



Canada's Premier Celebration of World Cultures

July 6-9, 2017 * 23rd Annual Edition

Victoria Park, London, Ontario ~ FREE ADMISSION

Hours: Park opens daily at 11:00 am; Opening Ceremonies - Thursday, July 6 at 6:45 pm

Music: Thursday, 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm; Friday - Sunday, 12:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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“One of the top three festivals in Canada” (Vancouver musician Jonathan Bernard) and, for the second consecutive year, a *Songlines Magazine* (UK) pick as one of only six overseas music festivals, **TD Sunfest** celebrates 23 years of transfiguring Downtown London’s Victoria Park into a culturally diverse jewel for 220,000+ devoted visitors from near and far. From July 6-9, 2017, more than 30 stellar world music & jazz ensembles from around the planet will perform on five stages, while 250 exhibitors whet festivalgoers’ appetites for scrumptious global cuisine and one-of-a-kind crafts & visual art.

This summer’s lineup is the result of intensive year-round field work, in which TD Sunfest attends many of today’s most prominent international and national world music showcases, including those in Cape Verde, Chile, South Korea and Spain. Our annual flight path also leads to the biggest world music event on the calendar, **WOMEX**, where more than 2,500 delegates gather to scout la crème de la crème of artists from all corners of the planet. Notable WOMEX alumni who are headlining at **TD Sunfest '17** include **Bixiga 70** (Brazil), **Bareto** (Peru), **DakaBrakha** (Ukraine), **Korrontzi** (Spain), **Delgres** (Guadeloupe) and **Chouk Bwa Libète** (Haiti). In addition, a handful of other internationals will be making their North American debuts this summer in Victoria Park. They include **Coreyah** (South Korea), **Gustavito** (Brazil), **Tanghetto** (Argentina), **Marutyri** (The Netherlands), **ODE** (Sweden) and **WÖR** (Belgium).

Sunfesters can expect a thrilling introduction to iconic bands like Kiev’s **DakhaBrakha**, whose astonishingly powerful and uncompromising vocal range creates a trans-national sound rooted in Ukrainian culture. Brazil’s **Bixiga 70** are a ten-member collective who use Afrobeat as the stock in a spicy stew that’s spiked with ingredients from Brazil, the Caribbean and other parts of Africa. Indeed, the range of styles on tap this summer is incredible: among them, 18th-century Belgium tunes that could be the soundtrack to *Game of Thrones* (**WÖR**), Peruvian Psychedelic Cumbia (**Bareto**), authentic Haitian roots music or voodoo (**Chouk Bwa Libète**), and music of

Spain's Basque Country (**Korrontzi**). Of course, **Latin American bands** always sizzle at *TD Sunfest* and, building on the success of last year's **Afrikalalia** program, the 'Motherland of Music' will be well represented by groups bringing the sounds of the continent's northern, southern and central regions. 2017 African headliners include **Djmawi Africa** (Algeria), **Gabacho Maroc** (Morocco/France) and **Black Umfolosi** (Zimbabwe).

As its contribution to this year's **Canada150 festivities**, TD Sunfest is presenting two spectacular programming components, generously supported by the Government of Ontario. **SUN Nation Under a Groove** will showcase artists from almost every Canadian province and territory, while its sister project, **Suntario150**, will feature some of Ontario's most diverse performers, including many past JUNO Award recipients and nominees. The roster includes fast-rising Nunavut stars **The Jerry Cans**, whose unique mix of Inuktitut alt-country, throat singing and reggae evokes the contemporary north and the spirited people that reside there. Another wonderful 150th anniversary choice is the **New Canadian Global Music Orchestra**. Hailing from all corners of the globe – from Peru to Burkina Faso to Cuba to Ukraine – and now living in the Greater Toronto Area, the orchestra's 12 musicians play instruments as diverse as they are – from the *tar of Iran* to the *bouzouki of Greece* to the *hulusi of China*.

