employees blend grunge, shoegaze and post-punk to familiar-but-fresh effect. Tracks like "Green Glass" and "Pot Of Gold" from the band's forthcoming debut album showcases how groove, distorted riffs and the understated vocals of chief songwriter Rochelle Bulmer become much more than the sum of their parts.

#### SARGEANT X COMRADE

CALGARY, AB

Fri 6:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Veteran electronic-soul duo Sargeant X Comrade combines elements of jazz, soul, funk, dancehall and hip-hop for a sound all its own. New listeners should start with either of their two most recent albums -2021's The Elephant in the Room and 2020's Magic Radio — while listeners already familiar should check out the band's two compilations of instrumentals from this year.

## **SARRSEW**

PARIS, FRANCE

\*\*SELECTED BY SET FESTIVAL\*\*

Wed 7:00pm - Central United Church Born in Tehran in 1991, the Paris-based vocalist/lyricist/producer, Sara Bigdeli

Shamloo (aka SarrSew) is one-half of duo 9T Antiope and the alternative/electronic Farsi duo Taraamoon. Starting music as a classical violin player, she's created a number of pieces for theatre and film, and is also active as a performer and actor. Majoring in theatre, her music is a melange of storytelling, dramatic lyrics and vocals woven together with electronics and acoustic instruments.

#### **SCALDING**

VANCOUVER, BC

Fri 11:00pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

If you're in need of a compelling new blackmetal listen, look no further than Vancouver quartet Scalding's 2022 album EXORDIUM. It takes cues from classic and modern black metal while inputting Scalding's own unique stamp. Brutality, atmosphere and melody combine to devastating effect.

#### **SEAN BEAVER**

CALGARY, AB

Sat 6:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)





ROOM 310 UNIVERSITY CENTRE UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA WINNIPEG, MB R3T 2N2

> 204-474-7027 INFO@UMFM.COM WWW.UMFM.COM









sean beaver incorporates his Indigenous heritage into his electronic sounds, adding vocal chants, percussion and Pow Wow elements. With six albums out to date and a seventh on the way, he brings high-energy electronica to every show he plays, dance floor he crosses, and loop he creates.

#### **SEPEHR**

NEW YORK, NY \*\*SELECTED BY SET FESTIVAL\*\*

# Tue 11:30pm - Commonwealth (Downstairs - Common/Undrgrd)

Sepehr is a live act, DJ, producer, and remixer based in New York City. The Bay Area native lives to serve electricity. His music ranges from outsider electronics and psychedelic techno to heady electro. He's also the label head of Shaytoon Records, an imprint focused on the Iranian/Middle Eastern underground.

# **SERENADE & ADORÉ**

CALGARY, AB

# Sat 1:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

Calgary duo Serenade & Adoré consisting of Temitope "Serenade" Alao and George "Adoré" El Fakhouri – make dark R&B influenced by cold Canadian nights, long winters and self-seclusion roots. Think early The Weeknd releases, dipped in a bit of Jeremih and Future. Serenade's ability to quiver between vibrato and falsetto is impressive, and so too are the more than 400,000 streams on Apple Music and Spotify they've acquired.

## **SESSA**

SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

#### Thu 11:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Inspired in equal measure by Brazil's music history and his hero Leonard Cohen, former Yonatan Gat bassist Sessa (Sergio Sayeg) is a folk artist in the true sense of the word. Though all his songs are in Portuguese, non-speakers will connect with the smoothness of

his nylon guitar, psychedelic swells of accompaniment and an instantly memorable longing in his voice. Start with the 2022 album Estrela Acesa, out now on Mexican Summer.

#### SHEBEAR AND THE HIBERNATION

CALGARY, AB

Thu 9:00pm - Dandy Tasting Room Surfy and spacebound, Shebear and

the Hibernation navigates through a stratosphere of alluring hooks and perfectly deployed harmonies. The Calgary trio navigates emotional hardships and the pitfalls of pining for love above textured guitars, atmospheric synthesizers and cruising drums. Moments of lounge smoothness flourish alongside encompassing explosions of pure indierock expression.

#### **SHIRLEY & THE PYRAMIDS**

SASKATOON, SK

Thu 12:30am - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

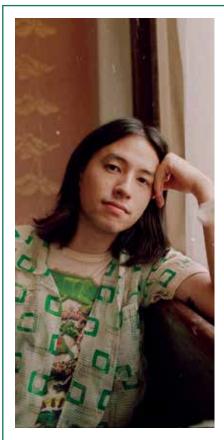
Springing from the mind of Aron Zacharias, Shirley & The Pyramids has charted the cosmos of psychedelic jam rock since 2015. The five-piece boils groovy krautrock, shoegaze fuzz and bluesy shuffles into a frenzied stew of mayhem on latest album Maid of Time, tempering wild experimentation with razor-sharp melodies and enchanting sincerity.

#### **SHN SHN**

TORONTO, ON

Thu 7:00pm - Central United Church

The lush ambient music of shn shn is a combination of earthly sounds fed through the digital world and a swirl of the producer's own haunting vocals. On the 2021 e.strange.d EP, listeners can hear bits of acoustic guitar, strings and drums swept through shn shn's authorial lens, coming out the other side like a Technicolour clouded sky.



# **SEN MORIMOTO**

CHICAGO, IL \*\*SELECTED BY BARTEES STRANGE\*\*

Wed 10:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

Saxophonist and singer-songwriter Sen Morimoto is an integral part of Chicago's vibrant young music scene, acting as a live member of KAINA's band and appearing on bills alongside artists like Sled 2019 alum Tasha. His latest full-length, a self-titled work, showcases jazzy dream-pop alongside his speak-sing-rap vocal style to potent effect.



# CALGARY FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL JULY 27-30, 2023 PRINCE'S ISLAND PARK

Tickets on sale now at calgaryfolkfest.com

Andrew Bird • Art Bergmann • Beats Antique • Calexico • Courtney Marie Andres Digable Planets • Emmylou Harris • Florida BC • Jeff Tweedy • Jim Bryson Julia Jacklin \* Nina Nastasia • Pantayo • Rich Aucoin • The Paper Kites The Sadies • Tanya Tucker • The Weather Station and more!

#### **SHUMAILA HEMANI**

CALGARY, AB

#### Thu 6:00pm - Central United Church

Sufi singer-songwriter and acousmatic composer Shumaila Hemani has received critical acclaim for both her debut album Mannat and its standout, eco-aware composition "Perils of Heavy Rainfall." Pulling from her South Asian roots without fear of experimenting, Hemani's music includes chants, drones, harmonium, santur, poetry, field recordings and more. Start with "Perils.." and let yourself be immersed in her distinct sonic perspective.

#### **SICK PUPPY**

ST. JOHN'S, NL

# Fri 11:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs) Sun 7:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Finally, something good to come out of the pandemic. Trapped in a house together, Sick Puppy decided to write a stupidly catchy song about John Belushi, included on its five-song EP, Haunt the Hill. Crunchy riffs, relatable lyrics about surrogate boyfriends, all neatly packaged in two-minute tunes. Fun as hell.

#### **SILVERING**

CALGARY, AB

# Wed 8:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

Shalom Toy's Silvering project pairs her

powerfully intimate vocals with lo-fi guitar playing to create flowery bedroom pop. Steeped in melancholy but sweetly hopeful, her sound lies between slowcore and shoegaze. It is meditative, healing and resonant.

#### **SIMONE**

CALGARY, AB

## Thu 9:00pm - Dickens

The epic experimentalism of extreme music duo SIMONE is possibly best exemplified by its most recent release, the 20-minute "To Love Eternal Failure." Made up of just bass, Moog, drums and vocals, the slow-grinding track shows the duo's powers of steady sonic building and gradual release of explosive emotion. The group's new album, Love Forever, will be released on June 21, just in time for Sled Island.

#### SISTER RAY

TORONTO, ON

#### Thu 9:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

Sister Ray brings influences of gospel, '90s bluegrass and traditional Métis music together in acts of unflinching reflection and storytelling. Songwriter and vocalist Ella Coyes' examinations of trauma and resilience are delivered in tandem with delicate arrangements of strings weaving beneath. Striking, raw and beautiful, Sister

Ray paints rich landscapes in every stanza.

#### **SLUG ALTAR**

TORONTO, ON

# Fri 10:00pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

Electronic duo Slug Altar is made up of queer and trans musicians Laura Dickens (leucrocuta) and Erin Corbett. Self-described as "noise-pop glitch-ambient," their music tackles themes of queer love and a number of darker matters, like techinduced isolation and intrusive childhood memories.

