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'BIG' Headliners Announced for Bell CNE Bandshell Line-Up

BIG BOI, Grammy-Winning Rapper of OutKast, Alt Rock Chart-Toppers BIG WRECK, and Iconic East Coast Rock Group, SLOAN, Round Out Nostalgic Line-Up

PLUS – Singer-Songwriter **Ruby Waters**, Indie Supergroup **The New Pornographers**, Country Duo **The Reklaws**, and the return of **Drag EXtravaganza ft. Tynomi Banks & Sapphira Cristál**

Toronto, ON (July 11, 2024) – It's a '90s/2000s revival on the Bell CNE Bandshell Stage as the final round of headliners are announced to cap off the summer music festival season. Some of the biggest names in music that influenced an entire generation are marking their comeback with new music, new fans, and renewed popularity. Just added to perform at the Canadian National Exhibition taking place August 16 to September 2, include one of Canada's top-selling bands from 1996 to 2016, **Sloan**. The JUNO and East Coast Music Awards-winning band are set to kick off Opening Day, Friday, August 16, on the Bell CNE Bandshell Stage with renowned guitarist **Paul Langlois** of The Tragically Hip as their opening act.

Music fans can also 'rock on' with **Big Wreck** on August 28; also, indie collective **The New Pornographers** on August 24 with Toronto's **Born Ruffians** as special guests; and Montreal rockers **Half Moon Run** headlining on August 26. The newest additions come on the heels of a stellar line-up of iconic bands across the music spectrum previously announced including **Manchester Orchestra, Down With Webster, and April Wine**.

Big Boi, Grammy-winning rapper and one-half of the groundbreaking group OutKast, will bring his high-energy show to the Bell CNE Bandshell on August 25. The CNE will be Big Boi's first and only Canadian stop announced to-date on his 2023/24 tour.

Last year's first-ever Drag EXtravaganza at the CNE was a huge hit among fans and returns even more fierce with a mix of comedy, fashion, and entertainment with **Tynomi Banks** with musical performances by classically trained opera singer and composer **Sapphira Cristál**. And wave your hands and jump up to Soca Night on August 29 headlined by internationally renowned Soca stars from Trinidad and Tobago, **Destra** and **Farmer Nappy**, with DJ **Dr. Jay** and more. A newly added Tribute to Bob Marley will see **Classic Albums Live** perform his celebrated album *Legend*, with opening support Canadian reggae favorite, **Jay Douglas**.

There's plenty more music concerts at the CNE with indie-folk-pop singer **Ruby Waters** with 2024 JUNO Songwriter of the Year artist, **Aysanabee**; acclaimed country music siblings **The Reklaws**; as well as recently announced powerhouse **Brittany Howard** (Alabama Shakes) and country star **Mackenzie Porter**.

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Mark your calendars for the 2024 Canadian National Exhibition, August 16 – September 2, to experience an electrifying line-up of the Bell CNE Bandshell concerts that has something for everyone. All CNE concerts are free with admission to the Fair.

2024 Bell CNE Bandshell Concerts:

- Friday, August 16: Sloan with Paul Langlois Band
- Saturday, August 17: Brittany Howard with Julian Taylor
- Sunday, August 18: Bahamas with Jeremie Albino
- Monday, August 19: MacKenzie Porter with Nate Haller
- Tuesday, August 20: Drag EXtravaganza ft. Tynomi Banks, Sapphira Cristal, VENUS, Devine Darlin' and Saltina Shaker
- Wednesday, August 21: Down with Webster with Dee Holt
- Thursday, August 22: Classic Albums Live performs Bob Marley's Legend with Jay Douglas
- Friday, August 23: Manchester Orchestra with Moneen
- Saturday, August 24: The New Pornographers with Born Ruffians
- Sunday, August 25: Big Boi with SonReal
- Monday, August 26: Half Moon Run with Ghostly Kisses
- Tuesday, August 27: Ruby Waters with Aysanabee
- Wednesday, August 28: Big Wreck with Royal Tusk
- Thursday, August 29: Destra and Band with Farmer Nappy, Dr. Jay & Friends
- Friday, August 30: The Reklaws with Teigen Gayse
- Saturday, August 31: April Wine with Boston Levi
- Sunday, September 1: Voices of Classic Rock: Asia ft. John Payne (formerly of Asia), Jason Scheff (Chicago), Steve Augeri (formerly of Journey) & Fran Cosmo (formerly of Boston)
- Monday, September 2: (No concert on Labour Day)

Advance tickets to the 2024 CNE are on-sale now. Enjoy advance discounts available online at TheEx.com.

Concerts are FREE with CNE Admission.

\$22.12*: Advance CNE General Admission Ticket (purchased by August 15)

\$26.55*: Regular CNE General Admission Ticket (starting August 16)

(*Plus applicable taxes and service fees).

The 145th edition of the CNE will take place August 16 – September 2, 2024. Let's go to The EX!

About the Canadian National Exhibition

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) is governed by the Canadian National Exhibition Association (CNEA), comprised of a volunteer Board of Directors. The CNEA is responsible for the planning and presentation of the annual Canadian National Exhibition at Exhibition Place in Toronto, Ontario. Founded in 1879, the CNE generates an economic impact of approximately **\$112 million** for the Greater Toronto Area and **\$143 million** for the province of Ontario each year (when in operation). In 2023, the CNE attracted a record-breaking 1.604 million visitors to its 18-day fair, the highest-ever attendance in the past 25 years.

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