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En Piste, Canada's national circus arts alliance, is pleased to present this directory of circus events scheduled across the country for June, July, and August 2025. This comprehensive overview will help guide your choices and let you experience a thrilling summer filled with the wonder of a unique and ever-evolving art form.

This coming summer, more than 85 circus companies, events, and festivals will take place in nearly 200 Canadian cities. Traditional big top and arena circuses alone will cover over half of these locations. Artists and companies from abroad — including from England, Denmark, the U.S., France, and Sweden — will also visit several provinces.



Ghost Light | © Emmanuel Buriel

Among the eleven anglophone Canadian circus organizations, six “Bunker-style” events (including festivals and companies) will be featured. The 90 productions listed in this guide showcase the many faces of the circus: large, medium, and small formats, contemporary and traditional, outdoor street arts, and more. Regardless of the style, they all promise to amaze and delight.

AN EXTRAORDINARY SUMMER



Action! | © Catherine Tétreault

May 2025 was exceptional in Québec, with around thirty circus shows performed in about forty cities, totalling approximately 90 performances — not including those staged by several companies in schools.

The summer looks promising: an estimated 65 Québec-based companies will stage about 80 productions, primarily within the province but also in other parts of Canada.

WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE SUNNY SEASON

The annual performances of higher education circus schools signal the arrival of summer and introduce young, already-virtuosic circus artists poised for promising futures.

L'antre d'eux, performed by the graduating class of the **École nationale de cirque** de Montréal, will take place from May 29 to June 8, 2025, at TOHU. The performance will be preceded by **Préambule**, featuring first-year students, held in the lobby of Canada's only circular circus venue. Other students will present **Kaboum** on May 23 and 24, and **Triptyque** from June 5 to 7, all at the school located within the Cité des arts du cirque.



L'antre deux | Yves Artières, Ilse Baryshnikov

Since May 20, the **École de cirque de Québec** has been in full Jours de cirque mode until June 8, and will present the annual graduation show **Les nuits seront longues** on June 6, 7, and 8 at the School. Second-year students will appear in a street performance in Limoilou, while first-year students will perform *in situ* in various landmark locations around Québec City.

As for the preparatory program, the **École de cirque de Verdun** will present its year-end performances on June 12, 13, and 14.

In Vancouver, **Circus West** offers **Tapestry, a Closeknit Circus** from May 29 to June 1.



Les nuits seront longues | finissant-es de l'ECQ | © Stéphane Bourgeois



Show devant | Mathis Machuré | © Benoit Z Leroux

Open-air circus experiences offered to Quebecers this summer are both spectacular and diverse. Several mobile circus units will be travelling throughout the season to reach their audiences: a van, a school bus, a recreational vehicle, a fire truck, a cleverly repurposed food truck, and even bicycles.

Show devant, featuring the Camion d'Intervention Artistique (CIArt) from **Bazar Production**, will tour to Notre-Dame du Laus, Malartic, Val d'Or, and Inverness, passing through Shawinigan and Québec City. With about 20 dates scheduled between May 31 and October 15, this fire truck show delivers a sensational blend of clowning and acrobatics, highlighted by a tall ladder unfurled to the sky.

Now entering its sixth season, **La Famille GoldenCrust** will hit the road again with its RV, beginning with **Festival Pointô** on June 6 and 7. The family will then head to Huberdeau Library on June 13, and perform in Joliette during Festival Bastringue on June 28. This unconventional family will park its RV in Lachine on July 1, Saint-Jean-des-Piles on July 5, and Longueuil on July 10. Through September 19 at Baie-de-Beauport, check Les **Deux de pique**'s schedule for full details on this hilarious circus and comedy roadshow for young and old alike.

La Famille GoldenCrust | Philippe Trépanier, Tamara Bousquet | © Nicolas Descoteaux



With its circus truck, **Kikasse** and its fantastic troupe of acrobats will be rolling through the province all season long. They will park their vehicle, among other places, in Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague on June 27, in Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot on July 12, in Laval on July 26 and 27, and in Piedmont on August 9.