#### **SNAKE RIVER**

REGINA, SK

#### Sat 4:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

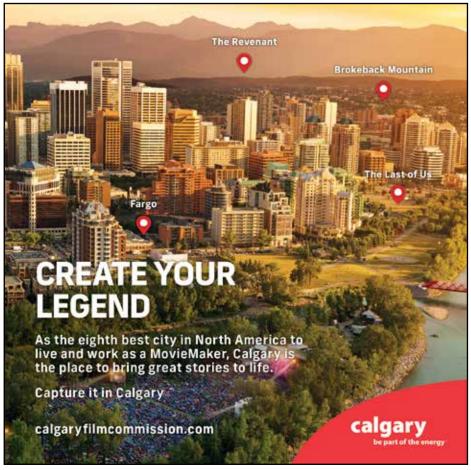
Prairie-psych act Snake River has released seven albums since 2014, including last year's ambitious *The Phantom Carriage*, an unofficial score to the iconic film of the same name. New listeners may want to start with the band's second-most-recent LP, *Lost Album*, which combines guitar freakouts, deadpan vocals and dusty atmospherics to expert effect.

#### **SO TIRED**

TORONTO, ON

## Sat 3:30pm - Pin-Bar

Noisy punk trio So Tired is led by vocalist/ bassist Miranda Marie, a veteran of the







#### **SUN RA ARKESTRA**

BIRMINGHAM, AL

Thu 8:00pm - Central United Church

There aren't many musical groups that are still going strong 30 years after their leader's death, but then again, there aren't any groups in the universe like the Sun Ra Arkestra. Since the passing of Sun Ra in 1993, the pioneering afro-futurist, avant-garde big band has been spreading the immensely influential music and philosophy of their late bandleader, Le Sony'r Ra.

With an ever-flexible lineup and a gargantuan catalog of music spanning from cosmic jazz to disco to free jazz to bop, Sun Ra's influence can be seen in every corner of contemporary music. From legends like John Coltrane to indie icons Yo La Tengo and punk forebears MC5, Sun Ra's influence is so far-reaching that it's hard to imagine modern music being the same without him.

Operating since 1958, the Arkestra has always maintained its reputation as one of the most progressive acts in music. With lineups that range anywhere from 12 to 20 musicians, and with afro-futurist players as otherworldly as Sun Ra himself that they could be a show on their own, the Arkestra's live performances are a pure distillation of the spontaneity and electricity of Sun Ra's compositions.

The new Millennium has seen the Arkestra do everything from a retrospective of its work at the Institute of Contemporary Art in Philadelphia to performances at prestigious venues such as the Kennedy Center, Radio City Music Hall and the Berlin Opera House. It's a testament to Sun Ra's music that seeing the Arkestra now is just as vital as it was 65 years ago.



# TRAUMA-INFORMED MASSAGE THERAPY

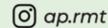
- Cupping
- Massage Therapy
- Craniosacral Therapy



**&** 403-835-0046



🕽 amandaprokop.com



1012 MAGLEOD TR SE ROADRUNVERVINTAGE SHOP

Toronto punk scene. The group's sound unpredictably veers between unhinged chaos and military-like precision with a timeless lo-fi sound that would sound just as at home in late-'70s Manhattan as it does today.

## **SOUL MATES**

SASKATOON, SK

#### Sat 4:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Made up of members of Adolyne and Hidrangea, Soul Mates present a melodic take on classic hardcore with hollered vocals and riffs for days. The group's dynamism is showcased expertly on double-single "Not Found," where "A Pointed Quiet" shows off the band's furious side, and "Calm During the Storm" features the band's more-patient mastery of mood.

#### **SPEEDREADER**

VANCOUVER, BC

# Sat 10:00pm - Ship & Anchor

From the ashes of Pinch Librarian and Snail Gun come Speed Reader – Vancouver post-punk channeling the spirit of groups like Devo and Urinals. Staccato vocal deliveries bounce over synchronized instrumental strikes on the trio's earliest demos, bridging the sonic space between dingy, driving punk and more brightly polished new wave motifs.

#### **SPELLLING**

OAKLAND, CA

# Fri 8:00pm - Central United Church

Oakland-based experimentalist Chrystia Cabral released her third album (and second for Sacred Bones) last year. The Turning Wheel is her most fully realized set of songs yet, expanding from the lo-fi, Italo disco palette of her previous LP with lush, expansive instrumentals. Each song evokes a sonic world where Cabral's ethereal voice is empowered to spin myth and draw the listener in like a siren.

# **STATE N DIVISION**

CALGARY, AB

#### Wed 8:30pm - Dickens

Vivid, abrasive and transportive, electronic composer Carlos Arteaga works in glitch-forward experimental music to create a tactile sensation of sound. Part drone, part club music thrown into the garbage disposal, his compositions feel like reaching the pool in an oasis only to discover that it's filled with battery acid.

#### **STILL DEPTHS**

CALGARY, AB

# Fri 9:30pm - Pin-Bar

If Lydia Lunch was a math nerd or if David Byrne got hard from being electrocuted, they might have come up with something like Still Depths. The herky-jerky post-punk

64



band deals in satire, skronk and stiff upper lip. Run to their Bandcamp to listen to the tweaky-freaky tracks from their 2023 album Best plan for your life.

#### **STRIPMALL**

CALGARY, AB

# Fri 9:00pm - #1 Legion (Main Floor)

There's an ugliness to every city stripmall. A dirtiness and melancholic hopelessness that seems to hang over every shop, every sad soul drawn there for whatever ultimately insignificant reason. Somehow and in some way, this Calgary four-piece captures that feeling in sonic form, crafting sooty post-punk that gives voice to emptiness and nothingness, but in a way that's entirely cathartic and almost edifying.

#### **STUCCO**

CALGARY, AB

# Thu 9:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Stucco has an uncanny way of perfecting the balance between euphoric melodies and shrieking discordance. Formed at the dawn of the pandemic as a busywork recording project, Stucco quickly emerged to both warm and electrify the hearts of local listeners. Their 2022 release ep1 highlights Stucco's frustrations expressively with angular drum patterns, atonal guitar riffage and no-nonsense vocal jabs.

#### **STUTTR**

VANCOUVER, BC

# Sat 5:30pm - Pin-Bar

Stuttr carries a lot of feelings and wastes no time in conveying its message clearly and concisely. From up-tempo, aggressive punk numbers, to sludgy, dissociative passages, Stuttr delivers voracious vocal screams and discordant, technical guitar riffage on its 2022 EP, Stuck In The Muck.

#### **SUFFERING HOUR**

FOREST LAKE, MN

# Thu 7:00pm - Sloth Records Fri 12:00am - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Formerly known as Compassion Dies, pitch-black metal trio Suffering Hour plumb the depths of depravity for an avant-garde take on extreme music. With growled vocals sounding like they were recorded in the Earth's core and goth-inflected, thunderous instrumentals, Suffering Hour will provide one of the heaviest shows at Sled Island this year.

#### SUMAC

VANCOUVER, BC/SEATTLE, WA

#### Sat 12:00am - Dickens

Featuring members of Baptists, Russian Circles, These Arms Are Snakes, Old Man Gloom, Isis and others, SUMAC is a post-metal supergroup with a basically unmatched pedigree for the genre. The band has released five brutal albums since 2015, including a collaboration with legendary Japanese improviser Keiji Haino.

#### **SUNFORGER**

MONTREAL, QC

# Thu 9:30pm - Ship & Anchor

Formerly known as Mono No Aware, Sunforger is an indie rock band with a frenzied sound. The music is a blend of emo, math rock, post-punk and post-grunge, resulting in tightly controlled chaos that's unpredictable yet cohesive, with a tinge of '90s nostalgia. Concise track lengths and a spoonful of pop sensibilities culminate with a strong sense of melody and rhythm to keep things grounded.

#### **SUNGLACIERS**

CALGARY, AB

# Thu 11:00pm - Pin-Bar

Sunglaciers encapsulates a harmoniously absurd concoction of post-punk ideologies, blended with jagged guitar riffs, eerie vocal delivery and psych-pop sentiment. After a successful year of international touring and numerous festival performances promoting the band's latest full-length record Subterranea — produced by Chad VanGaalen — Sunglaciers return to the Sled Island stage, flourishing with life and in fighting form.

66



#### **SUPER DUTY TOUGH WORK**

WINNIPEG, MB

Fri 3:30pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)
Fri 9:30pm - Dickens

"Golden-era taste, current-era based" is the motto of Winnipeg's Super Duty Tough Work, and a quick listen shows why. A harmonious six-piece band featuring slick beats, groovy bass lines, smooth horns, keys and graceful rhymes, Super Duty Tough Work has been grabbing attention across Canada and beyond for the last several years.

#### **SWIMMING**

ST. JOHN'S, NL

# Thu 10:30pm - Ship & Anchor

Swimming keeps its head above water by conjuring mathy, Midwestern-emo vibes, all the way from the eastern reaches of Canada. Expect angular drums and noodly guitar riffage from this twinkling trio, complete with yearning lyrics and breakdowns. Be sure to bring a box of tissue and a calculator to live performances.

## **TAROTFUNTIME**

MEDICINE HAT, AB

# Fri 6:00pm - Pin-Bar

Noise-rock trio tarotfuntime make ugly music as sharp as a needle and as fast as a bullet. The band self-describes as "so 2018" but, really, they sound like the feeling of being poisoned to death during the Stone Age. Listen for yourself and you may hear shades of Big Black, The Jesus Lizard and even a smattering of post-hardcore.

