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A SPECTACULAR SUMMER



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En Piste, the national circus arts alliance, is proud to present the Circus Calendar for Summer 2026. Here you'll find an overview of the circus performances that will create unforgettable moments across Canada this summer.

Featured at numerous festivals, the circus arts will come to you or welcome you to their venues—theatres, streets, parks, under the big top, or in unusual locations—in short, everywhere! In Canada, more than 120 companies—including 90 Canadian ones—and 85 shows are touring the country in over 125 cities. These events, organizations, companies, individuals, and circus collectives reflect the vitality of today's circus and its many forms. Many tailor their work for young audiences or the whole family, presenting their shows to elementary and high school students during the school year and continuing their tours throughout the summer both domestically and abroad.



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A BLOSSOMING CIRCUS SCENE IN MAY

In Québec, the month of May was marked by a visit from the Australian company Gravity & Other Myths, which continued on to Moncton with its excellent production **Ten Thousand Hours**. La compagnie des autres, which won last year's Propulsion AWARD [1], organized the second edition of Nous autres, a unifying and energizing event for the circus community. **Cirque du Soleil's ECHO** big top was set up in Montreal's Old Port for the summer. In Ontario, **Cirquonscient** organized **the Ottawa Circus Festival**. In British Columbia, the **Kootenay Children's Festival** featured **Luminarium** by **Cause & Effects Circus**, the acrobatic duo Comedy Patrol, and Wild Mint Arts with their hoops and **Nimihitowin!**

Spring is wrapped up with productions from the advanced training schools in Montreal and Québec City. Shakespeare took center stage for circus CEGEP students, who performed alongside him at the National Circus School in Montréal in **Macbeth** and at the École de cirque de Québec in **The Tempest**. In both cases, performances continued through June. In Limoilou, the ÉCQ kicked things off with **Catastrophe dans la cathédrale + Après la fin** and **Éclats de Cirque**, two outdoor shows. The National Circus School presented three productions: **Vertige**, **Diptyque**, and **Préambule**. Across Canada, most recreational schools and preparatory schools for higher education are following suit with performances by their students. Throughout the summer, many of these young people will be seen leading activities or performing in various events.

[1] Since 2024, the Propulsion Award has been presented jointly by En Piste and the Conseil des arts de Montréal. The recipients of this award were Acting for Climate Montréal in 2024 and La compagnie des autres in 2025.



A BLOSSOMING CIRCUS SCENE IN MAY

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Finally, let's mention a classic from the **Carrefour International de théâtre de Québec** that integrated all the arts: **Où tu vas quand tu dors en marchant...?** This year, the walking theatre event featured four different worlds through June 7, including Yohann Trépanier's circus piece **Vélo Fantôme**, featuring a troupe of fire acrobats and a contribution from the **Look Up** company.

Vélo fantôme | Yohann Trépanier © Stéphane Bourgeois



...AND IN JUNE

June kicked off in Ottawa, from the 4th to the 7th, with **Te Tangi a Te Tūi**, the result of a collaboration between **Te Rēhia Theatre** and New Zealand's **The Dust Palace**. A dazzling, allegorical tale organized in collaboration with the NAC will feature a performance by the Nunavut-based company **Artcirq**.

In Québec, **L'Aubergine** presented **Là-bas** for the whole family on June 7 in Lévis.

In Montréal, on June 6, **Les Foutoukours** presented **Le Sablier** before heading to Romania and Edinburgh. Several companies will be performing all summer long in Montreal's parks and cultural centers, including the clown troupe **Drôldadon** with **Lazygirl**, which will be performed on June 7, 11, 14, and 17; July 3, 9, 16, and 17; and August 15. *Lazygirl* will also be waiting for you in Sainte-Geneviève in her comfortable mobile armchair on July 14. On June 3 in Montréal, between 1 and 300 Chabanel Street, there was a performance by **Jamye La Luna Productions**. Among the stilt-walking performances, **Récolte** took place on the esplanade of Block A of the Frontenac Towers at 1850 Bercy Street, right next to the Frontenac Metro station, on June 9, featuring Yves Landry, among others.