The van from the dynamic **Collectif 4237** will bring its dazzling circus squad and its **Black and White Cabaret** to about fifteen cities across the province between June 24 and September 20: Granby, Brossard, Lévis, Chibougamau, and Saint-Étienne de Beauharnois, among others. It's worth mentioning that the collective invites you on June 12 to its bold open stage **Cabaret vingt, vingt, vingt** at the Chat Bleu, in collaboration with **Acting for Climate Montréal**, as well as to their shows **Les peintres**, on August 7 in Laval, and **LABO** in Montréal, on June 18, and again on September 19 and 25.

For its delightfully wacky **Vacances, FLIP Fabrique** will be touring the roads of Quebec in its school bus, notably at **Festival Bastringue in Joliette** and at **Escales fantastiques in Shawinigan** on July 19. That same day, the lively street show 400 coups will be presented at **Le Festif! in Baie-Saint-Paul**, where **Hoopelai** by **Andréanne Thiboutot** will also be featured.

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From New Zealand, the company **The Dust Palace** is visiting the West Coast with its bold and edgy show **Haus of Yolo**, running from June 5 to 15 in Vancouver.

For a second year, the daring aerial acrobatic creation **Là-haut** returns in a spectacular setup inside the high-altitude observation tower at the Sentier des cimes in Mont-Blanc, from June through September.

Starting June 21, Apzara presents **La Légende de Tortuga**, a family-friendly production blending equestrian theatre and musical comedy, in Maricourt, running through August 30.

Thrill-seekers take note: **Cirque Ambiente** will be performing at Canada's Wonderland from June 28 to September 1, in Vaughan, Ontario.

The new show by **Théâtre À Tempo** is featured all summer at the Musée de la civilisation in Québec City, viewable any time — indoors when it rains, and cool inside when it's hot.

With exceptional acrobats, **Le Cirque de la Pointe-Sèche** presents its new creation **Sortilège** from July 3 to August 31, at its enchanting outdoor site in Saint-Germain-de-Kamouraska, where the forest and a rocky cliff serve as a natural stage set.

In Montréal, **Cirque Éloïze** brings back **Bon Voyage !** from July 9 to September 13. Audiences will wander through an immersive environment created for the occasion inside the historic Dalhousie Station, a fitting venue for the extraordinary journey through time offered by this recent production.



Barka | Sebastian Mejia, Nathan Biggs-Penton, Bertrand Margelidon, Carmen Ruiz, Brittany Gee-More, Blanche Moison- Methé | © Ivan Arturo



Glob | Rémi Jacques, Jean-Félix Bélanger | © TMTPHOTO_Les Foutoukours



Bon voyage | Alex Paviost | © Benoit Z Leroux

LONG SERIES

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Still along the St. Lawrence River, but further upstream on the North Shore, **Cirque du Soleil** presents **Les Incouchables** from July 16 to August 16 in Trois-Rivières. Acrobats, artists, and top-tier creators have developed this tribute to Daniel Bélanger, one of Québec's most iconic voices.

Fondation 33 will produce its **Cabaret sans lendemain** in the northern Lac Saint-Jean region, from July 30 to August 30, featuring a troupe of internationally acclaimed artists. This is a big top experience worth the trip to Dolbeau-Mistassini.

With its swaying rhythms, the musical and circus show **Barka** will sail through the Montréal area on July 30 at Parc Armand-Bombardier in Pointe-aux-Trembles, on August 1 in Pierrefonds, and on September 7 at Parc Wilfrid-Bastien in Montréal-Nord.

After a magnificent tour in France and a restaging in Trois-Rivières at the end of May, the fantastic circus musical comedy created to the music of Les Cowboys Fringants,



Équipage recherché | Vanessa Collini | © Christian Leduc

Pub Royal by **The 7 Fingers**, will return to the stage at Place des Arts from August 6 to 10 in Montréal.

