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The Regina Jazz Society Presents
17th ANNUAL
JazzFest Regina 2025
June 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, & 24

Thursday, June 19th 10:30 a.m.
Opening ribbon cutting ceremonies with City of Regina
City Square Scarth Street Stage

MAIN EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Price</u>
<i>Thurs, June 19</i>	<i>Shuffle Demons</i>	<i>Lazy Owl</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>\$35 40</i>
<i>Friday June 20</i>	<i>Anthony D'Alessandro Quintet Featuring Benny Benack</i>	<i>Lazy Owl</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>\$35 40</i>
<i>Sat. June 21</i>	<i>Legendary RYHTHM & BLUES Revue</i>	<i>Shumiatcher Theatre Conexus Arts Centre</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>\$40 45</i>
<i>Sunday June 22</i>	<i>University of Regina 50th Anniversary Alumni All Star Big Band Concert & Jazz Brunch</i>	<i>Shumiatcher Theatre Conexus Arts Centre</i>	<i>10am - 12pm</i>	<i>\$75 \$35(under 10) (under 3) Free</i>
<i>Sunday June 22</i>	<i>Multicultural Day Henk Kraaijeveld Quintet 2 Dance Groups + 1 Solo All Proceeds to the Regina Food Bank</i>	<i>Shumiatcher Theatre Conexus Arts Centre</i>	<i>1:30pm - 4:30pm</i>	<i>Good Will Offering \$10</i>
<i>Sunday June 22</i>	<i>Ted Warren Regina All Star Sextet</i>	<i>Lazy Owl</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>\$40 45</i>
<i>Monday June 23</i>	<i>Christine Jensen Quartet</i>	<i>Lazy Owl</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>\$40 45</i>
<i>Tuesday June 24</i>	<i>Lorraine Desmarais Trio</i>	<i>Lazy Owl</i>	<i>7:30 pm</i>	<i>\$40 45</i>

WATCH FOR FINAL WEEK SPECIAL TICKET PACKAGE SALES!!!

Tickets @ www.jazzfestregina.ca &
www.conexusartscentre.ca/jazzfest-regina

For the Seventeenth year in a row the Regina Jazz Society hosts the first festival of the summer and Regina's own JazzFest Regina 2025. Six days of cool swinging to beat the summer heat. This year Regina's 17th Annual JazzFest Regina 2025 showcases many of the hidden treasures of Regina's local jazz scene both in local club venues and with local artists in the heart of Downtown Regina.

Mixed with the local flavors of Regina's Jazz scene are headlining guests featured at the Lazy Owl, Shumiatcher Theatre at the Conexus Arts Centre, and Le Bistro – Laval School. See & hear locals on the City Plaza Scarth Street Stage, from Thursday through Saturday featuring 200+ local musicians

The event kicks off with the “Jazz Vespers”, at 7:30 p.m. this evening, Wednesday, June 18 at the Christ Lutheran Church 4825 Dewdney Ave..

Then at the City Square Scarth Street Stage Opening Ceremonies take place @ 10:30 a.m. Thursday, June 19 with the ceremonial ribbon cutting. The 25+ “Free Stages” performances continue Thursday, June 19 through Saturday afternoon, June 21 and continuing Headliner Concerts until Tuesday, June 24 at Le Bistro – Laval School.

On Thursday, June 19 you can catch following the “Free Stages” and Opening ceremonies from 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., the first headlining act the “Shuffle Demons”, at the Lazy Owl.

Friday, June 20 the “Free Stages continue from 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. with numerous talented local groups. The Anthony D'Alessandro Quintet featuring Benny Benack performs that evening at the Lazy Owl. This will be the first of three concerts on the weekend and what an exciting weekend this will be as you can guarantee yourself “Big Savings”, on packages and “Special Sales” opportunities at www.jazzfestregina.ca

The final “Free Stages” take place on Saturday, June 15 from 9:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m., leading up to the Legendary RHYTHM & Blues Revue performing that evening in the Shumiatcher Theatre at the Conexus Arts Centre at 7:30 p.m. Get your dancing shoes!!

The Sunday morning Jazz Brunch presents a seminal concert with the Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the University of Regina with the University of Regina Alumni All Star Big Band under Director Dr. Brent Ghiglione. This will guarantee to be a seminal concert of the overall event.

The Sunday Afternoon Multicultural Day this year will take place also in the Shumiatcher Theatre at the Conexus Arts Centre from 1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and will be a FUNDRAISER CAMPAIGN FOR THE REGINA FOOD BANK RECEIVING ALL PROCEEDS OF THE GOOD WILL OFFERINGS. Tax receipts from the Regina Jazz

Society are available. This year will feature the Henk Kraaijeveld Quintet from the Netherlands, along with other important multicultural dance and singing groups.

This year on Sunday evening catch the concert at the Lazy Owl located in the Riddell Centre at the University of Regina, with the Ted Warren Sextet comprised of a group of Regina All Stars at 7:30 p.m.

Then on Monday evening June 23 come back to the Lazy Owl and enjoy Canada's Juno winning stars with the Christine Jensen Quartet, as the last concert at the Lazy Owl.

The **17th Annual JazzFest Regina 2025** closes out Tuesday, June 24 at Le Bistro – Laval School with the Juno Award Winner the Lorraine Desmarais Trio

Regina Jazz Society President Peter Champagne noted, "This year's program continues the direction we've been headed in coming out of the pandemic, which is to try to re-establish our presence on the festival and musical landscape and continue to evolve and grow our product brand, as we celebrate our 17th Annual JazzFest Regina 2025 with a great line up from Thursday, June 19 – Tuesday, June 24 inclusive of Juno Award winning talent with the likes of The Shuffle Demons, Anthony D'Alessandro Quintet, featuring New York's Benny Benack singing and on trumpet, the Legendary RHYTHM & BLUES Revue, Ted Warren Sextet, Christine Jensen Quartet, and the Lorraine Desmarais Trio.

*JazzFest Regina 2025 reflects Canada's multicultural reality in music. Jazz in Canada today reflects the new Canadian identity and reality that's diverse, energetic, optimistic and one that encompasses all ages and demographics. Whether you're a serious jazz aficionado or first time casual jazz tourist, you'll find music to your liking at an affordable price in friendly locales, presenting the best in world class jazz. And you can get a great variety of passes for any and or all the different performances offered. **(WATCH FOR SPECIAL ARTISTS SALES THIS FINAL WEEK)** Go to www.jazzfestregina.ca for all the details. There's also a great variety of music in clubs over 6 days.*

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