In British Columbia, from June 10 to 28, Vancouver was host to the zany **Sophie's Surprise 29th** by the British company **Three Legged Race Productions**.

...AND IN JUNE

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The **Look Up** company performed on June 23 in Notre-Dame-des-Prairies.

June also marked the start of festivals, tours by several companies, and the itineraries of numerous circus vehicles crisscrossing the country's roads.

Récolte | Yves Landry



CIRCUS VEHICLES

A fire truck that delights the whole family, the **Camion d'Intervention Artistique (CIArt)** began its summer tour in Chambly, continuing on to Montréal on June 6 and to Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu the following day. The CIArt was also at the **Luminato** Festival in Toronto from June 12 to 14, at the **Bastringue** Festival in Joliette on June 23, and in Beauharnois the following day. On July 16, the red truck will be in Saint-Louis-de-Gonzague; on August 15, in Montréal-Est; on August 22, in Blainville; and on September 19, in Saint-Jérôme. Starting June 18, CIArt's acrobatic and clownish firefighters will perform in a dozen parks across the metropolitan area as part of the CAM tour which runs through October 4.

A one-of-a-kind Japanese ambulance, Félix Imbault's vehicle is rushing in to entertain you with **SOS Marcel Express** on July 12, 13, and 23, as well as on August 11, at several locations in Montreal.

Back from a spring tour in the United States, **Kikasse's** circus food truck stopped in Vancouver on June 8 and 9 and in Edmonton from June 18 to 21. Combining circus and food, **Kikasse** arrived in Granby on June 24 with **Santé!** and the **Petites Polisses on duty**, before heading to the **Branle-Bas d'Hochelaga** on June 27. This mobile circus, which also doubles as a beer truck, will stop in Saint-Jérôme at the **Festival des Lumières** on July 10, in Beauharnois on July 14, in Port Cartier on July 25, in Valleyfield on July 31, and in Québec City on August 18. Affiliated with **PS2**—along with **Look-Up**, **Kikasse**, and **4Stomp**—, and **Les Briques** will be touring the Bas-du-Fleuve region on July 26 and 27 in Montmagny, Rimouski, Mont-Joli, and Rivière-du-Loup.

CIRCUS VEHICLES

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The **FLIP Fabrique** school bus will be making stops in Ontario as part of its **Summer Break** tour, first at the Hearst Country Fair on June 25 and then in Toronto on July 1. In Québec, the yellow **Vacances** bus will be at the Vaudreuil-Dorion Circus Festival on June 27 and 28 and in Montreal on July 3 and 4, as well as on August 16.

Collectif 4237's blue-and-white van will travel to Montréal with its **Cabaret Noir et Blanc**, heading to Lachine on July 18 and then to Villeroy on July 21. On August 23, the show will take place in St-Jean-sur-Richelieu.



SOS Marcel Express | Félix Imbault | © Roger Marier

PLACES WORTH VISITING

With its mountainside location near the river, **Cirque de la Pointe-Sèche** presents its new production from July 2 through August 26. **Clafoutis** brings together a team of artists who will perform in a spectacular setting in Saint-Germain-de-Kamouraska.

The first performances of **Cirque Collini**'s latest production will take place on the shores of Lake Flavrian. **Beltane — La Feste Païenne** runs from August 26 to 30 in Rouyn-Noranda. The family-friendly show **Équipage recherché** will be presented on July 23 in Gatineau, and the company will perform an outdoor show on July 30 in Montreal.

The Musée de la civilisation in Quebec City is hosting the Compagnie **In Toto** from June 24 to August 16 for performances of **La Machine à plaisir**, twice daily from Wednesday through Sunday.

Near the majestic St. Lawrence River, two shows combining circus and music will be presented at the vast Cogeco Amphitheatre in Trois-Rivières. As part of **Cirque du Soleil**'s "Hommage" series, the exceptional musician Jean Leloup inspired **Paradis Perdu**, which will run from July 15 to August 15. This will be followed, from August 26 to 29, by the renowned musical based on Les Cowboys Fringants, **Pub Royal** by les Les 7 Doigts . Another musical featuring **Les 7 Doigts, Water For Elephants**, will be at the Mirvish Theatre in Toronto from July 7 to 19.