The Outremont borough will host five notable shows this summer. On July 5, the series begins with **Le Pyjama du chat**, by the spirited young acrobats of **Productions Realiva**, followed by the wonderful **Duo Hoops** performing outdoors on August 9. **Cirque Collini** arrives on August 31 with its show **Équipage recherché**, also presented outdoors.

SERIAL COMPANIES

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On September 27, **Duo Loco-Motion**, composed of **Ryunosuke Yamazumi** and **Anouk Vallée-Charest**, will perform indoors. In a clownish mode, **Le Grand Alexandre** will present **Magi** the following day.

Don't miss the unique performances of several original circus creations such as **Freakout Circus Extravaganza 5!** on June 20 in Vancouver. **Les Foutoukours** will make you laugh with **Glob** in Québec City on June 1. **Look-Up arts aériens** will debut a new performance with a trio of sway poles on July 5 in Shawinigan, in the Saint-Jean-des-Piles sector. In Trois-Rivières, on July 9 and 10, **Cirque Orphelin** by **Les Sages Fous** will be presented in their brand-new Fabrique de théâtre insolite. Also not to be missed: **Les Femmes du feu**, who will present their acrobatic and aquatic show **Belongings** on July 17 in Welland, Ontario. The next day, **La Familia** from **L'Aubergine** will take to the streets of Montréal. One to watch in September: the equestrian circus of **Luna Caballera**, in Notre-Dame du Rosaire, in the Appalachians.



Duo Loco-Motion | Anouk Vallée-Charest | © Andrew Miller

ON TOUR EVERYWHERE



In the streets and parks of Montréal and beyond, you'll see ***Hiatus***, ***Amharelina***, ***Victor***, and ***Yggdrasil*** — original youth creations by **La Marche du crabe**. The company's **tour calendar** includes multiple dates in about a dozen Quebec cities, reaching as far as Labrador City by September 17, with stops including Drummondville.

With its blend of urban poetry and circus, ***Illuzaõ*** will charm audiences on June 7 in Mont-Tremblant, June 15 in Saint-Georges de Beauce during the Festival Solstice, June 23 in Sainte-Anne-des-Lacs, and July 19 in Lachute. As for ***Kaoso***, the company begins its performances in June as part of CAM en tournée, with a stop in Terrebonne on July 12.

ON TOUR EVERYWHERE

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In June, **Le Gros Orteil**, with its clownish and acrobatic spirit, will present its sailboat-themed show ***Hisse et Ho*** on June 15 in Lachine, and later, the solo show ***Plouf!*** on June 23 in Saint-Hyacinthe. The new show ***Maringouin*** will land in Lavaltrie on June 23 and continue its summer tour on July 3 in Rigaud, July 8 in Saint-Bruno, August 9 in Rosemère, and August 23 in Sainte-Martine. The energetic ***Bouge!*** will appear on July 3 at the **Soif de Musique Festival** in Cowansville, on July 17 in Saint-Agapit, and on August 14 in Notre-Dame-de-l'Île-Perrot.

Blending live music and the impressive expertise of seasoned artists, ***En s'attendant***, by **La compagnie du pigeon**, will stop in Lotbinière on June 23, then continue on July 4 in Vieux-Terrebonne, July 5 in Thetford Mines, and July 6 and 11 in Montréal.

Plouf! | Marie-Hélène D'Amours | © Charles Briand





Aquaphonie | © Marie-Noële Pilon

Toxique Trottoir will be on tour with **Arbracadabra** for about a dozen dates through September, and also this summer with **Aquaphonie** on July 15 in Blainville, August 4 in Gatineau, August 14 in Carignan, and August 23 in Saint-Philippe. This street arts company will also present shows in public spaces: **Pitit Ayiti** (The Children of Haiti) will be presented as part of CAM en tournée on July 25 in Rivière-des-Prairies, July 29 in Saint-Léonard, July 30 at Parc des Amériques, and August 1 at Terrasse Baldwin.

