



CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
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BACK AT LAST: Toronto's Favourite End-Of-Summer Fair Returns to Deliver its Signature Blend of New and Nostalgic

Sky's the limit with a new spectacular nightly Drone Show; the world premiere of an immersive multimedia experience NEVAEH & The NorthStar presented by VinFast; Gaming Garage powered by AMD extends to 18 days; and all-new Celtic Food Truck Festival!

- August 19 to September 5 -

(TORONTO) July 26, 2022 – After a two-year hiatus, the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) will mark its highly anticipated return August 19 to September 5, 2022 for 18 fun-filled days of all-new features and returning events expected to attract more than 1.4 million visitors through the iconic Princes' Gates. This year, the CNE has raised the bar sky-high (literally) with a **dazzling nightly Drone Show**, created for The EX featuring 100 drones that will light up the night with precise formations and colourful images. Drones also play a role in the CNE's new multimedia show, **NEVAEH & The NorthStar presented by VinFast**, that merges the most cutting-edge theatrical technology, pyrotechnics, and augmented reality, to take audiences on an immersive odyssey through time, land, sea and galaxies.

Festival season culminates at the CNE with special events including a **Mardi Gras Food Truck Festival** (Aug. 20 – 23, evenings), **Food Truck Frenzy & Craft Beer Fest** (Aug. 25 – 28), and new **Celtic Food Truck Festival** (Sept. 1 – 5) celebrating Celtic heritage, music and food. Fan favourites return with new twists such as a new SuperDogs show "**PAWVENGERS**," the **2022 Canadian International Air Show** featuring the **Canadian Armed Forces Parachute Team & Canadian Forces Snowbirds**, and **Gaming Garage Powered by AMD** is back for all 18 days of the fair in a new expanded location inside Hall B of the Enercare Centre with more tournaments, prizes, and free play games. **The Celebrity Kitchen Stage** is also back for the first time since 2017, to dish up some inspiring meal ideas from chefs Claudio Aprile (*MasterChef Canada*), Corbin Tomaszeski (*Dinner Party Wars*), Bob Blumer (*Surreal Gourmet*), and Matt Dean Pettit (Rock Lobster Food Co.) to name a few.

There has never been a shortage of photo opportunities at The EX, whether it's in front of the illuminated **CNE Sign**, or overlooking the fair on the **Sky Ride** (celebrating its 10th anniversary) – and NEW this year on the Midway, it will be hard to miss the 34ft tall **Double-Decker Merry-Go-Round**, a picturesque menagerie of lights and colours offering a new Insta-worthy POV of the CNE. Whether capturing the views, creating new memories, or enjoying the sights, sounds and tastes of the CNE, there are plenty of reasons to say, "*Let's Go (Back) To The EX!*"

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2022 HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE:

NEW: Nightly Drone Show - Watch the skies above the Food Building come to life in a spectacle of dancing lights! Cap off a fun-filled day at the fair with a colourfully dynamic Drone Show featuring 100 drones that will illuminate the night with an array of stunning images. The show is designed by Canadian company and leading drone formation specialists, North Star Entertainment, who have wowed audiences at major events for the NFL, NBA and NASCAR. (Aug. 19 – Sept. 4, at 10:45pm above the Food Building)

NEW: NEVAEH & The NorthStar presented by VinFast - Making its stunning debut at this year's CNE, "NEVAEH" and her trusty drone "NorthStar" embark on a never-before-seen odyssey through time and space featuring ground-breaking projection mapping, augmented reality, laser, pyrotechnics and indoor drones. Cutting-edge theatrical technology takes audiences on an epic journey in this spectacular new multimedia show. (3 Shows Daily, Coca-Cola Coliseum)

NEW: Celtic Food Truck Festival - To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the publication of James Joyce's *Ulysses*, a new festival takes over Princes' Boulevard for a rousing weekend that celebrates Celtic culture with music, entertainment and food. (Sept. 1 – 5, Princes' Blvd)

4th Annual Gaming Garage Powered by AMD - Back by popular demand, the CNE's Gaming Garage Powered by AMD & Innovation Garage are bigger and better than ever! New this year the gaming extravaganza will run throughout all 18 days of the fair featuring everything from esports and pinball tournaments to Dungeons and Dragons, board games, VR, Video Game Dance Floor, and more. As well, **The Emerging innovators Pitch Competition** takes place Aug. 28, convening Canada's brightest innovators to pitch their inventions and compete for cash prizes; and a **Robotics Competition** takes place Sept. 2 – 4, where contestants and their creators will spar head-to-head to determine which bot will take the crown. (Daily, 2 & 5 pm Enercare Centre Hall B)

Celebrity Kitchen Stage - Celebrity chefs are back for the first time since 2017! The CNE's Celebrity Kitchen Stage will feature a roster of renowned chefs, Canadian culinarians, and mixologists such as *MasterChef Canada's* Claudio Aprile, Corbin Tomaszeski of *Dinner Party Wars*, and Food Network star Bob Blumer. Get inspiring meal ideas with Caribbean-inspired flavours from La-Toya Fagon or learn how to properly cook with seafood from Rock Lobster's Matt Dean Pettit. (Daily, Enercare Centre Hall A)