# **TAWNI BIAS**

Calgary, AB

# Wed 9:00pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Folktronica trio Tawni Bias combines loops and electronic elements with airy vocals and conventional instrumentation for a sound that is equally ethereal and grounded. Debut EP SEL Fellow is gentle and melodic but still truly weird (in a good way).

#### **TAYLOR JADE**

EDMONTON, AB

# Wed 6:00pm - Central United Church

Had this music been released around the turn of the 16th Century, haunting singer-songwriter taylor jade may have been burned at the stake for witchcraft. And this is meant as the most sincere compliment. Dark, leafy green lyrics and hollow, stripped down guitars cast a beguiling spell.

#### **TEBBY & THE HEAVY**

EDMONTON, AB

# Fri 8:00pm - Palace Theatre

If you chucked surf rock, shoegaze and psychedelia in a blender with a pinch of stardust and the water from the Small World ride at Duff Gardens, you would get Tebby



& The Heavy. Too gritty to be fully surf, and too danceable to be fully shoegaze, the result is one hell of a good time.

#### **TEETH TO YOUR THROAT**

VANCOUVER, BC

#### Fri 4:00pm - Pin-Bar

If the words abrasive, ugly and caustic get you excited to see a show, Vancouver's Teeth To Your Throat might be the band for you. Bilingual singer Ricky Castanedo hails from Mexico City, so you'll get doses of Spanish alongside severe and off-time rhythms. Hardcore punk for those drawn to the metallic and rage-filled side of life.

#### **TEMIA**

CALGARY, AB

Tue 8:30pm - Commonwealth (Downstairs - Common/Undrgrd) Wed 8:30pm - Commonwealth (Main Floor)

Temia is a British-Canadian artist whose music would be equally at home in the streets of Southside Chicago or a Brixton club in South London. Her drill-inspired and 808-heavy beats accentuate her smooth, effortless flow. One part grime, one part UK drill, one part dancehall, her sound defies genre but is instantly recognizable.

# 68 TEMP-ILLUSION X AMIR B. ASH

TEHRAN, IRAN

\*\*SELECTED BY SET FESTIVAL\*\*

# Wed 11:00pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Temp-Illusion is an Iranian electronic duo formed in 2011 by Shahin Entezami and Behrang Najafi. Their unique dance music blends atmospheric layers, melodies, and complex beat programming using a wide range of music programs. Amir B. Ash is a freelance visual artist and experimental filmmaker with a background in digital arts and filmmaking, who collaborates with musicians for live shows.

#### **TEMPS**

CALGARY, AB

# Fri 8:30pm - Pin-Bar

Indie rock outfit Temps was formed in the midst of the pandemic by David Lavoie and Aidan O'Reilly. Borrowing sonic influences from jangly post-punk gems and mellow, modal jazz stylings, Temps crafts songs for the pensive intellectual via a cruising rhythm section, clean guitar arpeggios and delicate, crooned vocals.

#### **THICK**

BROOKLYN, NY

Wed 12:00am - Palomino (Downstairs)

High-octane power trio THICK returns to Sled Island in support of new album Happy Now. Like all the best music from THICK — see also "Your Mom" and "Love You Forever" — the record is bursting with choruses, slam-dance riffs and breakneck drums. Beyond the rush of the instrumentals, there comes a bittersweetness in the lyrics and gang vocals that temper a sweaty good time with intimacy.

#### **THOMAS THOMAS**

CALGARY, AB

# Fri 4:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Thomas Thomas delivers all the makings of an endless sock-hop. Dream-pop sensibilities and weaving harmonies meet on high-flying choruses while verses cruise with effortless charm. Keep your eyes open for the signature yellow stage uniforms, serving as an indie rock beacon to the dance floor.

#### TJ FELIX AND THE CHARITY CASES

VANCOUVER, BC

#### Thu 10:00pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

TJ Felix is a multimedia artist who identifies as Secwepemc and Two-Spirit. They are known for their activism against colonial law and harm reduction work, and use their

art to raise awareness about social issues. As TJ Felix and the Charity Cases, this power trio creates rapid and frenetic punk compositions, with support from blast-beat drums and maximum-riffage guitar passages.

#### **TOUGH AGE**

VANCOUVER, BC

#### Sat 11:00pm - Ship & Anchor

Vancouver garage rockers Tough Age conjure hypnotic, upbeat hooks, garnished with a pop-polished crust. Built on a resilient rhythm section, jangly guitars and a steadfast pulse dominate the band's sound. With lyrics that often convey hopeful sentiment, Tough Age has established itself as a force with which to be reckoned.

#### **TROLL DOLLY**

VANCOUVER, BC

# Wed 9:00pm - Dandy Tasting Room

A sonic expression of blooming cherry blossoms on the West Coast, Troll Dolly is the experimental folk project of drummer/composer Jen Yakamovich. Formed through a collage of lush layers showcasing a cornucopia of diverse instrumentation, Troll Dolly utilizes soft-spoken harmonies, acoustic-guitar noodles and delicate piano swells on the 2022 album Heaven's Mini Mart.

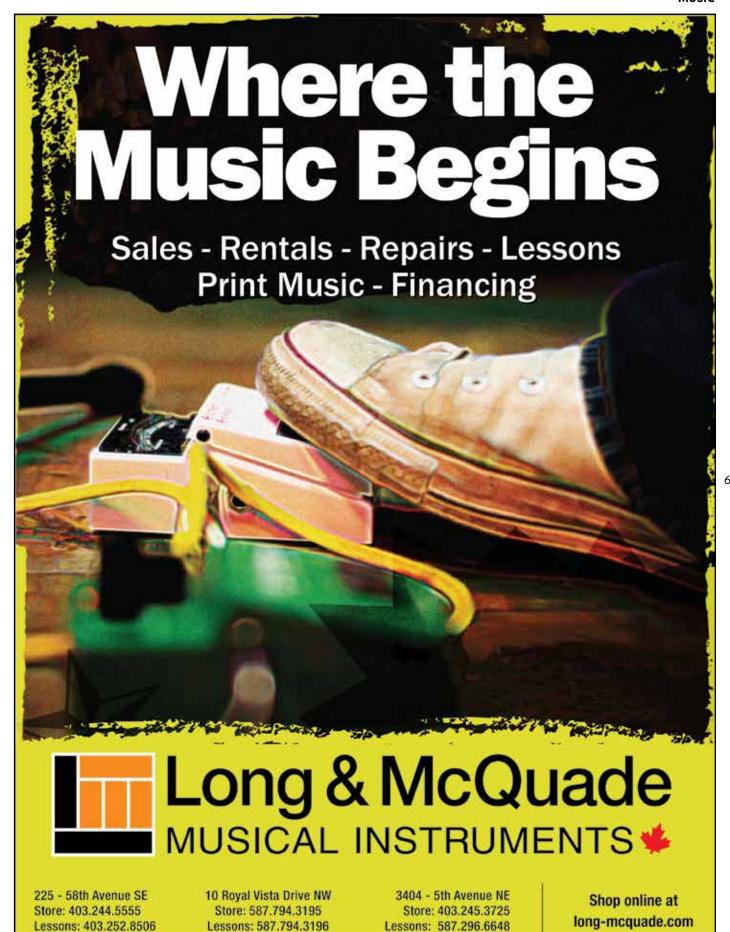
#### **TVOD**

**BROOKLYN, NY** 

# Thu 12:00am - Palomino (Main Floor)

Television Overdose (TVOD) struts with a contagious post-punk charisma. Rough around the edges of a danceable core, the NYC favourites find comfort in volume – an ethos that overflows into the audience during live shows. Unapologetic in its beer-and-sweat-drenched glory, TVOD's performances become grimy celebrations over pulsing basslines, buzzing synths and stabbing guitar lines.





**SLED ISLAND 2023** 

#### **UNCANNY VALLEY**

CALGARY, AB

#### Sat 3:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Cold wave/post-punk act Uncanny Valley has been playing Sled Island for several years and finally released its debut album in January 2023. It combines blaring synth, chugging rhythm and needle-sharp guitar squalls to form a bedrock for dynamo vocalist Alicia Palmar to roar upon. Think Factory Records meets Teenage Jesus and the Jerks.

#### **VERSVS**

CALGARY, AB

#### Fri 8:30pm - Dickens

Versvs is known in the hip-hop community for his lightning fast flow and razor sharp freestyle skills. On top of having over 10 million views on TikTok, Versvs speaks four languages (and raps in all four), allowing him to connect with fans around the world in more ways than one. His fresh take on rap has gained him opening spots for Big Sean, Tyga, Ludacris and more.

#### **VICTRIX**

CALGARY, AB

# Sat 9:00pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

VICTRIX is the brainchild of vocalist, songwriter and multi-instrumentalist Micky Jane. Combining bedroom folk, chamber pop and dream pop, the band's sound defies genre conventions. VICTRIX pays meticulous attention to detail, utilizing synths, drum machines and melodic ornamentation to create a unique sonic universe. The music blends classic songwriting with meticulous attention to detail, earning comparisons to idiosyncratic songsmiths like Fiona Apple and PJ Harvey.