Le Périple des clowns musicales **Laurette & Arlette** will bring their music and humour to Lévis on July 5, at the Quai Paquet. They will continue to spread their joyful spirit on July 15 in Saint-Raymond and August 31 at the TRIP Festival in Trois-Rivières. Their surprise act will also appear at the **Cabaret DADA** by **Les Filles électriques**, on August 20 at Jardins Gamelin in Montréal.

The brilliant acrobats of **Quatuor Stomp** will perform their interactive show **What's Next** from August 13 to 17 in Québec City.

ON TOUR EVERYWHERE

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Fans of the unique and sometimes disconcerting **Jerry Tremblay** will be pleased to learn that he will be, among other places, in Beloeil for the Fête nationale on June 23, in Laval on July 17, in Baie-Saint-Paul on July 25, in Shawinigan on July 31, in Repentigny on August 14, in Saint-Fabien on August 23, and in Trois-Rivières on August 30.

Searching For Love | Jerry Tremblay | © Caroline Thibault





Festival PointO | © By Quach

Winner of the 2025 jury prize from the Conseil des arts de Montréal, Geneviève Dupéré will present **éch₂Osystème** at the Trois-Rivières harbour park on June 3, a major event as part of the **Avenir Maritime conference** organized by the **Réseau Québec Maritime**, in collaboration with the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières. Among the other scheduled performances this summer: June 13 and 14 in Repentigny.

La compagnie des autres invites the general public to the participatory programming of its festival **PointO**, from June 6 to 8 in Pointe-aux-Trembles, near the river shuttle dock. Among others, you'll see the charming Jerry Tremblay and his **SelfHelp Karaoke** on June 7 and 8, along with an open stage and a residency showcase. Treat yourself to a ride on the river just as much as a circus outing!

Several circus artists are featured in the **Montréal Fringe Festival**, which starts on May 27. Look out for Brigitte Charpentier and her clown solo **Ludivine**, or the contortionist Lorenzo Serafino and his piece **Eba Amo**, both running from June 6 to 15. The **Ottawa Fringe Festival** will take place in the Canadian capital from June 12 to 22.

The **Festival Solstice in Saint-Georges de Beauce** has programmed three circus shows: on June 15, by **Vague de cirque**, **Bolo Kan**, and the company **Tempoflo**.

In Sherbrooke, on July 20, **Monsieur Poi** will take part in the Fête du lac des Nations.

In Joliette, from June 17 to 29, the **Bastringue Festival** will offer unforgettable moments with big top performances: from June 19 to 26, the company behind the event, **Cirque Alfonse**, will present its latest creation: **La Noce d'Alfonse**. This will be followed by **Équipage recherché** from **Cirque Collini** on June 21 and 22, **La Grande Brigue** by **Le Monastère** on June 26, as well as a prestigious guest from Europe, the virtuoso juggler **Wes Peden** with **Rollercoaster** on June 28 and 29. Roving acts and several free performances will also be offered to the public: **Art-Cirq** as part of **Waskapitan** on June 21, Sur roulettes by **Le Patin Libre** on June 22, **Vacances** by **FLIP Fabrique** on June 23, and **La Famille GoldenCrust** on June 28.

From June 19 to 22, the **Alberta Circus Arts Festival** in Edmonton will open with its lively **North x Northwest ACAF Cabaret** and continue with **Haus of Yolo** from New Zealand on June 19, **The Vessel** on June 20, featuring world-class acrobats. A screening of the film **Wild Aerial** will take place on June 21, followed by **FLO: cirque immersif** from **Pirate Life Adventures**, delivering a spectacular sensory experience on June 21 and 22.

With its clever truck and the **SANTÉ!** experience, **Kikasse** will skillfully lead the circus component of the **Vaudreuil-Dorion Circus Festival** from June 20 to 22.

