

# Calgary: A Festival of Festivals

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Calgarians love a good festival – a day or two of celebrating with good food or music, showing an appreciation for different cultures or art forms. And we're lucky that volunteerism is a cornerstone of our community, since thousands of volunteers make these year-round festivals possible. Thanks to their dedication and commitment, we can regularly bring out our festival chairs, have our hands stamped, and soak up new experiences.

We don't need much of an excuse to host a festival. Calgarians attend events to welcome spring, to bask in the heat of the summer, to witness the beauty of fall and to frolic in the snow of winter. Our unique blend of cultures offers us a wealth of diversity, including folk music, children's festivals, jazz, comedy and cultural experiences. We appreciate and celebrate the arts in film, live theatre performances, internationally recognized music and literary word festivals.

We tip our hats to our pioneer and western heritage through the Calgary Stampede, our community rodeo days, our cowboy poetry festivals and heritage celebrations.

Calgarians love their food, and that love has spawned a series of events in which we sample local cuisine, cast our votes at barbeque cook-offs, and sip wine. New delicacies provide an invitation to expand dining experiences for even the most discerning palate.

We're home to a community of cultures from Aboriginal to African, from Caribbean to European. As a united city, new and born-Calgarians are proud to share their roots in a celebration of what makes them unique.

Major festivals include:

- High Performance Rodeo (January)
- Enbridge PlayRites Festival of New Canadian Plays (February)
- WineFest (February)
- The Fourth Street Lilac Festival (April)
- Calgary International Children's Festival (May)
- The Calgary International Jazz Festival (June)
- Sled Island Music Festival (June)
- The Calgary Stampede (July)
- International Native Arts Festival (July)
- The Calgary Folk Festival (late July)
- The Calgary International Blues Festival (August)
- Taste of Calgary (August)
- The Calgary International Film Festival (September)
- Wordfest (October)

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