#### **VIVEK SHRAYA**

CALGARY, AB

# Fri 10:00pm - King Eddy

Celebrated author, visual artist and musician (Too Attached) Vivek Shraya will appear at Sled Island hot on the heels of her debut album Baby, You're Projecting. If the first single "Good Luck (You're Fucked)" is any indication, it'll be chock full of tongue-incheek pop anthems.

#### WACK

VANCOUVER, BC

#### Wed 9:00pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

Conjuring elements of absurdity and punkrock sentiment, Wack is a local power trio harnessing raw power and emotion in a digestible, accessible package. Featuring anthemic sing-alongs, distorted power chords and loosey-goosey harmonies soaring above bombastic drum beats, Wack is music for all occasions — the bedroom, parking lot or the stage.

#### **WAIT//LESS**

VANCOUVER, BC

#### Fri 10:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

A fresh and fun new punk band from the West Coast, WAIT//LESS delivers a quick, auditory jab to the throat that will leave you wanting more. Deep, lustfully loud vocals with massive, quick riffs and snappy percussion combine to make us weak in the knees and ready to headbang.

#### **WATER FROM YOUR EYES**

BROOKLYN, NY

## Sat 12:30am - Palomino (Downstairs)

Brooklyn duo Water From Your Eyes finds a strange harmony between avant-pop and harsh dance music. Drawing from references as disparate as New Order and Rothko, debut album *Structure* vacillates between eerie baroque tableaus and blistering eruptions of manic electronic music. It's a shocking but compelling mix, one best experienced on stage.

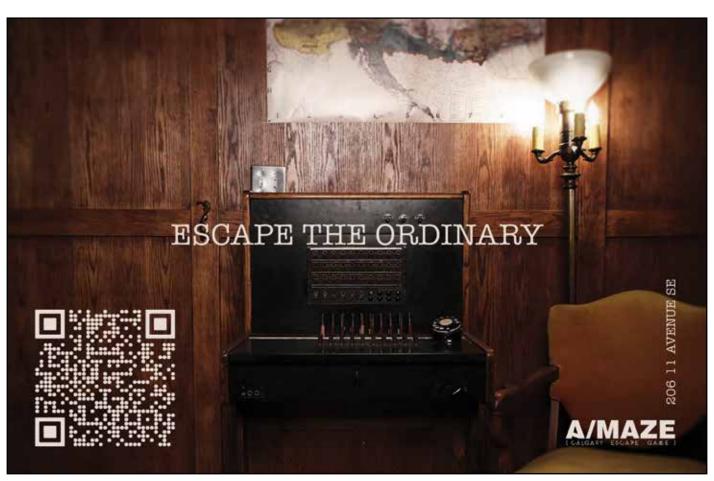
#### **WEAK KNEES**

VANCOUVER, BC

## Wed 10:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

Reminiscent of indie sleaze-rock's mid aughtie glory days, Weak Knees sway and cruise with effortless charm and a hazy sense of familiarity. On debut single "Always a Bridesmaid, Never a Bitch (Hannah)" the

70



five-piece delivers through dueling Strokesesque guitar lines that build into a cathartic, garage-rock climax.

#### **THE WEIR**

CALGARY, AB

# Fri 9:00pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

The Weir offers a big ol' slab of sonic sludge from the town down by the Bow. If you like your metal not just heavy but almost immovable, this veteran quartet drops epic masses of dark-doom molasses that any head would love to trudge through. The payoff is in the power of the push, when you finally make a little headway and hear the richness and rawness of what's inside.

#### **THE WESLEYS**

MONTREAL, QC

# Wed 11:30pm - Palomino (Main Floor) Thu 11:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

Concocting a blissfully eclectic assemblage of '60s garage pop, '70s guitar riffage and '90s DIY style, The Wesleys are an absolute breath of fresh air. Driving, uptempo rock numbers featuring jangly, fuzzy guitar arpeggios and melodic vocal sweeps are abundant on the 2022 EP Outside Voices.

#### **WIHTIKOW**

EDMONTON, AB

#### Fri 9:00pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

Edmonton ambient act wihtikow combines analogue synths and lo-fi samples to create electronic music that feels like a living, breathing thing. Ebbing between ephemeral clouds and sound, and the odd thudding beat, his live show involves an intricate system of live-triggered sounds — not just a laptop.

## **WINDOW LAMP**

CALGARY, AB

# Thu 7:00pm - Dandy Tasting Room

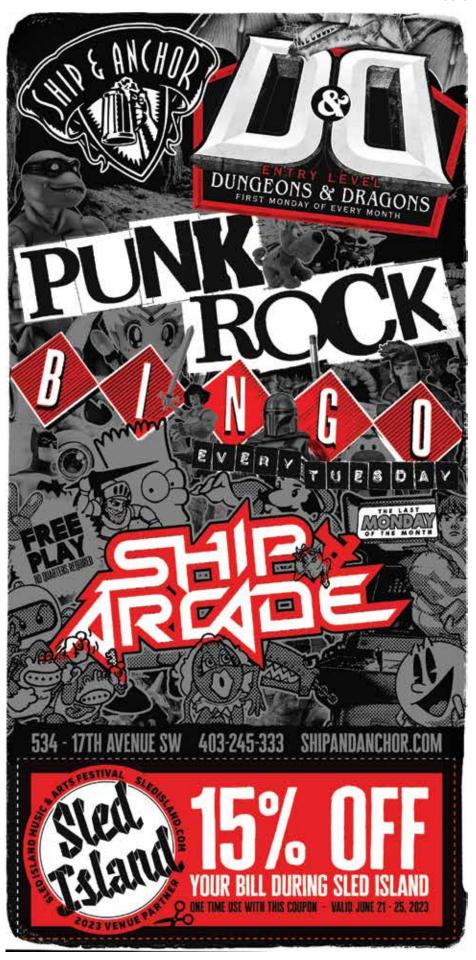
Like a jagged gem that sparkles bright, Window Lamp summons garage rock with a haunting vibe that blends surf aesthetics with a punk-rock attitude for a sound that is at once polished and authentic. Reverberated vocal quips and a deferring pace from the rhythm section are complemented by jangly guitar chords and elements of percussive support.

#### **WISH LASH**

CALGARY, AB/AUSTIN, TX

# Fri 11:00pm - Loophole Coffee Bar

Wish Lash pairs ambient layers with techno pulses to create emotive dance floor energy. Her live performances utilize software, sampling and analog hardware for a cohesive and enveloping sound design that blurs the boundaries of genres, effects and improvisation. On top of that, she brings an MFA in visual arts to the stage with her, which inspires her experimental productions.



#### **WEIRD NIGHTMARE**

TORONTO, ON

Sat 12:00am - Ship & Anchor Sun 8:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

METZ guitarist-vocalist Alex Edkins released his debut album as Weird Nightmare on Sub Pop last year, and hoo-boy, it makes a lot of sweet, sweet racket. Filled with vocal styles that METZ fans will recognize (and love), it's a blown-out affair full of sugary melodies swimming in molten distortion that lands genre-wise somewhere between shoegaze and pop-punk. Whatever you call it, it's one hell of a fun ride.

#### **WITCH VICTIM**

CALGARY, AB

# Sat 2:30pm - Palomino (Downstairs)

While many of the celebrated '80s-inspired acts of now were inspired by the cold wave side of the decade, this fivesome sounds as if it was drawn to the slightly more warmed-up side of things. Proclaiming a love of early era Cure and sounding as if they perhaps also heard some Ultravox or Japan along the way, there is an aloofness here but also a slight thaw that makes the melodies a little more welcoming.

# **WURA SOL**

SCARBOROUGH, ON

# Fri 4:30pm - Modern Love (Main Floor)

Powerful-voiced singer-songwriter Wura Sol "seeks to solve the epidemic of numbness through her music by evoking emotional curiosity through her soulful melodies and honest lyrics." And, frankly, if you can listen to her music without feeling something, you are dead inside. Her velvet voice glides over drums and keys with restrained confidence that belies her raw power.

#### WUT

VANCOUVER, BC

#### Thu 10:30pm - #1 Legion (Upstairs)

Catchy, fun and sassy on its exterior, WUT tackles tough political themes through lyrical content about law enforcement, the patriarchy and power dynamics. The band crafts memorable tracks through a steadfast rhythmic foundation, edge-of-breakup guitar chords and ear-pleasing vocal harmonies. Simply put, WUT's not to love about WUT?!

# **YAWN**

VANCOUVER, BC

#### Sat 9:45pm - Palomino (Main Floor)

Babe, wake up, Yawn is coming to Sled Island! Composer Julia McDougall crafts dreamy, euphoric electronic compositions with a generous dose of psychedelia. Yawn also rouses listeners through hooky pop vocals on tracks such as "Wasting Time" and "Golden" to create a heavenly experience.

# **YOUNG DENE**

VANCOUVER, B.C.

Sat 9:00pm - Modern Love (Patio)

Young Dene is a selector, producer and label owner based in Vancouver. His sets typically range from footwork jungle to D'N'B, but also include dubstep, garage, breaks and more. Young Dene's label, Low Pass Music, focuses on amplifying Indigenous artists and Canadian bass music, as does his well-known bi-regional event series, Ever Sick.