73rd Annual Canadian International Air Show – Canada's largest and longest running air show returns with its soaring aerial spectacle! The beloved **Canadian Forces Snowbirds** return to dazzle crowds; and new this year, Canada's only military parachute demonstration team, the **Canadian Armed Forces SkyHawks**, will electrify audiences with an awe-inspiring show. (Sept. 3 – 5, Waterfront)

Food Truck Frenzy & Craft Beer Fest - Everyone's favourite food truck festival is back! Food Truck Frenzy & Craft Beer Fest will feature more than 20 vendors offering global fare from perogies to Egyptian street food, Caribbean roti to pho dumplings. Wash it all down with a selection of icy cold craft brews. (Aug. 25 – 28, Princes' Blvd)

SuperDogs – Get ready for a *paw-some* good time with the SuperDogs! Celebrating their 40th anniversary, these incredible canines will unleash their superpowers in a high-energy, high-flying adventure show, *PAWVENGERS*. (Daily, Enercare Centre Hall D)

Celebrating CNE Heritage - Step into **Doorways to the Past** displayed throughout the grounds for an interactive journey of the EX through the eras; travel back in time and walk through the iconic history of the CNE and its storied grounds with the **CNE Heritage Immersive Experience** (Enercare Centre Heritage Court Gallery); or join the **CNE Ghost Walks** to learn about the fair's haunted history and legendary spirits.

CNE Bandshell - Enjoy summer nights outdoors while rocking out with Tom Cochrane or Marianas Trench; jammin' to the reggae tunes of Jay Douglas; singing along to Gordon Lightfoot's greatest hits -- or discover new music from JUNO-winning artists including Indigenous singer-songwriter iskwē and 2022 Breakthrough Group of the Year MONOWHALES, and more! All concerts and performances are FREE with CNE admission. New this year, the Bandshell is shining the spotlight on some of Canada's funniest acts, headlined by *America's Got Talent* judge and one of the most successful comedians in the world, Howie Mandel, on Aug. 19.

Kids' World – Families can enjoy the mini-Midway for kids, interactive programs such as the Pizza Nova Pizza-Making Shop, and plenty of entertainment on the Kids World Stage from characters such as Bob the Builder, Dorothy & Wags from The Wiggles, and more! NEW this year in Kids World is a topsy turvy cirque-tacular show, **Cirque Wonderland**; a **Dino Dig** – where aspiring paleontologists can dig for prehistoric artefacts; and **Chalkmaster Dave** who will be creating amazing chalk art in Kids World.

Art at the CNE

Turn Off the Plastic Tap - Famed Canadian artist, activist, and photographer Benjamin Von Wong presents *#TurnOffThePlasticTap*, a massive 25' x 30' art installation that comments on the overuse of plastics by using discarded plastic. Best known for his environmental art installations and hyper-realistic art style, Von Wong's masterpiece hopes to inspire audiences to "turn off the tap" on their plastic use. (Daily, Enercare Centre Hall A)

National Geographic's The Greatest Wildlife Photos Exhibit - The world's most striking wildlife images will be on display at the CNE. For 115 years, National Geographic has pioneered and championed the art of wildlife photography, and captivated generations of audiences with a steady stream of extraordinary images of animals in nature. (Daily, Arts, Crafts and Hobbies Pavilion & Enercare Centre, Hall A)

Charles Pachter (aka Johnnie at the Fair) Exhibit: A Romance with Canada - The CNE is honouring the work of esteemed Canadian painter Charles Pachter and his unique connection to the fair. Pachter starred in the National Film Board of Canada's *Johnnie at the Fair*, which celebrated a five-year old child's experience at the 1947 CNE after the fair had been closed from 1942 and 1946 due to the Second World War. Some of his most renowned works and favourite subject matter will be on display including The Queen & Moose series. (Daily, Withrow Common Gallery)

Voitek Pendrak Immersive Projections – Toronto-based photographer and multimedia artist Voitek Pendrak presents an all-new 360° immersive experience titled, *A Trip Through 103: Therapy for the Soul*, that combines his vibrant kaleidoscope-like imagery and cinematography with an original soundtrack to create a truly mind-bending show. (Daily, 1pm – 7pm, Enercare Centre Salon 103)

The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Exhibit – The CNE invites fairgoers to learn more about the land in which we gather, that is part of the Treaty 13 Lands and the territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee, and the Huron-Wendat. This important exhibit showcases the history and culture of the Mississaugas of the Credit through art, storytelling, and a variety of interactive experiences. (Daily, Enercare Centre)

The 2022 CNE takes place from **August 19 to September 5, 2022** at Exhibition Place in Toronto, Canada.

General Admission

Advance Tickets (purchased before Aug. 18)	\$20
General Admission (14 to 64 years)	\$25
Adults 65 & Better	\$20
Children (ages 5 to 13)	\$20
Children 4 & under	FREE
CNE Family Pass (2 adults & 2 children or 1 adult & 3 children)	\$75

*Plus HST and applicable fees

To purchase tickets, ride passes, and for more information on discounts and promotions, go to www.TheEx.com

The Canadian National Exhibition is Canada’s largest community event and one of the top 10 agricultural exhibitions in North America. Founded in 1879, the CNE generates an economic impact of approximately \$93.1. million for the Greater Toronto Area and \$128.3 million for the province of Ontario each year (when in operation). It is celebrated as one of the “greenest” fairs in North America and attracted 1.4 million visitors over 18 days in 2019.

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