PLACES WORTH VISITING

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Vancouver's **Rio Theatre** is celebrating Pride Week with **Cirque du SLAY** on July 31.

A place that evokes the picturesque life of yesteryear, the **Village Canadiana** will be the setting for **Cirque Alfonse's** next production, as the troupe showcases its acrobatics at this scenic site in Rawdon from July 31 through September 6.

On Saturday, June 13, at Montréal's Lafontaine Park, **Collectif 4237**, **Extravanganz'arts**, and **Acting for Climate Montreal** joined forces for **Le grand cabaret du Chat Bleu: cirque et autres curiosités**, which showcased new circus discoveries and innovations in the beautiful setting of the Théâtre de Verdu.



Sortilège | Cirque de la Pointe-Sèche © GriffMédia



Beltane - La Feste Païenne | Le Cirque Collini © DMC Photographe

THEY'RE TOURING EVERYWHERE

The Kif-Kif sisters kicked off their summer tour in Québec on June 6 in Laval with **Département des retours**. Later in the season, the Lépine twins performed **Côté confiture** on June 23 in Warwick, on June 28 at **Branle-Bas** d'Hochelaga in Montreal, then on July 13 in Montmagny and Rimouski, on July 14 in Mont-Joli and Rivière-du-Loup, and on August 22 in Ville Mont-Royal. On July 19, the solo performance **Les Billy-croquettes** will be presented in Longueuil.

Hercinia Arts Collective will be enjoying the fresh summer air in several public spaces across Ontario with roaming characters on July 4 at **the Mariposa Folk Festival**. Their production **HASA** took place at **Do West Fest** on June 6 in Toronto, then on July 18 in Huntsville, on July 25 in Thunder Bay, on August 15 in Bradford, and on September 19 in Fergus. The collective will present **Money Fish: Balls Balls, Balls** on August 19 and 23 in Etobicoke.

Jerry Tremblay's Searching for Love will be performed in several Québec cities, including Saint-Jérôme on June 16 and 17, at the **Bastringue** Festival in Joliette on June 20, at Montréal Complètement Cirque from July 3 to 8, and at the **Gib Fest** in Sorel-Tracy on July 14. Both bewildering and hilarious, Jerry continues his tour from August 20 to 22 in Thetford Mines, on September 6 in Trois-Rivières, and on September 25 in Victoriaville.

THEY'RE TOURING EVERYWHERE - CONTINUED

With its diverse lineup of shows, Anouk Vallée-Charest's **Battements de cirque** is in for a very busy summer. The company presented ***Victor et les roses*** in Rimouski on June 7 and in Roberval on June 25. ***Le Grand Cirque de Ryu*** took place in Mont-Joli on June 23 and in Longueuil on August 21; Ryu will return to Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu on August 2. The duo ***Annetta and Gustave*** performed at the **Bastringue Festival** in Joliette on June 27, followed by shows on July 15 in Gatineau, July 22 in Montréal, July 29 in Joliette, August 5 and 15 in Montréal, September 6 in Sorel, September 12 in Boisbriand, and September 20 in Frontenac. Anouk Vallée-Charest's aerial solo performance will take place on August 22 in Repentigny during the **Rose Gazon Festival**. The ***duo Loco-Motion*** will perform in Notre-Dame-des-Prairies on July 9 and in Montréal on August 14. Battements de cirque will also perform on July 7 in Ottawa, July 8 and 9 in Montréal, July 11 in Saint-Calixte with T2C, and September 20 in Montréal.

Mario a un incroyable talent by Hugues Sarra-Bournet showcased his many talents on June 24 in Bois-des-Filions, July 1 in Hudson, August 13 in Sainte-Agathe-des-Monts, and August 22 in Saint-Mathias-sur-Richelieu.