#### **ZENON+**

CALGARY, AB

# Sat 2:00pm - Ship & Anchor

Berklee grad and songwriter extraordinaire ZENON composes and performs soulful R&B numbers with bold rhythms and powerful vocal accompaniments, all delivered effortlessly. ZENON's latest EP, Genre Z, encapsulates an eclectic set of influences and storytelling, while capturing the experiences of individuals coming of age in the 2020s. You can expect this talented Calgary musician and their band ZENON+ to fill the soundscape with bold rhythms and powerful vocals at this year's festival.

ENJOY 20%
OFF BOOKS
JUNE 20TH-JULY 4TH



Shelf
Life
Books

1302 4TH ST. SW | SHELFLIFEBOOKS.CA



Sled Island wristband holders get 10% off at UNA Pizza+Wine June 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> | all Calgary locations | dine in only @unacalgary | 403.453.1183 | www.unapizzeria.com



# RAMSAY BLOCK PARTY

Saturday, June 24 12:00pm - 9:00pm Lilydale Parking Lot (2126 Hurst Rd SE)

Sled Island's Ramsay Block Party is a family-friendly, all-day extravaganza that you don't want to miss! Just like last year, the event will take place in Ramsay at the Lilydale Parking Lot (2126 Hurst Rd SE), and will feature live music, art, skateboarding, beer, food trucks, and much more!

#### **LINEUP**

12:00pm - Hardcore Makeout

1:00pm - Lushings

2:00pm - **PACKS** 

3:00pm - Bodywash

4:00pm - Booter

5:00pm - Fold Paper

6:00pm - Ghost Woman

7:00pm - Pom Pom Squad

8:00pm - Cola

#### **ART**

Swing by nvrInd. boutique (1048 21 Ave SE) for the AUArts Students' Association Exhibit, featuring work by emerging artists from the Alberta University of the Arts. On top of that, the talented artists from the nvrInd. arts foundation will have tons of amazing work available for purchase in their parking lot!

#### **BEER, COCKTAILS AND FOOD**

Our good friends at Eighty-Eight and Dandy Brewing will be on hand with beer and other tasty beverages to help keep you hydrated, including a few brand new Sled Island collaborations! Not only that, but our pals at Tumbler & Rocks will be pouring refreshing margaritas, old-fashioneds and



shafts. We'll also have food trucks courtesy of The Curryer, Arepas Ranch and Happy Fish, and Lukes Drug Mart will be serving their delicious soft-serve ice cream!

#### **SKATEBOARDING**

The Compound Mobile Skatepark will be on-site all day, free and open to all! Bring your board, (and your safety gear), and shred the day away.

#### **OTHER ACTIVITIES**

Our presenting sponsor connectFirst Cred-

it Union has your back for family-friendly fun, including face-painting, bubbles and tasty treats! On top of that, our partners at CBC Calgary will be there with Dance Dance Revolution, and Tumbler & Rocks will be hosting a sandcastle competition that you won't want to miss!

#### **ALL-AGES**

As always, Sled Island's outdoor Saturday party is an all-ages, family-friendly event, and it's going down rain or shine. Let's party!





# **ALL-AGES**

#### **CALGARY CENTRAL LIBRARY**

On top of being one of the most breathtaking buildings in Calgary, the Central Library is also home to all of Sled Island's 2023 conference programming. Stop by to sit in on this year's important conversations, where you can learn about granting, collecting royalties, the vinyl industry, community radio, and more!

#### **CENTRAL UNITED CHURCH**

Central United Church is a perfect venue to see huge bands in an intimate setting. We will be showcasing gothic folk artist **Emma Ruth Rundle** on Wednesday, June 21, the legendary cosmic jazz big band **Sun Ra Arkestra** on Thursday, June 22, and experimental indie pop musician **SPELLLING** on Friday, June 23. These shows end by 10:00pm, so curfew won't be an issue!

#### **GLOBE CINEMA**

Kick off this year's festival with a film! Head over to Globe Cinema on Tuesday, June 20 to catch Even Hell Has its Heroes, the story of the slowest metal band on the planet, Earth. Show starts at 7:00pm.

#### **KING EDDY**

Established in 1905, the King Edward Hotel was Calgary's second oldest hotel and the longest operating bar and hotel when it closed in 2004. In 2018, the King Eddy reopened as a restaurant, bar and music venue, and it continues to be a cornerstone of music, community, and culture, building on its storied musical legacy.

#### I LOVE YOU COFFEE SHOP

A hidden gem in the heart of Beltline, I Love You Coffee Shop is the perfect stop between venues. Check out the annual Sled Island Poster Show, featuring a variety of limited edition posters, on display and for purchase. Enjoy a 10% discount on non-alcoholic drinks, bagels and treats with a 2023 festival pass!

#### **LOOPHOLE COFFEE BAR**

A brand new venue for Sled Island this year, Loophole Coffee Bar will fill the all-ages void after the loss of beloved venues like Tubby Dog and Kaffeeklatsch. Come for the coffee, stay for a wide range of programming! Loophole will feature everything from experimental music to punk and metal throughout the festival.

#### **MODERN LOVE**

Check out bands inside and on the rooftop,



including **Dragon Fli Empire**, **Sargeant X Comrade**, and more!

Note that Modern Love is able to welcome minors only when accompanied by a guardian, until 9:00pm.

# NVRLND. (BOUTIQUE & FOUNDATION PARKING LOT)

The perfect spot to experience both indoor and outdoor arts programming. Inside, take in the AUArts Students' Association Exhibit, running June 21-25! During the Ramsay Block Party on June 24, check out a lively market in the parking lot, featuring the talented artists of nyrInd. arts foundation.

#### **PIN-BAR**

Try out some of the many pinball machines while listening to great tunes! Please note, minors must be accompanied by a guardian. Pin-Bar is open to minors every day until 8:00pm. 18+ otherwise.

#### **SLED ALLEY**

The Calgary Downtown Association (CDA) is our partner in place-making this year! As the oldest BIA, the CDA advocates for Downtown's prosperity and resilience on behalf of all Calgarians. As part of their mission to help create a lively and welcoming downtown, the CDA is activating the alleyway behind The Palace Theatre with an art market, DJ sets, food, drinks and much more! Make sure to visit this one-off event on Friday before heading to nearby venues!

#### SLED ISLAND'S RAMSAY BLOCK PARTY

The biggest party at Sled Island! This year's free Block Party goes down in Ramsay with performances by Montreal post-punk trio Cola, Brooklyn indie/grunge group Pom Pom Squad (selected by guest curator Bartees Strange), and many more! Not to mention, free skateboarding from the Compound Mobile Skatepark, beer and other tasty beverages from Eighty-Eight, Dandy Brewing and Tumbler & Rocks, food trucks courtesy of The Curryer, Arepas Ranch and Happy Fish, soft-serve ice cream by Lukes Drug Mart, an art market, and lots more. Mark your agendas for Saturday, June 24!

#### **SLOTH RECORDS**

Start your Wednesday and Thursday at Sled Island off right at Sloth! They've helped us pick out some of the bands on the line-up to blow the roof off their shop! Feel free to pick up some records while you're there—passholders enjoy 15% off on record purchases during the festival.

#### **HOW TO ATTEND**

A Sled Island All-Ages Pass is just \$40 and provides access to all music, comedy, film, art and special events open to minors. Please note that the All-Ages Pass is for those under 18 years of age only, and valid ID is required at pick-up. Single tickets to select all-ages shows are also available.

Check out SledIsland.com for details.





78



Sled Island is dedicated to operating an environmentally responsible festival. We pride ourselves on working with festival attendees, artists, partners and The City of Calgary to implement initiatives that make Sled Island and our community responsible environmental stewards. Sustainability is an integral part of Sled Island fun, and we encourage all to participate!

#### **RECYCLING AND WASTE REDUCTION**

Sled Island is continually improving our waste and recycling management as well as working to reduce waste at its source.

We aim to make Sled Island an event that reuses, recycles or composts all waste. Everyone can be a part of our Green Team: sort your waste, recycling and compostables into the correct bins, carry a reusable water bottle and help our awesome volunteers keep the festival clean!

#### **BIKES**

Riding bikes is fun and, without a doubt, the best way to get around Sled Island. Thanks to Calgary's cycle tracks, biking is easier and safer than ever. The tracks on 5 St SW (3 Ave SW to 17 Ave SW), 12 Ave (11 St SW to 4 St SE), 8 Ave SW (11 St SW to Macleod Trail, excluding Stephen Ave) and 9 Ave SE (Macleod Trail to 4 St SE) will take you to almost every Sled Island venue. For even more Calgary bikeways, check out Calgary.ca.

Temporary bike racks are available at key Sled Island venues (see our venue map for details), but don't leave your bike too long—racks get removed on Sunday, June 25, or Monday, June 26, depending on location. Unclaimed bikes will be impounded.



