

## The CNE is Getting Its Groove Back with 2022 Bandshell Line-Up

Tom Cochrane, Gordon Lightfoot, Johnny Reid, and Marianas Trench among performers confirmed

PLUS – New this year, stand-up comedy takes centre stage at the Bandshell with Howie Mandel and Ali Hassan among comics headlining Comedy Night on August 19<sup>th</sup>

WHAT: The 2022 Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) is marking its highly anticipated in-person return as one of Ontario's most iconic events and end of summer traditions. Taking place from August 19 – September 5 at Exhibition Place, the CNE is packing music, performances and comedy on its <u>six</u> variety stages daily throughout the grounds, including an impressive marquee line-up on the Bandshell Stage. 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. Judge of *America's Got Talent* and one of the most successful comedians in the world, **Howie Mandel**, headlines Comedy Night on Friday, August 19 to help kick off the CNE's opening day. He joins fellow comedians **Ali Hassan** (CBC's *Laugh Out Loud* and *Run the Burbs'*), **Nour Hadidi** (Kevin Hart's LOL Network), **Nile Seguin** (*Just for Laughs*), and *Canada's Got Talent* finalist **Courtney Gilmour**, for a night that will leave audiences rolling in the aisles.

Check out Howie's love for the CNE in this video message from 2020

**CNE DATES:** August 19 – September 5, 2022 (\*no concert on Labour Day)

WHO: CNE Bandshell Stage Concert Series:

- August 19 Comedy Night featuring Howie Mandel, Ali Hassan, Nour Hadidi, Neil Seguin, Courtney Gilmour
- August 20 Bruce Cockburn with Hawksley Workman
- August 21 Marianas Trench with Jocelyn Alice
- August 22 DSL Dire Straits Legacy with Jake Clemons
- August 23 Iskwē and Monowhales
- August 24 Third World with Jay Douglas
- August 25 JJ Wilde with Command Sisters
- August 26 Grandson with Elko
- August 27 Johnny Reid with Five Roses
- August 28 Glass Tiger with The Spoons
- August 29 Lighthouse with Altameda
- August 30 David Wilcox with Connor Gains
- August 31 Anslem Douglas with Eddie Bullen
- September 1 Bryce Vine with Shawnee Kish
- September 2 Busty and The Bass
- September 3 Gordon Lightfoot with The Good Brothers
- September 4 Tom Cochrane with Kasador
- September 5 Labour Day, no concert

**TICKETS:** Concerts are FREE with CNE Admission.

\$20: Advance General Admission Ticket (purchased by August 18) \$25: Regular General Admission Ticket (starting August 19)

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