THEY'RE TOURING EVERYWHERE - CONTINUED

For **Le Gros Orteil**, the summer season kicked off with ***Le Bibliothécaire*** on June 7 in Lavaltrie. Next up was ***Linda Babin prend son bain*** on June 13 in Montréal. On June 23, the company performed ***Plouf!*** in Saint-Urbain-Premier and will repeat the show on August 1 in Longueuil. The ***Maringouin*** tour will visit several cities, and the exceptional acrobatic feats of this recent production amazed audiences in Saint-Liboire on June 13, Sainte-Catherine on June 27, Blainville and Saint-Lambert on July 7, Pointe-Claire on July 8, Candiac on July 11, Deux-Montagnes on August 2, and Montréal on July 21 and August 20.

In addition to the ***Vacances*** school bus appearing at several events, **FLIP Fabrique** put on a show in Saint-Jérôme on June 24, at the ***Mouvement festival***, then in Bromont on July 4, and at ***the Festivent*** in Lévis on July 31, August 1, and August 2. The Québec-based company also performed at Québec City Capitales games on June 18 and then on August 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, and 28.

Cirque Kalabanté arrives in Québec City on July 10 for ***AfriCa Fest***, in Montréal on July 14 at Nuits d'Afrique with ***Afrique en Cirque***, in Edmonton from July 16 to 25 with ***Wassa***, and finally in Sept-Îles on August 7.

THEY'RE TOURING EVERYWHERE - CONTINUED

Les **Productions Cirkaz** will present their light show **CosmosE** in Farnham on June 5 and on June 23 in Saint-Jean-de-Matha, Cowansville, and Saint-Joseph-du-Lac. The show **Double Faute** will be presented on July 24 in Cowansville. **Cirk O' Pommes** will take place on August 5 in Saint-Sauveur and on September 27 in Boisbriand.

Vague de cirque was in Saint-Casimir on June 20. The company will present **En Jeu** in Montréal on July 18 and 21.

Look-Up Aerial Arts specializes in vertical dance and swaypole. The company performed in Boucherville and Notre-Dame-des-Prairies on June 23, with its swaying poles, which will be featured again on August 21 in Saint-Lambert. In Montréal, Look-Up presented **Eolia** at the **Branle-Bas** d'Hochelaga on June 28 and will be in Dorval on August 8.

La Croustade will present **La Bagatelle du Roi des Miettes** in Montréal as part of **Montréal Complètement Cirque** from July 8 to 11, 2026. This production is part of the lineup for the **St. John's International Circus Fest** on September 17 in Newfoundland and will be performed in Québec on September 23 in Valleyfield and on September 30 in Montréal.

With two major shows on the road, **Cirque Éloize** will be in Montréal from August 29 to September 18 with **Fiori Seul ensemble**, which will then travel to Québec City from September 29 to October 3 and on to Gatineau through the end of October. **ID Évolution** will be in Saint-Jérôme on September 30. Several dates in various cities across Québec through 2027 have been announced for both productions.



La Bagatelle du Roi des Miettes | La Croustade | Vincent Jutras © Thibault Caron



ID Evolution | Cirque Éloize © Caroline Thibault

FESTIVALS FROM COAST TO COAST

Pointô

On the banks of the St. Lawrence River, **La compagnie des autres** has created the **Pointô** festival. The third edition took place from June 5 to 7 in outdoor venues in Pointe-aux-Trembles, near the company's creative center. On Friday, the event kicked off with a red carpet hosted by **Compagnie In Toto**, followed by **Cirque Alfonse's Broche à foin** performance, which was repeated the next day. On Saturday, **La marche du crabe** offered an acrobatic course followed by **Tempoflo**, performed by the queen of the boléadores, Sarah Louis-Jean. On Sunday, Patrick Léonard and his children performed **C'est quand demain?**, and the audience could also applaud **Street Sale** by **Les Perchés / Los Colgados**, the clown duo **Cirkoscopik**, and the **Cabaret noir et blanc** by **Collectif 4237**.