# Mel O'Callaghan Pulse of the Planet

Co-curated by Peta Rake & Shauna Thompson

#### Project Space:

80

Morgan Melenka A provisional vista until 18 June

asmaa al-issa bab el-soosa إباب السوسة | 26 June—15 October



@eskerfoundation eskerfoundation.art

Mel O'Callaghan, First sound, lost sound (performance), 2022. Carriageworks, Sydney, Australia. Photo by: Zan Wimberley.



# SAFER SPACES

Everyone has the right to feel safe at Sled Island regardless of age, ancestry, colour, family status, gender identity, gender expression, marital status, mental disability, physical disability, place of origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation or source of income (Alberta Human Rights Act).

To this end, Sled Island has developed several initiatives to help foster safer spaces at festival events. Key points are included here and will be posted in venue washrooms. Copies of the full document will be available at Pass Pick-Up at the Delta Calgary Downtown (June 20 - 24) and available at SledIsland.com/SaferSpaces.

The full document will be updated on an ongoing basis to ensure it meets the needs of our community. If you have questions or comments, please get in touch with us at info@sledisland.com.

#### **CODE OF CONDUCT**

Sled Island does not tolerate abusive or discriminatory behaviour. Such behaviour is grounds for removal from a Sled Island venue and may result in cancellation of one's passholder privileges or a permanent Sled Island ban.

Learn more about our attendee, artist and volunteer codes of conduct at SledIsland. com/SaferSpaces.

#### **OFFENSIVE ATTIRE**

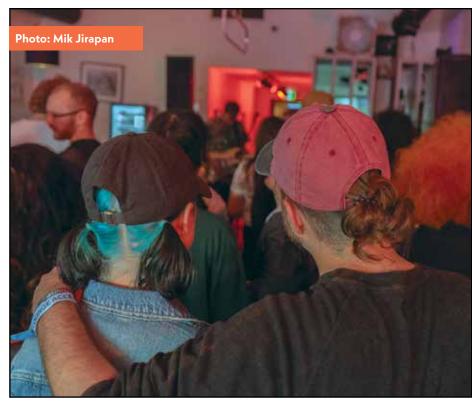
Offensive attire, including (but not limited to) hate symbols or culturally appropriative attire, is not welcome at Sled Island. Such attire may be grounds for removal from a Sled Island venue and may result in cancellation of one's passholder privileges or a permanent Sled Island ban.

Learn more at SledIsland.com/SaferSpaces.

#### **COMMUNITY BYSTANDER TRAINING**

Sled Island's core staff and volunteer venue managers undergo mandatory annual Community Bystander Training provided by the Centre for Sexuality. Community Bystander Training offers the practical skills needed to recognize when and how to help when witnessing power-based violence.

Learn more at SledIsland.com/SaferSpaces.



#### **HOW TO ACCESS SUPPORT**

Sled Island has partnered with Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse to provide free support and information to festival attendees. Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse is the primary sexual abuse and sexual assault crisis and education service provider for Calgary and surrounding areas.

If you need support, please contact or ask a volunteer venue manager to contact Calgary Communities Against Sexual Abuse at 403-237-5888 (9am-9pm) or Alberta's One Line For Sexual Violence at 1-866-403-8000 (9am-9pm). Calls made after 9pm will be forwarded to the Distress Centre Calgary's 24-hour crisis line. (Ask any Sled Island volunteer for assistance finding the volunteer venue manager). Their trained staff will respond to your needs, which could include dispatching experts or connecting you with other resources if desired. Thanks to the Centre for Sexuality for their assistance in developing this initiative.

For other support, please contact Distress

Centre Calgary's 24-hour crisis line (403-266-4357). Distress Centre Calgary provides crisis support, professional counseling and referrals at no cost.

These numbers will be posted in all venue washrooms and at SledIsland.com/SaferSpaces.

#### **SAFE ROOMS & SAFE WALKS**

Whenever possible, Sled Island venues will offer safe room access upon request. To access a safe room, please speak with a Sled Island volunteer venue manager (ask any Sled Island volunteer for assistance finding the volunteer venue manager). Safe walks to a second festival location or support while waiting for public or other transportation are also available upon request.

Learn more at SledIsland.com/SaferSpaces.

#### **BAG CHECKS**

Bag checks are mandatory for all Sled Island shows at Commonwealth, Dickens, and The Palace Theatre.

Learn more at SledIsland.com/SaferSpaces.

# **DISCOUNT GUIDE**

Each year, Sled Island partners with local businesses to offer deals to passholders on some of our favourite goods and services around Calgary. During the festival, show your Sled Island wristband at the locations below to save a few bucks while supporting local businesses!

#### **NEIGHBOURHOOD OVERVIEW**

Not familiar with Calgary? Our discount guide also doubles as a great tour guide! Community partners are categorized by type and colour-coded by neighbourhood to make them easy to find. We've also included venues in our neighbourhood descriptions so you can know exactly where to grab a coffee on your way to the Central Library, or where to pick up a new record near the Sled Island Block Party.

- 17th Avenue: 17th Avenue is a vibrant hub that is home to some of Calgary's best boutiques, restaurants, and bars; the most populated area running from 14 St SW to Centre St S. Venues on 17th Avenue include Pin-Bar, Sloth Records and The Ship & Anchor.
- **Beltline:** North of 17th Avenue and west of Victoria Park, Calgary's Beltline runs north to south from 10 Ave Sw to 17 Ave SW, and east to west from 1 St SW to 14 St SW. Venues in the Beltline include Modern Love and Commonwealth.
- also known Core: The Downtown Core (also known as "The Core") is where most of Calgary's office towers are located, as well as the central C-Train lines. The Downtown Core runs north to south from 1 Ave Sw to 9 Ave SW and east to west from 7 St SE to 14 St SW and also encompasses the East Village and Eau Claire areas. Venues in the Downtown Core include The #1 Legion, Central United Church, Dickens, Globe Cinema, The Palace, and The Palomino.
- Inglewood: Just east of the Downtown area, Inglewood primarily runs along 9 Ave SE from 8 St SE to 19 St SE. Inglewood is home to many restaurants, antique stores, breweries, and boutiques.
- Kensington/West Hillhurst: North of the Bow River, the Kensington/Hillhurst area runs north to south from Memorial Dr NW to 8 Ave NW, and east to west from 10 St NW to Crowchild Trail NW. A laid-back neighbourhood full of cafes, shops, pubs,

and restaurants, Kensington is easily accessible via the red C-Train line (Sunnyside Station).

- Mission: South of 17th Avenue, Mission is a trendy neighbourhood that runs along 4 St SW, starting at 17 Ave SW, ending at Elbow Dr SW. Expect to find some of the city's best restaurants, cafes, and shops.
- Victoria Park: East of the Beltline and north of 17th Avenue, Victoria Park runs north to south from 17 Ave SW to 10 Ave SW, and east to west from 7 St SE to 2 St SW. A go-to spot for delicious meals and inventive cocktails.
- Other: Other neighbourhoods that are a short drive from central Calgary are Bridgeland (Boogies Burgers, Lukes Drug Mart, MOVE), Marda Loop (Boogies Burgers), Killarney (Lukes Drug Mart), and Ramsay (Rosso Coffee Roasters, The Compound, Dandy).

#### **FOOD AND BEVERAGE**

#### **COFFEE**

#### Lukes Drug Mart

- 112 4 St NE
- 3407 26 Ave SW 15% off \*conditions apply\*

#### Caffe Beano

■ 1613 9 St SW 10% off

# I Love You Coffee Shop & I Love You Coffee Shop Jr.

- 348b 14 Ave SW
- 520b 12 Ave SW

10% off drinks, bagels and treats. (Not valid for alcohol.)

#### Calgary Heritage Roasting Co.

■ 2020 11 St SE

10% off \*conditions apply\* (Only applicable in-store to all coffee and coffee alternative beverages and retail coffee beans. Not applicable to food or liquor.)

#### **Rosso Coffee Roasters**

- ■103 17 Ave SE
- ■140 8 Ave SE
- ■1402 9 Ave SE
- 15-803 24 Ave SE
- 523 36 Ave SE
- 2102 Centre St N 10% off

#### **BAKERIES**

#### **Sweet Relief Pastries**

■120 13 Ave SW

10% off storefront purchases \*conditions apply\* Applicable for any of our ready-to-go items. (Does not include custom orders.)

#### Sidewalk Citizen Bakery

■ 618 Confluence Way SE 10% off

#### **GRAB-AND-GO**

#### Vine Arts Wine and Spirits

- ■101-932 17 Ave SW
- 1310 1 St SW 10% off

#### Lukes Drug Mart

- 112 4 St NE
- 3407 26 Ave SW

15% off (Excluding prescriptions, bus tickets, concert tickets, lottery and Canada post.)

#### **QUICK EATS**

#### Lil' Empire Burger

■ 1105 1 Ave NE 10% off

#### **Boogie's Burgers**

- 908 Edmonton Trail NE
- 2129 33 Ave SW 15% off

#### Pizzaface

#140-515 17 Ave SW 15% off

#### 1370 011

UNA Takeaway ■ 616 17 Ave SW

#### 10% off

# SIT-DOWN Rain Dog Bar

#### ■ 1214 9 Ave SE

■ 1214 9 Ave St 10% off

#### The Allium

■ 211a 12 Ave SW 10% off

#### Madison's 12|12

■1212 9 Ave SE

10% off \*conditions apply\* (Not applicable to any discounted items, happy hour or daily specials.)

