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# 2021 KIDSFEST SAFETY PROTOCOLS

**The Winnipeg International Children's Festival aka Kidsfest is committed to the health and wellness of our guests, staff and performers. The safety of our Kidsfest family is always our number one consideration. In these challenging times we have been working with our partners in Public Health and Education to ensure that we can present the Kidsfest in a safe and comfortable manner while complying with all public health regulations. To make that happen, we have established the following safety guidelines and protocols so we can all come together and enjoy the best Kidsfest ever!**

- Each vehicle to be a single household
  - Audience members are to remain in their vehicle at all times unless utilizing the washrooms or in line at a mobile food truck.
  - Maintain socially distance while in lines.
  - Washroom facilities will be sanitized regularly
  - Audience members will be required to wear masks while utilizing the washrooms or in a food truck line. Children under 5 will not be required to wear masks.
  - Masks will be worn by all Festival volunteers, staff and by all artists whenever social distancing is not possible.
  - There will be no physical contact between artists and audiences
  - Multiple hand sanitizing stations will be provided throughout the site.
  - All Kidsfest ticket sales will be either on-line or by mail.
  - Our policies and best practices are continually evolving to meet the changing environment and to remain in compliance with the current public health recommendations. To stay up to date please check our website often.
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**We're proud and honoured to be able to actually present live artists for Manitoba families. While the format has changed the joy and talent each of these artists bring remains the best! Enjoy this offering – stay safe and join us again next year!**

Neal Rempel, Executive Producer

**Welcome to Kidfest 2021. While the way that we gather is different then what we are used to, we are so thankful to present a live performance of artists who we really love. Enjoy the show, we look forward to gather back at our home at Forks in 2022.”**

Meghan Loewen Cook,  
Chair, Winnipeg International Children's Festival

**We are on Treaty 1 land , the land of the Anishinaabe, the Cree, Homeland of the Métis the Inuit and the Settlers.**

# A Message from the Prime Minister

Dear Friends:

I am pleased to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in Kidsfest Drive-in, the 2021 edition of the Winnipeg International Children's Festival.

For more than 30 years, this festival has offered young people valuable learning experiences while introducing them to the art of magic and circuses. I am certain that audiences of all ages will find the performances and activities planned for this year's festival both entertaining and engaging.

It continues to be a challenging time for planning and hosting events. That is why I would like to commend the organizers for planning this year's festival in an alternate format so that it could still take place. You can take pride in your commitment to enriching the lives of children.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable experience.

Yours sincerely,



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to be "Justin Trudeau". The signature is stylized and fluid.

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister of Canada



## A Message from the Minister of Canadian Heritage

In these challenging times, children need to experience the arts and let their imaginations run free—and that’s exactly what Kidsfest is giving them the chance to do. This year’s event might look different, but its mission is more important than ever. As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I want to thank the organizers, performers and volunteers for bringing this festival to life.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Guilbeault'.

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault  
Minister of Canadian Heritage

## A Message from the Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

The Winnipeg International Children's Festival's Kidsfest has a long, proud history of entertaining Manitobans and visitors alike through its annual celebration of the wonders of youthful energy and imagination.

As the Queen's representative in Manitoba, I am pleased to welcome the volunteers, performers, organizers, parents, sponsors – children of all ages – to the 2021 edition of this popular festival.

Everyone involved with all aspects of this festival has truly embraced the philosophy that 'the show must go on,' bringing this year's event to delightful life with ingenuity, innovation, thoughtfulness and creative flair. The ongoing dedication of organizers and volunteers, not only makes the 2021 festival possible, but also more accessible for Winnipeg's inner city families. Well done!

Congratulations to everyone whose commitment, hard work, talent and passion makes Kidsfest such wonderful family-oriented education and fun every year. Long may you run!



*Janice C. Filmon*

The Honourable Janice C. Filmon, C.M., O.M.  
Lieutenant Governor of Manitoba

## A Message from the Premier

On behalf of all Manitobans, I am pleased to welcome those attending the 2021 Winnipeg International Children's Festival's Kidsfest Drive In at the Red River Exhibition facilities.

The Winnipeg International Children's Festival has a well-earned reputation for providing entertaining activities each year for children in our community and province. It is a wonderful event that is eagerly anticipated each year and fondly remembered for years thereafter. While this year's events will be delivered and experienced differently than in past years, I know that you will enjoy every minute of the festivities, including the take-home activities you will receive.

I join Manitobans of all ages in thanking the many Festival staff and volunteers for making this year's event so special, and for bringing joy to children at such a challenging time.



A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Pallister".

The Honourable Brian Pallister

## A Message from the Mayor

It's time for the Winnipeg International Children's Festival! It's a Festival that kids of all ages look forward to each year and this year is no different — even if the Festival itself will look little different.

For almost four decades, the Winnipeg International Children's Festival (WICF) has hosted magical experiences for families through songs, circuses, and imaginative live performances. This year, Kidsfest will bring that magic to a drive-in format with fan favourites like Al Simmons, Splash 'N Boots, The Street Circus Show, The Summer Bear Dance Troupe, and hip-hop sensation Dammeccia Hall. There will be take-home activities and new ways to enjoy all that the Children's Festival has to offer. I know everyone is going to have a great — safe — time.

On behalf of the City of Winnipeg, I want to recognize the generous sponsors, volunteers, and organizers who work to make Kidsfest one of the great summer Festivals for families in our city. Best wishes to everyone for a fun time!

Warmly,



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brian Bowman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mayor Brian Bowman  
The City of Winnipeg

## A Message from the Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage

I am very pleased to welcome everyone to Kidsfest 2021!

Kidsfest has brought together children of all ages to enjoy an impressive array of educational family entertainment by performers from Manitoba, across Canada and around the world.

