

Vancouver Folk Music Festival July • 17–19 • 2026

A Magical Place for Little Folks with Big Fun

Little Folks Village at the Vancouver Folk Music Festival where Children under 12 are Free

June 11, 2026, VANCOUVER, B.C. // Traditional territory of the xʷməθkʷəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwxwú7mesh (Squamish), and səliłwətał (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations – The [Vancouver Folk Music Festival](#) announces the lineup for the [Little Folks Village](#), a place for children and families during the festival in ʔəy̓alməxʷ / Iy̓álməxw Jericho Beach Park. Open Friday, July 17 3pm to 5pm and Saturday, July 18 & Sunday, July 19 from 10am to 5pm, kids of all ages are invited to explore this vibrant, creative and playful space. Come and enjoy the Festival weekend where imagination runs wild and families come together through music, movement, and wonder.

“We are thrilled to have our Little Folks Village back at the Vancouver Folk Music Festival,” said Fiona Black, Artistic Director of the Vancouver Folk Music Festival. “The best part about this village is that children 12 under are free when accompanied by an adult. We believe that the love of music begins at an early age, and we also recognize the pressure families are under. For years we have been offering this perk to families and are pleased to continue to do it this year. There’s no better place to build family memories than here.”

Throughout the weekend, little ones can unleash their creativity with a wide array of fun and engaging materials at the **Creation Station** where kids of all ages can create cool creatures and take-home art. Visit the expanded water play zone that includes water toys, bubbles and wands. Red Bird will be roving the site throughout the Festival weekend – keep your eyes out for the big red bird.

On **Saturday**, families can enjoy stilt performances and juggling with **Redbird & Friends**, interactive storytelling and costume parades with the magical **Nylon Zoo**. Indigenous storytelling sure to delight audiences of all ages by the beloved Haida storyteller **Kung Jaadee**. They’re joined by the **Saint James Music Academy** with their marimba ensemble performance and a special performance by students from the **Sarah McLachlan School of Music**.

Sunday keeps the magic going with **Redbird & Friends** returning for more fun with their high-flying stilt-walking and **Nylon Zoo** with storytelling inside the inflatable dragon, followed by an energetic costume parade. New this year are **Compagnie V’ni Dansi** with traditional Métis and contemporary dance along with the **Muevete Marimba Ensemble** with a unique opportunity for the little folks to try the marimbas themselves after their performance.

LITTLE FOLKS VILLAGE is open:

Friday 3pm – 5pm

Saturday & Sunday 10am – 5pm

SATURDAY JULY 18

10:00 Pete “Redbird” & Friends (*stilting & juggling*)

11:00 Nylon Zoo (*storytelling & costume parade*)

12:00 Kung Jaadee (*Indigenous storytelling*)

1:00 Saint James Music Academy (*marimba ensemble*)

1:30 Nylon Zoo (*storytelling & costume parade*)

2:10 Kung Jaadee (*Indigenous storytelling*)

3:00 Sarah McLachlan School of Music (*samba and African drum troupe*)

3:45 Nylon Zoo (*storytelling & costume parade*)

4:30 Pete “Redbird” & Friends (*stilting & juggling*)

SUNDAY JULY 19

10:30 Pete “Redbird” & Friends (*stilting & juggling*)

11:00 Nylon Zoo (*storytelling & costume parade*)

11:50 Compagnie V’ni Dansi (*Traditional Métis & contemporary dance*)

1:00 Muevete Marimba Ensemble

1:45 *audience invited to play the marimbas*

2:15 Nylon Zoo (*storytelling & costume parade*)

3:00 Compagnie V’ni Dansi (*Traditional Métis & contemporary dance*)

4:00 Nylon Zoo (*storytelling & costume parade*)

4:30 Pete “Redbird” & Friends (*stilting & juggling*)

Located on the East side of the park just north of the Main Gate. Little folks ages 12 and under get into the festival for FREE when accompanied by a paid adult. *Little ones must be accompanied by an adult at all times.*

Weekend Passes:

Adult \$250 | 65 plus \$220 | Student \$165

Single-Day Tickets:

Adult Friday \$85 | Saturday or Sunday \$150

65 plus Friday \$70 | Saturday or Sunday \$125

Student/Youth Friday \$45 | Saturday or Sunday \$90

Evening Tickets:

All Tickets \$75

All Weekend:

Children 12 and under FREE

The full schedule is online and adults can purchase a weekend pass, single-day or evening tickets through [the website](#) or contact the **Festival Box Office at 604.602.9798, ext. 302** between 10am and 4pm or boxoffice@thefestival.bc.ca.

ABOUT VANCOUVER FOLK MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Vancouver Folk Music Festival is a Canadian cultural institution. It is a unique community-based celebration internationally renowned for presenting the finest traditional and contemporary folk and roots music from around the world. Now in its 48th year, the Festival continues to be one of the city's most beloved, enjoyed, and respected events. Each year, the Festival draws tens of thousands of enthusiastic attendees to experience the music and culture of more than 40 international, national, and local acts.

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