Cirque Alfonse | Broche à foin © Benoit Z. Leroux

FESTIVALS FROM COAST TO COAST - CONTINUED

Bastringue

Returning to Joliette for two weekends, from June 17 to 28, the **Bastringue festival** kicked off with **Haut-Vol Productions**, which also performed on the following two days. **L'Autre Animal** presented its new production ***Des fleurs dans les bottes*** in Notre-Dame-des-Prairies on June 18, as did **Les productions Kalabanté** and ***World of Words***. Performances by several other companies were featured in the indoor and outdoor lineup: **LABO** and ***Cabaret noir et blanc*** by **Le Collectif 4237**, ***L'Impro Cirque***, ***Annetta et Gustave***, and ***Le Grand Cirque de Ryu*** by **Battements de cirque**; ***Silly Little Things*** and ***Drôle de monstre*** by **Trygve Wakenshaw**; the **Camion d'intervention artistique**; as well as ***Searching for Love*** and ***Self Help Karaoké*** by **Jerry Tremblay**. **Les Productions Moulin à vent** were also present with their ***Bazar de cirque***. During **Bastringue**, there were five performances of ***La Noce*** by **Cirque Alfonse**, which was providing the event's artistic direction. It's worth noting that **Cirque Alfonse** will present ***Broche à foin*** on July 11 and 12 in Trois-Rivières, as well as at the **Village Canadiana** in Rawdon on weekends from July 31 to September 6.

FESTIVALS FROM COAST TO COAST - CONTINUED

Alberta Circus Arts Festival

Edmonton will come alive with the acrobatics of the **Alberta Circus Arts Festival**, which kicked off on June 18 with the ***North X Northwest Cabaret*** by **Firefly Theatre & Circus**. Through June 21, the festival offered over twenty discipline-specific training workshops and several meetings, workshops, and discussions for professionals and amateurs alike. Highlights include ***The Circus of Second Chances*** by Seattle's ***Acrobatic Conundrum***, the film ***Embers & Wild Aerial***, the ***Circus Open Mic***, as well as ***What's Next?*** by ***4 Stomp*** and ***Santé!*** by ***Cirque Kikasse***, two companies from Québec City.

Nomade Circus Festival

Organized by the artists' cooperative **Air au cube**, the fourth edition of the **Nomade Circus Festival** will take place June 26–28, 2026, in Miramichi, New Brunswick.



FESTIVALS FROM COAST TO COAST - CONTINUED



Montréal Complètement Cirque

With its packed lineup from July 2 to 12, **MCC** is presenting a dozen indoor shows. From Finland, audiences will cheer on the **duo Lotta & Stina** in **20 Years Later, Still Here!**; from England, **Three Legged Race Productions** returns to wow audiences with its **Défis Déjantés**; from New Zealand and the Czech Republic, comedian **Trygve Wakenshaw** will take the stage solo with **Silly Little Things** and **Drôle de monstre**; from France, Raphaëlle Boitel's **Cie L'Oublié(e)** will dazzle with **La Chute des Anges**; and from the Czech Republic, **La Putyka** will impress with its athletic production **St.art**. Several Quebec-based companies will participate in the festival: **Le Cirque Collini** with **Équipage recherché**, **Pirate Life Adventures** with **FLÖ: Cirque Immersif**, **La Croustade** with **La Bagatelle du Roi des Miettes**, **Jerry Tremblay** with **Searching for Love**, and the Cabaret du **Monastère** with **Le Jugement Dernier**—not to mention new works by various artists presented by **L'Autre Cirque**. The festival will tour the city's neighborhoods with a free show: **Eau là là** by Nadine Louis and Becky Priebe, along with the **social circus carnival Engagé-es à célébrer** by **Cirque Hors Piste**, on July 8 at Parc Lalancette in Hochelaga. At Place Pasteur, **Cirqu'Easy** will also offer free evening performances throughout the festival, and every day, the Circothèque—a new addition—will take place starting in the mid-afternoon. From July 6 to 9, the **MICC (International Contemporary Circus Market)** will bring together presenters and industry professionals during the festival.

FESTIVALS FROM COAST TO COAST - CONTINUED

Festival de cirque des Îles

From July 19 to 25, in Cap-aux-Meules on the Îles-de-la-Madeleine, the **Festival de Cirque des Îles** will feature shows under the big top: the musical group **Bleu Jeans Bleu**, **La Noce** by **Cirque Alfonse**, and **Clip!** by **Les Deux de Pique**. Outside, audiences will see Jerry Tremblay's **Jerry Show**, and students from the École de Cirque des Îles will perform their show **Tempête au Far-Est**.

