



## Enjoy Free Outdoor Activities and Concerts this Summer in 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**

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

Join us Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from noon to 1 p.m. from July 2 to September 12 to enjoy live music at *Lunchtime Concerts in the Square*. Bring your lunch and some sunscreen and soak up the tunes. From folk, Celtic and jazz to swing and blues, there's something for everyone. For concert listings, visit: [www.victoria.ca/summerinthesquare](http://www.victoria.ca/summerinthesquare).

#### **Eventide Music Series**

The *Eventide Music Series* offers live music in Centennial Square every Wednesday night from 6 p.m. - 9 p.m. from July 3 to August 21. The series features an eclectic mix of independent local and visiting musicians and artists, presented and curated by different groups each night. Food trucks and a licensed beverage area complement these all-ages outdoor concerts. 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 concert listing: [www.eventidevictoria.com/schedule](http://www.eventidevictoria.com/schedule).

#### **Pop-Up Beer Garden in the Square**

Enjoy local live music, craft beer and food trucks at the Pop-Up Beer Garden in the Square on Fridays from 5 p.m. – 9 p.m. in July and August. This event is presented by the Victoria Beer Week Society in partnership with the City of Victoria and the Downtown Victoria Business Association. For concert listings: [www.victoria.ca/summerinthesquare](http://www.victoria.ca/summerinthesquare).

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

Join us for hands-on *Crafternoons in the Square* to learn how to create a beautiful fresh floral crown or hand-lettered wooden sign. All supplies are provided in addition to a complimentary sparkling water and a sweet treat. Floral Crown *Crafternoons* are held from 5:15 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. on June 4, July 2 and August 6; and Hand-Lettering *Crafternoons* are held June 18, July 16 and August 20.

### **Sweet Succulent Success**

This free, one-hour guided workshop walks participants through creating a tin can succulent planter on the second and third Tuesdays in June, July and August from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. You'll get step-by-step instructions on how to prepare soil, select succulents and provide proper care. Space and supplies are limited, so make sure you arrive early to secure a spot.

### **YYJ Recycled Arts**

Enjoy four different art classes using recycled and reclaimed materials to create décor for your home and garden. Classes are held Tuesdays in June, July and August from 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

### **BDHQ Outdoor Bootcamp**

On Mondays from noon to 12:45 p.m. until September 16, get sweaty with BDHQ as they lead a 45-minute lunchtime workout to blast out the Monday blues!

### **SPINCO Spin Classes**

On the first Thursday of each month from 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. until September, SPINCO will lead an hour-long, high-energy spin class with a positive, never-quit attitude. Bikes are limited for these spin classes, so please sign up in advance by emailing [sturner@victoria.ca](mailto:sturner@victoria.ca).

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

Drop by Centennial Square to play giant-size chess and Scrabble every Sunday from 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. until September 2. The event is hosted by the Victoria Junior Chess Society.

### **Tango**

Learn the Argentine Tango with a free beginner lesson followed by a social dance on the second and fourth Thursdays in July, August and September in Centennial Square.

### **Swing Dancing**

Jive and boogie with the Swing Dance Association on July 4 and August 1 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. A beginner lesson is offered first, followed by an open social dance.

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

The Victoria Ballroom Dance Society presents *Ballroom Dancing in the Square* on Mondays, July 9, 16, 23, 30 and August 6, 13 and 20 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.

For full details, visit: [www.victoria.ca/summerinthesquare](http://www.victoria.ca/summerinthesquare).

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

### **Concerts in the Park Series**

Join us Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. from June 28 to September 2 (excluding July 1) for afternoon *Concerts in the Park*. Spread out a picnic blanket on the lawn or relax on bench seating while enjoying the free performances. Whether you like jazz or blues, or classical or swing, there's something for everyone. For event listings, visit: [www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark](http://www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark).

### **Folk Music Evening Series**

Returning for its fourth year, the *Folk Music Evening Series* takes place on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. from July 2 to August 27. 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 event listings, visit: [www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark](http://www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark).

**Children's Programming**

On Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – noon, July 10 to August 28, the Cameron Bandshell will feature a children's show, ranging from stories and theatre to puppets and music. Bring the sunscreen, a picnic and get ready to laugh! For details, visit: [www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark](http://www.victoria.ca/concertsinthepark).

**Alive Tango in the Park**

Come with or without a partner and get ready to dance the tango at this free social dance in Beacon Hill Park on the second and fourth Saturdays until July 27 from 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.

**Saanich International Folk Dancing**

Join the Saanich International Folk Dancers as they dance outside on the grass at the Cameron Bandshell on Fridays from 7 p.m. to dark, June 21 to August 16. No previous experience or partner is necessary.

All events and concerts are free, offered rain or shine, and are subject to change. For event details, pick up a free copy of *CityVibe* at Victoria City Hall, community centres and libraries 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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