Festival Bastringue | © Stéphanie Picard





MONTREAL COMPLETEMENT CIRQUE | © JF Savaria

In the heart of the Acadian Peninsula, the **Festival de cirque Nomade** in Caraquet invites you to several circus performances and participatory activities from June 27 to 29.

In Montréal, during the **Branle-bas d'Hochelaga** from June 27 to 29, there will be circus performances such as the **Cabaret Variété** by Collectif 4237 and **The Jerry Show** by Jerry Tremblay.

In Québec's metropolis, **Montréal Complètement Cirque** (MCC) will take over several venues from July 3 to 13. Opening at TOHU, the festival presents a large-scale work, **The Genesis**, by the **Copenhagen Collective**, made up of 17 exceptional acrobats from 14 countries. Also featured: **La Noce d'Alfonse** by **Cirque Alfonse**, known for its remarkable blend of tradition and contemporary circus.

In Studio-Cabaret format at Espace St-Denis, from July 8 to 13, MCC presents **Six°**, an entertaining creation by **FLIP Fabrique**, and a wild and hilarious late-night show, **Sophie's 29th Surprise Party** by UK-based company **Three Legged Race Productions**.

For families, **Département des retours** by **Les sœurs kif-kif**, **Walter Ego** by **L'Aubergine**, and **Rollercoaster** by **Wes Peden** will be presented at Maison Théâtre and are sure to bring smiles to your faces.

Not to be missed: the much-anticipated **Cabaret du jugement dernier** by **Le Monastère**, featuring high-level acrobats, from July 4 to 12, and **L'Autre Cirque** from July 7 to 11 at Théâtre La Chapelle, offering a look at new trends in contemporary circus.

The annual **Marché international de cirque contemporain (MICC)** will include numerous circus companies from Québec, Canada, and abroad, as well as many presenters from around the world.

FESTIVALS AND EVENTS

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From July 20 to 26, the Festival de cirque des Îles welcomes companies from the mainland, such as Cirque Collini from Abitibi with its show Équipeage recherché. On its new site in Cap-aux-Meules, in the Îles-de-la-Madeleine, **the festival** has also scheduled the ***Cabaret noir et blanc*** by **Collectif 4237** from Montréal and **Théâtre À Tempo** from Québec with its latest acrobatic-clown creation: ***Action!***

From July 30 to August 4 the **Halifax Buskers Festival** will celebrate with circus and street performers, and later in the summer, from August 29 to September 1, it will be the turn of the **Toronto International Busker's Fest**. In Alberta, during **Red Deer Centrefest** on July 26 and 27, acrobats and street artists will pass the hat for their best acts, while in the neighbouring province, the city of Victoria is launching its new **Busking in Victoria** program throughout the summer to enhance the experience for both artists and audiences.

Following last summer's success, **Cirque Alfonse** returns in August with its ***Broche à foin*** format in Rawdon, at the **Village Canadienne**. This family circus will offer an unforgettable roving performance on a site dedicated to the collective memory of the Lanaudois.

The **Laurentides Circus Festival** is expanding, running from August 13 to 17 in Mont-Tremblant and from August 20 to 24 in Val-David. Among the acts: the French troupe **Cirque Entre Nous**, bringing together Chinese pole experts in a thrilling show, **Cirque Collini** in pirate mode, the fire truck from **Show Devant** by **Bazar Production**, and the Cabaret-cirque ***Sous le grand clocher*** at the church of Val-David and also in Mont-Tremblant.

Among the not-to-be-missed events this summer at **Jardins Gamelin**, the urban cabaret ***Carmagnole à Gamelin*** will be hosted by **Le Grand Alexandre** on August 13 in Montréal.

During the **Festival des arts de ruelle**, a multitude of artists from every discipline will dazzle audiences in different neighbourhoods.

In Montréal, from August 23 to September 7, several outstanding circus artists will take part.

From September 14 to 17, the extraordinary programming of the **Maritime Circus Festival** will take place mainly at Halifax Circus.