What better way to enjoy a beautiful Manitoba summer day than having fun and learning with your kids. We may be gathering in a different manner this year, but the live performance experience and take-home activities will be fun for all.

Kidsfest 2021 has ensured that all current public health orders are followed to make the festival safe for everyone.

Congratulations to everyone involved in putting together this year's Kidsfest. Your efforts enrich the lives of our children, helping them develop an appreciation for the arts, while growing and learning to be good citizens.



A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy Cox".

Honourable Cathy Cox  
Minister of Sport, Culture and Heritage



# Kidsfest PERFORMERS



## AL SIMMONS MANITOBA (ALL AGES)

Al Simmons is truly one of a kind! This self-styled "Physical Chameleon" combines rousing songs, ridiculous inventions and hilarious sight gags into a laugh-a-minute extravaganza! Al is one of 3 Juno award winners at this year's Kidsfest!



## SPLASH N' BOOTS ONTARIO (ALL AGES)

After winning last year's Juno award for best Children's album for "You, Me & The Sea" featuring Great Big Sea's Alan Doyle, the S & B experience has been performing across North America with a non-stop, sing-a-long dance party!



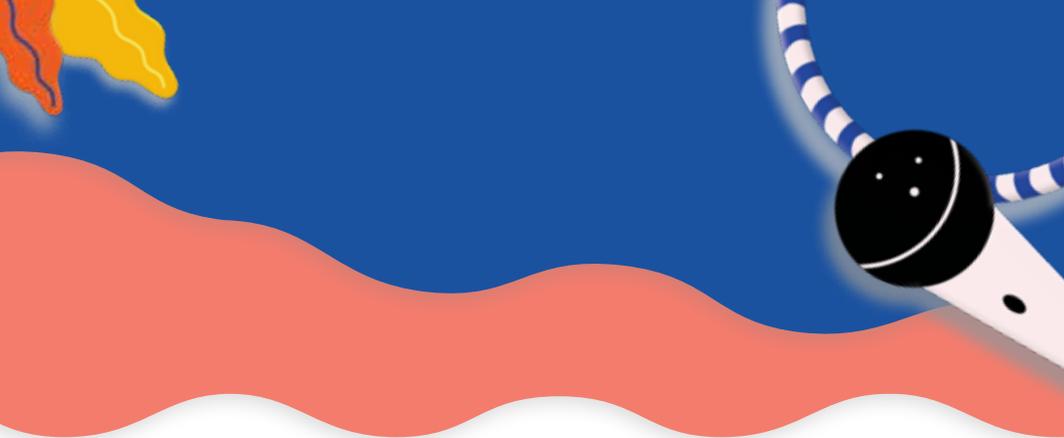
## THE STREET CIRCUS (ALL AGES)

A Complete Circus Spectacle! This show embodies everything dazzling about the modern circus and everything fun and spontaneous about festival performance! Dan and Kim bring the whole circus experience to you, performing countless tricks and stunts throughout the show including Cyr wheel, hand to hand acrobatics, hula hoops, handstands, contortion, fire juggling and of course comedy! Be sure not to miss the energy and excitement of The Street Circus!



## SUMMER BEAR DANCE TROUPE MANITOBA (ALL AGES)

The Summer Bear Dance Troupe focuses on the education and the sharing aspects of the Aboriginal Community, acknowledging the different regions where dances originated. The Troupe has male and female dancers of all ages representing Ojibway, Cree, Assiniboine and Sioux tribes. The men and boys perform the Grass Dance, the Traditional, the Fancy Feather Dance and the Hoop Dance. The girls and women perform the Fancy Shawl Dance, the Traditional and the Jingle Dress.



## FRIDAY JUNE 11

### MORNING SHOW

Gates Open: 9:45am

Showtime: 10:30am

Splash n Boots

Dammecia Hall

Street Circus

Exit: 12:00pm

### AFTERNOON SHOW

Gates Open: 12:45pm

Showtime: 1:30pm

Summer Bear Dance Troupe

Dammecia Hall

Al Simmons

Exit: 3:00pm

## SATURDAY JUNE 12

### MORNING SHOW

Gates Open: 9:45am

Showtime: 10:30am

Summer Bear Dance Troupe

Dammecia Hall

Al Simmons

Exit: 12:00pm

### AFTERNOON SHOW

Gates Open: 12:45pm

Showtime: 1:30pm

Splash n Boots

Dammecia Hall

Street Circus

Exit: 3:00pm

## SUNDAY JUNE 13

### MORNING SHOW

Gates Open: 9:45am

Showtime: 10:30am

Splash n Boots

Dammecia Hall

Street Circus

Exit: 12:00pm

### AFTERNOON SHOW

Gates Open: 12:45pm

Showtime: 1:30pm

Summer Bear Dance Troupe

Dammecia Hall

Al Simmons

Exit: 3:00pm



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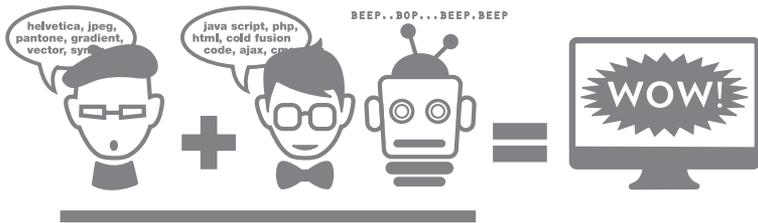


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As a non-profit we appreciate any and all help. Money, miles, services and supplies – all come in very handy for Kidsfest, and our Northern and Winnipeg Circus and Magic Partnership (C.A.M.P.) programs.

For a quick and easy way to donate please visit our website and click on the links to Canada Helps and/or Beyond Miles or please contact us to learn more about becoming a valued sponsor or community partner.



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