



## Enjoy Summer Activities and Outdoor Concerts at Centennial Square and Beacon Hill Park

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VICTORIA, BC — This summer, take the opportunity to enjoy free outdoor activities and concerts with family and friends at Centennial Square and the Cameron Bandshell in Beacon Hill Park.

### **CENTENNIAL SQUARE**

#### **Crafternoons in the Square**

Join us for hands-on Crafternoons to learn how to create a beautiful fresh floral crown. All supplies are included in addition to a complimentary sparkling water and a sweet treat. Crafternoons are held on the second Tuesday of every month until September 12, 2017 from 5:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m. at Centennial Square.

#### **Board Games in the Square**

On Sundays until September 4, 2017 from 1 p.m. – 5 p.m. drop by Centennial Square to play giant-size chess and Scrabble.

#### **Latin and Salsa Dancing**

Learn salsa, merengue, mambo, bomba and more. No dance experience necessary. Latin Dancing is offered on most Wednesdays from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. until September 13, 2017 with host Ricky. Enjoy Salsa dancing on most Sundays until the end of August from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. with DJ Moises in Centennial Square.

#### **Be Victorious: Fitness Series**

Join November Project Victoria, the world's fastest-growing group in the global grassroots free fitness movement, for an hour of fierce, fun, open-to-anyone outdoor fitness! Enjoy free workouts on Mondays, June 19, July 17, August 14 and September 4 from noon – 1 p.m. in Centennial Square.

#### **Djembe Hand Drumming**

All ages and abilities are invited to participate in open-air djembe hand-drumming workshops on Fridays, June 9, 16, July 21, and August 4, 18, and 25 from noon – 1:15 p.m. in Centennial Square. Learn music ensemble and rhythm-layering techniques. Drums are supplied but space is limited so make sure to arrive early.

#### **Ballroom Dancing in the Square**

The Victoria Ballroom Dance Society presents Ballroom Dancing in the Square on Mondays, July 17, 24 and 31 and August 14, 21 and 28 from 7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m. Learn different dances and then put your new steps to the test in the group dance following each lesson.

### **Summer in the Square Lunchtime Concerts**

Join us Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. from July 4 to September 14, 2017 to enjoy live music at *Lunchtime Concerts in the Square*. Bring your lunch and some sunscreen and soak up some sun and tunes. From folk, world beat and jazz to baroque and blues, there's something for everyone. For concert schedule information: [www.victoria.ca/summerinthesquare](http://www.victoria.ca/summerinthesquare)

### **Eventide Music Series**

The *Eventide Music Series* offers live music in Centennial Square every Thursday night from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. from July 6 – August 17, 2017. The series features an eclectic mix of independent local and visiting musicians and artists. Themed nights range from folk, pop, indie-rock to hip-hop, funk, punk, electronic and experimental. Food trucks and a licensed beverage area complement these all-ages outdoor concerts in Centennial Square.

The *Eventide Music Series* is presented by the City of Victoria in partnership with CFUV Community Campus Radio, with support from the Downtown Victoria Business Association. For schedule information:

[www.eventidevictoria.com/schedule](http://www.eventidevictoria.com/schedule)

## **CAMERON BANDSHELL AT BEACON HILL PARK**

### **Garden City Harmony**

Sing pop, indie, folk and rock songs in simple two, three or four-part harmony. No auditions or previous choir experience needed. Free choir sessions are offered on Wednesdays, June 7 and 21, July 5 and 19, and August 2, 16 and 30 from 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. at the Cameron Bandshell.

### **Argentine Tango**

Learn the Argentine Tango with a free beginner lesson from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. and a social dance that follows on Saturdays, June 10, July 29, August 26 and September 9 at the Cameron Bandshell.

### **Children's Programming**

On Wednesdays from July 12 to August 16 from 11 a.m. – noon, the Cameron Bandshell will feature a different children's show, from juggling and story time to music and princesses. Bring the sunscreen, a picnic and get ready to laugh! For details go to: [www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark](http://www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark)

### **Fresh Air: Writers in the Park**

Join Victoria Poet Laureate Yvonne Blomer on Sundays, August 27 and September 10 from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. for poetry and crafts. Enjoy readings by published poets, followed by a short writing activity and an opportunity to share new work at the open mic.

### **Afternoon Concerts in the Park**

Join us Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 1:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m. from July 7 – September 11, 2017 for the Concerts in the Park series. Spread out a picnic blanket on the lawn or relax on bench seating while enjoying the performances. Whether you like folk, jazz or blues, classical or swing, there's something for everyone. For schedule information: [www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark](http://www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark).

### **Folk Music Evening Series**

Returning for its second year, the *Folk Music Evening Series* takes place on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. from July 11 – August 22, 2017. This music series focuses on the wide genre of folk music, from traditional to fusion and contemporary. Each Tuesday will feature two different Canadian bands. For schedule information:

[www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark](http://www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark).

All events and concerts are rain or shine and are subject to change. For event details, pick up a copy of *CityVibe, Victoria's Guide to Festivals and Events* at Victoria City Hall and venues around town, or view the guide online at: [www.victoria.ca/cityvibe](http://www.victoria.ca/cityvibe).

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Please consider this announcement for your community calendar or events listings.

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