The **Laurentides Circus Festival** will take place in Val-David from August 26 to 30.

FAR - The Festival des arts de ruelle will take place from August 26 to September 16, with performances in several Montreal neighborhoods.

St. John's International Circus Fest

From September 17 to 20, the city of St. John's, Newfoundland, will come alive with the spirit of contemporary circus. Featuring a double bill for its opening, the **St. John's International Circus Fest** will celebrate the forty fifth anniversary of the École nationale de cirque de Montréal with a graduation performance followed by **La bagatelle du roi des miettes** by La Croustade. This ninth edition of the festival will feature, on September 18, **I Think it Could Work** by the trio **Full Out Formula** from the United States and Rachel from Ontario, and, on September 19, **Show Pony** by the amazing all-female trio **Still Hungry** from Germany. The free **Family Circus Day** event will take place on September 20, along with the Canadian clown show **Thank God for Tim and Joe** featuring Tim Tyler and Joe de Paul. On September 18 and 19, the free **CircAssembly** event will offer lectures, open discussions, and opportunities for networking, sharing, and exchange to explore emerging practices and the evolution of contemporary circus.

FESTIVALS FROM COAST TO COAST - CONTINUED

Chapö

On September 18, 19, and 20, **Chapö, the international street performers' festival**, will take place in Mascouche.

Festivals and events featuring circus

Introductory circus workshops have become a staple at many festivals during the summer, and several feature performances or shows. Across Canada—starting off at the **Montreal Fringe Festival** from June 1 to 21, the **Ottawa Fringe** from June 18 to 28, or the **Toronto Fringe Festival** from June 30 to July 1—**some thirty Fringe festivals** incorporate circus arts into their programming.

From June 12 to 14, Toronto's **Luminato Festival** presented the **Camion d'Intervention Artistique**; on June 13 and 14, aerial dance by New Zealand's **Chloe Loftus Dance** with ***The Air Between Us***; on June 19 and 20, the Guinean acrobats of Nimba; and from June 25 to 26, ***Play Dead*** by the Montréal-based collective **People Watching**.

From June 26 to 28 in Montreal, the **Branle-Bas d'Hochelaga** festival has scheduled roaming performances such as ***L'Esprit de la forêt*** and ***Le lierre marchant*** by Hippolyte. Residents of the borough and beyond enjoyed outdoor performances such as ***Santé!*** by **Cirque Kikasse**, the ***Jerry Show***, the ***Furiads*** and their pyrotechnic displays, the dynamic ***Cabaret noir et blanc*** by **Collectif 4237**, the clown-inspired ***Côté confiture*** by the **Sœurs kif-kif**, and ***Eolia*** featuring the spectacular swaypoles of the **Look Up** company. Throughout the festival, **Branle-Bas d'Hochelaga** featured **Cirque Hors Piste** with its performances, workshops, and activities.

FESTIVALS FROM COAST TO COAST - CONTINUED

In Alberta, circus acts will be featured at **the Calgary Stampede** from July 3 to 12.

In Ontario, on June 23, **Circonscent** will hosted its **Faerie Picnic** again in Strathcona, and during the **Blues Fest**, the collective returned to perform aerial acts as part of **the celebrations for Ottawa's bicentennial** on July 19.

In Québec, the Cirque de la Pointe-Sèche will take part in the opening of **the Archipel Festival of Performing Arts**, which will take place July 10–12 in Kamouraska. The Clowns en cavale collective will also be present during the event.

Between July 22 and August 2, the **Festival des Arts de Saint-Sauveur** will feature two high-caliber circus productions: ***Play Dead*** by the Montreal-based collective **People Watching** and ***Wolf*** by the renowned Australian company **Circa**. From July 31 to August 2, **FLIP Fabrique's *Les 400 coups*** will bring the **Festivent** de Lévis to life with a street performance. In early fall, from September 24 to 27, 2026, **Mauricie Arts Vivants** will also present circus performances in select municipalities within its region.