#### Calcutta Cricket Club

■ 340 17 Ave SW

15% off

#### UNA Pizza + Wine

- 618 17 Ave SW
- ■110 69 7a St NE
- ■8529 Broadcast Ave SW

10% off

#### Donna Mac

■1002 9 St SW

10% off \*conditions apply\* (Not applicable to happy hour prices.)

82

#### Sidewalk Citizen Park

■ 340 13 Ave SW 15% off

#### Missy's This That

■ 348A 14 Ave SW 10% off \*conditions apply\* (Not applicable to happy hour prices or Scozzafava's Deli.)

### BREWERIES & COCKTAIL BARS

# The Dandy Brewing Company & Pizza

■ 2003 11 St SE 10% off on beers and pizza at the Tasting Room

#### Eighty-Eight Brewing Co.

■ 2600 Portland St SE #1070 10% off in the taproom for draft and off sales

#### **Bottlescrew Bill's**

■140 10 Ave SW 15% off \*conditions apply\* (Applicable to all regular-priced food, draught beer and spirits. Not applicable to discounted daily specials/ happy hour and imported bottles.)

#### Proof

■1302 1 St SW 10% off \*conditions apply\* (Not applicable to happy hour prices.)

#### Magpie

#107 - 535 8 Ave SE 15% off

#### **GOODS**

#### **BOOKS**

#### **Another Dimension Comics**

■ 424B 10 St NW Buy two, get one graphic novel free

#### **Shelf Life Books**

■ 1302 4 St SW 20% off for the month of June

#### **ART SUPPLIES**

#### STASH Needle Art Lounge

■1237 9 Ave SE 10% off \*conditions apply\* (In-store only, regular priced items, excluding classes.)

#### **Sunnyside Art Supplies**

■ 132 10 St NW 15% off

#### **CLOTHING - NEW**

#### Fieldstudy

■ 102-1812 4 St SW 10% off

# North American Quality Purveyors

■ 1207 10 Ave SE 10% off regular priced items

#### The Grinning Goat

■ 101-323 17 Ave SW 10% off \*Use the promo code SLED23\*

#### Purr

- 940 17 Ave SW
- 1227 9 Ave SE
- 112 10 St NW

10% off regular-priced items

#### **Ninetimes Skateboard Shop**

■ 1409 11 St SW 10% off

#### LESS17

■ 930 17 Ave SW 15% off \*conditions apply\* (Not valid on launch/special release product, other exceptions apply.)

### The Source Snowboards and Skateboards

■ 738 11 Ave SW 15% off \*conditions may apply\*

#### gravitypope

■ 1126 17 Ave SW 20% off

#### **CLOTHING - USED**

#### SalvEdge Boutique

- 113 1013 17 Ave SW
- 1002 Macleod Trail SE 20% off \*some restrictions apply\*

#### **Velour Clothing Exchange**

■ 1812 4 St SW #101 10% off

#### Zoe's Store

■ 1403 14 Street SW 25% off

#### The Nines

2110 54 Ave SW 20% off

#### **HOME GOODS & PLANTS**

#### REID\*S

■ 710 17 Ave SW 10% off regular priced items

#### Recess

■ 1333 9 Ave SE 10% off

#### **Plant Plant**

■ 2501 Alyth Rd SE #5 10% off

#### The Cinder & Sage Loft

■ 2107b 4 St SW 20% off Cinder & S

20% off Cinder & Sage products and 10% off everything

else \*conditions apply\* (In-store only.)

#### **Fieldstudy**

■ 102-1812 4 St SW 10% off

#### The Grinning Goat

■101-323 17 Ave SW 10% off \*Use the promo code SLED23\*

#### **Plant**

■ 1327 9 Ave SE 10% off

#### Soil & Soul YYC

■ 1016 Macleod Trail SE 15% off

#### The Sunday Shop

■ 1314 1 St SW 10% off

#### **MUSIC**

#### Lukes Drug Mart

■ 112 4 St NE

■ 3407 26 Ave SW 15% off \*conditions apply\* (Excluding prescriptions, bus tickets, concert tickets, lottery and Canada post.)

#### Blackbyrd Myoozik

■1126 17 Ave SW 15% off

#### **Sloth Records**

■736b 17 Ave SW 15% off (excluding tickets & consignments)

#### **SERVICES**

#### **WELLNESS & BEAUTY**

#### Clear Float Spa

■115-335 18 Ave SW 10% off (excluding Theta Membership.) \*Use the promo code #sledisland\*

#### **Junction 9 Yoga & Pilates**

■ 919 9 Ave SE 10% off our 10 class passes for yoga & pilates.

#### Kent of Inglewood

■ 1316 9 Ave SE 10% off

#### **TATTOO**

#### **WOW Tattoo**

■ 3009 23 Ave SW #106 10% off

#### **WORKOUT**

#### Hotshop Spin Studio & Yoga

- ■132 13 Ave SW
- 2115 4 St SW 50% off drop-ins

#### CrushCamp

530 6 Ave SE
20% off single drop in,
5 class pack, 10 class pack
(Use discount code MUSIC-MOVESME)

#### Junction 9 Yoga & Pilates

■ 919 9 Ave SE 10% off our 10 class passes for yoga & pilates.

#### **Rumble Boxing**

■ 720 17 Ave SW 15% off discount on any in studio purchase of \$100 or more.

#### MOVE

- 16 4 St NE
- 919 17 Ave SW

20% off recurring and non-recurring memberships

#### Bike & Brew

■ 9211 Ave NE 10% off accessories and clothing, plus 10% off at our café, and all day happy hour \*conditions apply\* (Only applicable to in-stock items.)

#### **SKATEBOARDING**

#### The Compound

■ 840 26 Ave SE

Two free drop in sessions \*specific dates apply\* Tuesday, June 20 8pm-10pm / Wednesday, June 21 8pm-10pm / Thursday, June 22 8pm-10pm / Friday, June 23 8pm-10pm / Saturday, June 24 3pm-9pm / Sunday, June 25 3pm-5pm (women, girls, non-binary only).

#### **OTHER**

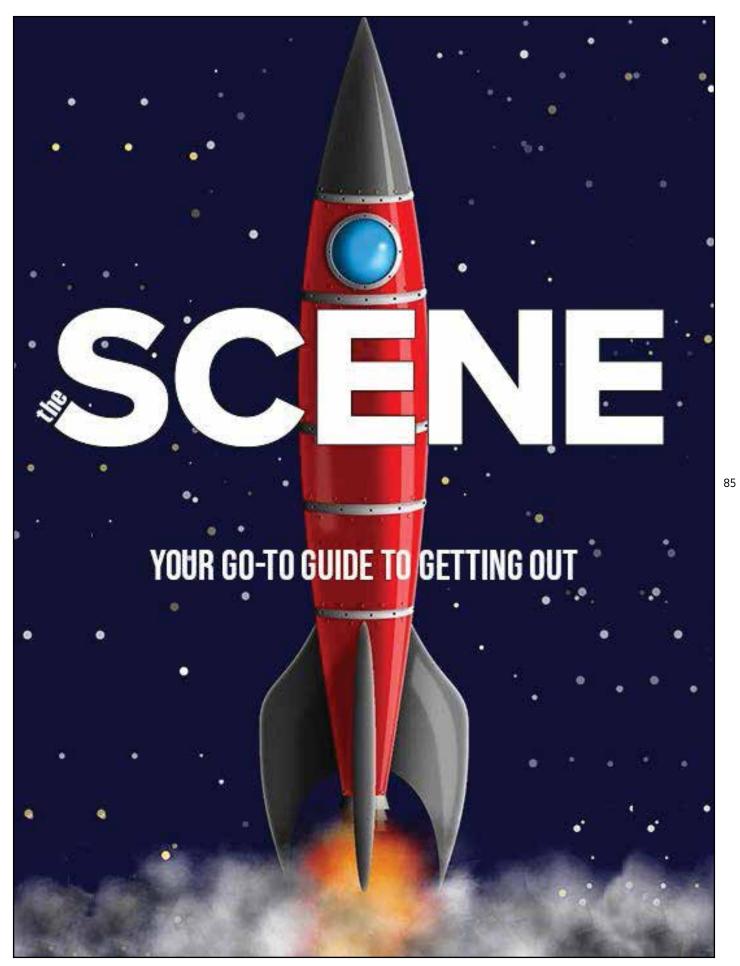
#### West Hillhurst Paint & Design

■ 321 19 St NW

Two free sample pints, or 15% off your entire purchase.