While over 90% of *TD Sunfest '17* performers will be brand new to London audiences, there's also a who's who of returning favourites, including **Neema Children's Choir** (Uganda), **Christine Tassan et les Imposteures** (Quebec) **Lemon Bucket Orkestra** (ON), **Delhi 2 Dublin** (BC) – and, of course, **Five Alarm Funk** (ON), **Samba Squad** (ON) and **Lazo** (BC). The latter is a legendary reggae artist and multi-Juno Award winner who will be making his 22nd consecutive appearance at TD Sunfest. It simply wouldn't be a party without him!



“At **TD Sunfest**, specialty international cuisine for every palate has always proved a perfect complement to the music. There are so many mouth-watering flavours and aromas that are offered exclusively to our patrons during this particular weekend.”

– **TD Sunfest Executive & Artistic Director Alfredo Caxaj**



“What I like about Sunfest is that it encompasses so much of what both the world and local community have to offer. You can go and see the most outstanding acts in the world, and the next minute come across the most undiscovered, unheard of group ever.”

– **Longtime Sunfester & Daytonian Jim Carter (aka Rev. Cool)**



“I've been floored at Sunfest so many times by the calibre of musicians playing there; every band is just phenomenal...To me, that's the gauge of an amazing festival. The talent that goes up on those stages is some of the best I've ever seen in Canada.”

– **Five Alarm Funk drummer Tayo Branston**

TD Sunfest 2017 Performer Lineup

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- = world music acts
- = jazz headliners



TD SUNFEST 2017 INTERNATIONAL GUEST ARTISTS

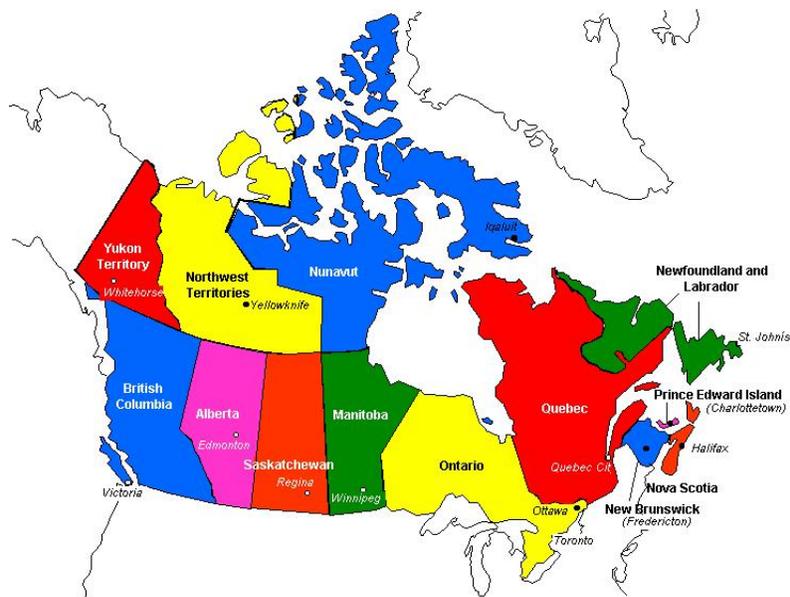
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- Allison Au Jazz Quartet (ON)
- ASHK (Nova Scotia)
- Christine Tassan et les Imposteurs (Quebec)
- Delhi 2 Dublin (BC)
- Diyet (Yukon)
- Heather Bambrick (Newfoundland/ON)
- The Jerry Cans (Nunavut)
- Kleztory (Quebec)
- Five Alarm Funk (BC)
- Lazo (ON)
- Lemon Bucket Orkestra (ON)
- Moonson (ON)
- New Canadian Global Music Orchestra (ON)
- Rosie & the Riveters (Saskatchewan)
- Samba Squad (ON)
- So Long Seven (ON)
- Tara Kannagara (ON)