WELCOME, VISITORS!

More than fifteen foreign companies will be touring Canada this summer. Among them are two successful U.S.-based circuses, **Europa Super Circus** and **Paranormal Cirque**, as well as the European-based **Nouveau Cirque Mondial**.

In Ottawa, New Zealand's **Te Rēhia Theatre** and **The Dust Palace** will perform at the National Arts Centre in June. In British Columbia, also in June, Vancouver welcomes **Three Legged Race Productions** from England, which will return to Montreal in July. Seattle's **Acrobatic Conundrum** is performing at the Alberta Circus Arts Festival. New Zealand's **Chloe Loftus Dance** and the Guinean acrobats of **Nimba** are performing at **Luminato** in Toronto.

In late June, the **Bastringue Festival** presents Trygve Wakenshaw from New Zealand and the Czech Republic, whose two shows will be reprised in July at Montréal Complètement Cirque. During this major event, audiences will applaud the Finnish duo **Lotta & Stina, Cie L'Oublié(e)** led by French artist Raphaëlle Boitel, and **La Putyka** from the Czech Republic.

In Québec, in early August, the Festival des Arts de Saint-Sauveur will feature **Wolf** by the renowned Australian company **Circa**.

In September, the **St. John's International Circus Fest** in Newfoundland will host the trio **Full Out Formula** from the United States and the women of **Still Hungry** from Germany.



Eau là là | Becky Priebe, Nadine Louis © Benoît Leroux



Yaya au Far West | Chantal Therrien © Eric Bates

ON THE STREETS AND IN THE PARKS

From coast to coast, street performances will be free and open to the public, who are encouraged to show their appreciation to the artists—whether at the Halifax **Buskers** from July 29 to August 3, the **Bay & Algoma Busker's Festival** in Thunder Bay on July 25 and 26, the **Toronto International Busker's Fest** from September 4 to 7, or the **Edmonton International Street Performers Festival**. The latter event featured **Le Patin Libre on Wheels** on July 3. Other “Busker’s Fests” will take place in Ottawa, Waterloo, Moncton, Charlottetown, and elsewhere.

In Québec, on June 23 in Montreal North, **M. Trenka** presented his flamboyant **Électro Inferno**.

In New Brunswick, from July 3 to 5, the **Memramcook Street Arts Festival** will feature aerial acts by the contemporary and aerial dance company **Danse en l'air**. In Nova Scotia, circus performances will be on display at **the Nova Multifest**, July 24–26 in Dartmouth.

The duo **Nacho con Salsa** will perform their show ***Double Faute*** in several parks across Montreal: on July 1 in Lachine, on July 15 in Rosemont, on August 19 at Campbell Park, and on August 27 in Pointe-aux-Trembles.

ON THE STREETS AND IN THE PARKS - CONTINUED

This summer, the **Toxique Trottoir** company will present four shows in various parks, including its new clown show **Ça mousse!** in Montréal from June 18 to 21 and on July 11 in Repentigny, where the company will also perform **Aquaphonie** on July 12. On July 21, the show will be presented in Saint-Lambert. As for **Arbracadabra**, it will be presented on July 9 in Montréal-Nord and on July 10 in Saint-Jérôme. **Le chant de l'Arbre** will be performed on August 22 in Shawinigan.

The bicycle quartet in **Détours à venir** and the clown duo **Circoscopik** will be featured in an unusual and impressive double bill on August 14 in Montreal. **Circoscopik** performed at the **Pointô** Festival in late June, on July 5 in Outremont, on July 7 in Villeray, and the duo will perform in Saint-Sauveur on August 15.

Nadine Louis and Becky Priebe will tour the neighborhoods during Montréal Complètement Cirque with **Eau là là** on July 2 in Saint-Léonard, July 3 in Verdun, July 4 in Ville-Marie, July 8 in Montréal-Nord, and July 11 at Parc Gohier. Eau là là will also be performing in Saint-Jean-Sur-Richelieu on July 17.