# **THANK YOU**

Tyler Knight at 440 Backline, Aaron Hielkema at Aaron's Printing, Janet Franke and everyone at ABC Waste Management, Dave Lynes at ABM Audio, Chad Persley at Absolute Underground, Bill Robinson, Trevor Bacon and Mark Kondrat at Alberta Beer Festivals, Jodie Vandekerkhove and David Folk at Alberta Foundation for the Arts, Jackie Flanagan, Beate Wichmann and Geoffrey Picketts at Alberta Views, Tammy Primeau and Kelsey Schuett at Arc'teryx, Marion Garden at AUArts, Jose Macasinag, Sam Rollo and Robyn Mah at AUArts Student Association, Jocelyn Erhardt, Kristen Thompson, Käthe Lemon, Alice Meilleur and everyone at Avenue, Anthony Carolan at Be Seen Street Team, Corey Robert at Beacon Concerts, Margie Gibb and everyone at Beano, Jennie Vallis at Big Kitty, Karolina Gajewska and Alden Alfon at Burnt Toast Studio, Marta Ligocki at Calgary Arts Development, Steven Begrand at Calgary Central Library, Heather McRae, Jay Ro, and Ian Hernandez at Calgary Downtown Association, Luke Azevedo and Lissa Craig at Calgary Economic Development, Graham Teare at Cardinale, Madelaine Lapointe at CBC, Colleen Robarts at Central United Church, Dori Palmiere at Centre for Sexuality, Jay Allen at CFCR, Asia Rattigan, Troy Lemberg, Nicola Watts, Rowan Grice and everyone at CFUV, Tasha Hefford and everyone at CiTR + Discorder, Benjamin Brackett and Jacob Quinlan at City of Calgary, Chris Yee and Jason Smith at CJSF, Matthew Gooding and everyone at CJSR, Adam Kamis, Gail Garden and everyone at CJSW, Genna Bourchier and Michael Doherty at CKXU, Melodie Creegan at Club Car, Braedin Weinberger at Commonwealth, Erin Dalton, Brooke Spencer and Beth Kerr at connectFirst Credit Union, Sean Dennie at CSpace, Brenda Lieberman, Laura Carlson and everyone at CUFF, Sean Davis Newton at Cups N Cakes, Morgan Corbett at Curiocity, Ben Leon and everyone at Dandy Brewing Co., Keshvi Radia at Delta Calgary Downtown, Bianca Constantin at Department of Canadian Heritage, Chris Hewitt and Ambor Sheppard at Dickens, Richard Sparvier and everyone at Drum Beat Entertainment, Adam Buck and everyone at Eighty-Eight Brewing Co., Dom Adam at EQ3, Lisa Vanderwyk, Katerina Mina and everyone at Exclaim!, Priya, Eman and the FOREIGNERZ team, Keanen Edlin at Globe Cinema, Melissa Dagg and Holly Gibney at Green Line, Dan Murray at I Love You Coffee Shop, Brian Kroeker and everyone at Little Rock Printing, Rob Smeltzer and Sheri Katz at Long & McQuade, Jordan and Mark at Loophole Coffee Bar, Adrienne Labelle at Mint Records, Faisal and Pam at Minuteman Press, James Renton and John Kennedy at Modern Love, Clayton Smith, Karly Mortimer and Carlos Arteaga at National accessArts Centre, Cameron Macgowan, Nick Haywood and everyone at NUTV, Kelly Johnsgaard, Bramble Lee Pryde, Cory Nestor and Leela Jacobs at nyrInd. Foundation, Peter Oliver, Dan Northfield at Palomino, Kim McDonald at Panago, Harvey and everyone at Panago on 17th Ave, Arlen Smith at Pin-Bar/Palomino, Roxanne Lemieux at Pop Montreal, Mike Rayburn at Postmedia, Shane Rempel at Prohab, Erin Woodward at Purr, Glenn Alderson at Range, Hesam Ohadi and SET Experimental Art Events, Darren Ollinger and Nicola Trolez at Ship & Anchor, Braeden Stewart and everyone at Showpass, Todd Harkness and Dave Muir at Sloth Records, Dan Frerichs at Sound Art Calgary, Ian Russell, Lakin Wecker, and Leonard Nooy at Structured Abstraction, Beni Johnson at 10@10, Rick Dent and Susan Macaulay at The #1 Royal Canadian Legion, Gurman Sahota at The Gauntlet, Stephen Smysnuik at The Georgia Straight, Jason Mayer at The Palace Theatre, Mike Bell at TheScene, Jennifer Hodgins at Tier One Travel, Nathan Flim, Julia Le and Amanda Gaydos at Tumbler & Rocks, Jared McKetiak at UMFM, McKenna, Megs, Shelby and everyone at Work Nicer, Brad Simm, Daniel L'Amarca, Johnny Rollett, Jordan Baylon, Gareth Lukes, Pam Tzeng, Carlin Black Rabbit, Hope Madison Fay, Shawn Petsche, Megan Kessler, and Dayna Huish.



SLED ISLAND 2023



**FESITVAL SUPPORTERS** 

LUKES







**FESTIVAL BACKERS** 













86









Canadian Heritage

Patrimoine canadien









**MEDIA PARTNERS** 







































**SCENE** 



















































































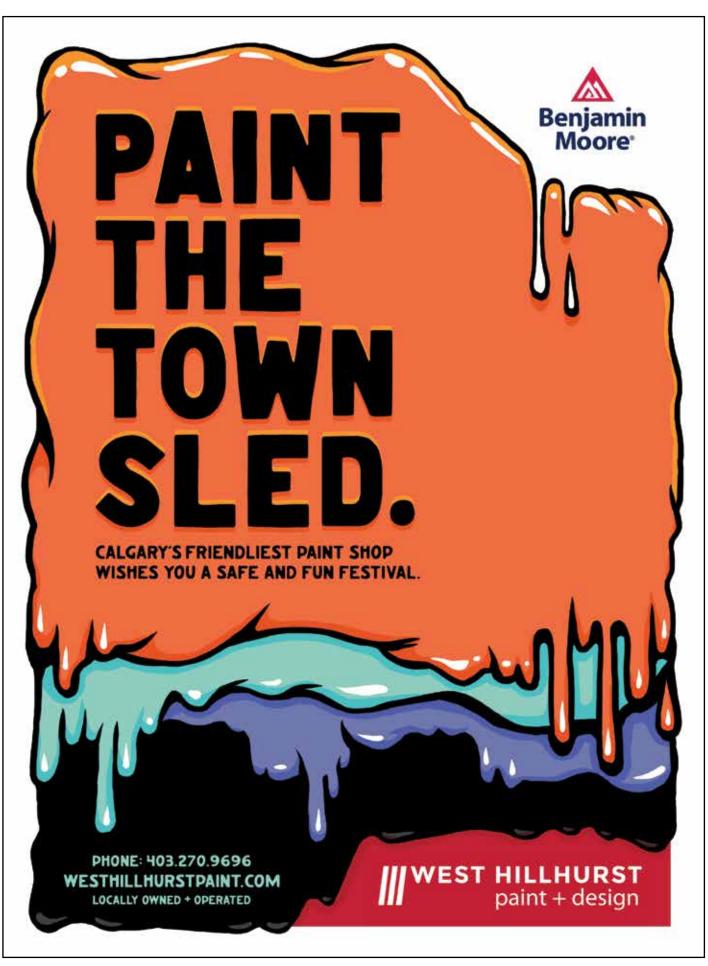












# SED ISLAND PALOMINO

INESDAY JUNE 218T

DOWNSTAIRS:

THICK Barnacle Earth Freaks Wack

#### UPSTAIRS:

The Wesleys Cinema Hearts Dump Babes Matt MacNeil & The Geeks

#### DOWNSTAIRS

CUSW PRESENTS

Gustaf Only God Forgives Co-op Brain Bent

#### UPSTAIRS:

TVOD Haters MVLL CRIMES Aversions Stucco DOWNSTAIRS: DAY

CUPS N CAKES PRESENT

Marlaena Moore Lev Snowe Baby Jey Paisley Fields Amy Nelson

UPSTAIRS: DAY

ALBERTA MUSIC MIXER with:

Thomas Thomas K-Riz & The Family

Lushings

Samantha Savage Smith

DOWNSTAIRS: NIGHT

POP MONTREAL PRESENTS

Pelada

HERR SPECTRE ASKO

Eine Kleine China

UPSTAIRS: NIGHT

La Sécurité Fresh Wax Hot Goss Bog Bodies

### DOWNSTAIRS: DAY

danes Snake River Uncanny Valley Witch Victim

#### UPSTAIRS: DAY

CECR PRESENTS

Grimelda Soul Mates Chunder Buffet Grey Light District

### DOWNSTAIRS: NIGHT

**CUSW PRESENTS** 

Water From Your Eyes PACKS Eye of Newt Hair Control

#### UPSTAIRS: NIGHT

Laurence-Anne Niloo Yawn Victrix

### **SUNDAYJUNE 25TH**

#### SLED ISLAND WRAP-UP PIG ROAST WITH:

Margaritas Podridas Weird Nightmare Sick Puppy Parisian Orgy SAP Bat Scratch

La Sécurité ASKO Hundred Footers Double Rider ILLHumanNation

A.N.

STAIRS

BANDS, BEERS, PATIC

BANDS.

PALOMINO

109 7th Ave SW

[403] 532-1911

theoalomino.ca

visit sledisland.com for tickets