Wrapping up on the first day of fall, the **St. John's International CircusFest** will offer, starting on September 18, incredible performances, workshops, training sessions, and discussions for circus professionals.

In September, from the 18th to the 21st, **Mauricie Arts vivants** will present circus shows across several towns and villages in the region, including a street-adapted version of **Ghost Light** by **Machine de cirque**.

In Québec, other festivals also give circus arts a great spotlight: **Danse de la tortue** in Marston, **ShazamFest** in Barnston Ouest, **OsstidBurn**, and **Mon Festival**, the cultural festival for children in the Lanaudière region.

St. John's International CircusFest | Abby Ledrew | © Alick Tsui



The poster for St. John's International CircusFest features a central image of a circus performer in a blue shirt and red socks, performing a handstand with one leg extended upwards, holding a large hula hoop. To the left, the festival's logo is displayed in a stylized, layered font: 'ST. JOHN'S' in white on a blue banner, 'INTERNATIONAL' in white on a blue banner, 'CIRCUS' in white on a blue banner, and 'FEST' in white on a red banner. Below the logo, it says 'PRESENTED BY' followed by a small logo. The background is white with a subtle pattern of concentric circles. In the bottom right corner, there is a pink speech bubble with the word 'New!' and a blue speech bubble with the text 'En Piste invites you to explore its online directory of circus festivals!' and a pink link icon.

New!

En Piste invites you to explore its online directory of circus festivals!

UNDER BIG TOP OR IN ARENA

Since mid-May, the **Cirque du Soleil** big top has been set up in the Old Port of Montréal, and **Luzia** will remain there until August 24, featuring its stunning acrobats and rhythmic, dance-inspired music.

Cirque du Soleil will also shine elsewhere in Canada with three other high-calibre productions. In arenas, **Crystal** skates into British Columbia, starting in Victoria, followed by Kelowna, and then Vancouver in early June.

OVO will be on stage in Toronto until June 28, and then in Ottawa until July 6. As for **Écho**, it will resonate under the big top in Calgary from August 30 to October 19.

Directed by **Anouchka Bouglione**, **Cirque de Paris** will pitch its tent in a dozen cities across Québec and Ontario, from early May to September 28. With its remarkable artists, it will stop in places including Gatineau, Longueuil, Montréal, Beauport, Kingston, and Ottawa.

Remaining in a traditional vein, several anglophone companies will criss-cross Canada. Until August 3, **Canada's Circus Spectacular** will appear in arenas in about fifty cities across Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, New Brunswick, Québec, and Ontario.

The tour of **Europa Super Circus** will pass through around twenty cities in British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Ontario, from Surrey to Kingston, from May 1 to September 21.

Also under the big top, the **Royal Canadian International Circus** will have visited a dozen cities in British Columbia, Alberta, and Ontario, between May 1 and September 1.

Launching its Canadian tour in May in Saskatoon, the **Great Benjamin Circus** will present around fifty performances in Manitoba, Ontario, and New Brunswick, through to July 20.

AND IT'S NOT OVER!

Throughout the year, circus programming in Montréal's **Maisons de la culture** is available online, usually offering free performances.

You can also visit the **La Vitrine website** to find numerous circus shows scheduled across Québec — an initiative supported by the **Government of Canada**, **Government of Québec**, and the **City of Montréal**.

Stay tuned to essential social media platforms to follow the itineraries of your favourite companies throughout the beautiful season. Some of them, along with several events, will soon be finalizing their summer programming.

Dozens of circus artists will give hundreds of performances from coast to coast this coming summer. Go out and enjoy their art and dazzling expertise.
May the circus be with you!

For more shows ready to tour year-round, visit En Piste's online directory.



ENJOY THE SHOW!

About En Piste

Our organization thrives on circus and innovation. Nothing stops us from working to advance the circus arts sector, in collaboration with the community.

It is by forming a united, strong, and coherent group that we will succeed in representing our interests, developing our art, and supporting professional growth. Together, let's show ambition for our thriving community.

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