La Compagnie du Pigeon will present **En s'attendant**, a hand-to-hand duo accompanied by a musician, on July 4 in Outremont and on August 13 in Verdun.

ON THE STREETS AND IN THE PARKS - CONTINUED

The Ville-Marie borough neighborhood festival in Montreal will host **Les Débalancés** on July 8. **Yaya au Far West** will be in Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu on July 12 and in Terrebonne on July 25.

In Ontario, 16 Ethiopian, Indian, and Bangladeshi newcomers will present **The African Circus** in a park, exploring circus arts, dance, and music on July 4 and 5 in Scarborough.

In Laval, **Le Théâtre À Tempo** will present **Combat** at Parc Chopin on Thursday, July 16, and in the same city, on Thursday, July 30, an outdoor version of **Bidule Man** at Parc Jolibourg.

In British Columbia, on September 26, Revelstoke's **LUNA Fest** will captivate audiences with its nighttime magic, just as the circus artists of **Circus Acts Insomniacs** and aerialist Sasha Galitziki did last year.

UNDER THE BIG TOP AND IN THE ARENA

Cirque du Soleil big-top performances kicked off in May with the astonishing **ECHO** in Montreal's Old Port, running through July 31; performances of **Luzia** in Toronto take place from June 18 to August 30 and continue in Ottawa from September 10 to October 18.

Also under the big top and aimed at a mature audience, **Paranormal Cirque's The Nightmare** arrives in Mirabel through June 8 and will be scaring audiences in Rosemère through June 15 before heading to Ottawa through June 29.

Since May 7, the **Royal Canadian International Circus** has been on its summer tour, which will take it to about ten Canadian cities in Alberta and Ontario through September 7.

The **Europa Super Circus** invites audiences to its traditional shows in British Columbia (2 cities), Alberta (5), and Saskatchewan (5). Between May 27 and August 22, this traditional circus will have visited 12 Canadian cities,

From May 28 through October 18, the **Nouveau Cirque Mondial** is performing in Ottawa, Gatineau, Salaberry-de-Valleyfield, Jonquière, Beauport, Longueuil, LaSalle, and Sherbrooke, with up to three shows a day!

UNDER THE BIG TOP AND IN THE ARENA

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In arenas, the traditional **Canada's Circus Spectacular** will visit 4 cities in New Brunswick, 17 cities in Québec, and 25 cities in Ontario between June 1 and July 18.

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JUST TWO CLICKS AWAY FROM THE FINAL

Now that summer is over, we hope you've enjoyed the diversity of circus arts in public spaces, urban settings, at popular events, and under the big top. Among the companies active in the English-speaking provinces, **Cirque de la Nuit** will shine in Alberta; the aerial and fire acrobats of **Circus Acts Insomniacs** will warm up audiences in British Columbia; **Circus3** and **Salty Circus** will spice things up in Saskatchewan; and **Hercinia Arts Collective** and **NorthFIRE Circus** will thrill audiences in Ontario.

Whether you're a resident of the Québec City metropolitan area or elsewhere, you can find the **circus program** online year-round at **Montreal's Maisons de la culture**, where shows are generally free.

For circus shows currently playing in Québec, check out **La Vitrine**, supported by the governments of Québec and Canada as well as the City of Montréal.

JUST TWO CLICKS AWAY FROM THE FINALE

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Check the websites of your favorite companies and artists, as well as their must-follow social media accounts, for details on their performances and new shows on the bill. Many Canadian circus events and companies will soon be finalizing their summer 2026 lineups.

To find out which shows are ready to tour year-round, check out [En Piste](#)'s online directory.

Interested in circus news? [Cliquez Cirque](#) offers an eclectic press review covering the circus in Québec and Canada, the French-speaking world, and around the globe. Cliquez Cirque publishes articles from time to time and provides access to an international database.

Check out the online directory of **shows ready** to tour throughout the year.



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About En Piste

En Piste, National Circus Arts Alliance, is Canada's only national association of circus arts professionals and organizations. It works to create conditions conducive to the development of the circus arts. The artists, artisans, cultural workers and organizations it represents work in all areas of the sector: training, creation, production, distribution and social circus.

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