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GlobalFest has nurtured active partnerships with the Indigenous community in Calgary since 2009. As time has passed, we have dedicated ourselves to maintaining these partnerships through our OneWorld Festival and the MySummerJourneyYYC program.

We are incredibly privileged and lucky to have a connection with Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park. They have a fantastic team, and we are grateful to work alongside them in our community programming efforts, and planning visits for our summer camps.

After the 2024 festival in August, Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park bestowed upon GlobalFest our very own full-size tipi. This is a huge honour and as recipients, we have taken the role very seriously by learning the ceremonies and protocols involved. This generous act further strengthens and maintains the ties we have with our Indigenous partners and community members.

As a non-profit society in Alberta whose mission and guiding principles are to promote multiculturalism and create a platform for the diverse communities that live in Calgary, we offer our stages, our festival, and our voices, to shine a spotlight on this beautiful place.

**Ken Goosen**  
Chief Operating Officer  
GlobalFest



# 📺 A NOTE FROM GLOBALFEST 📺

Welcome to GlobalFest 2025! We're thrilled to present another spectacular edition of our festival, showcasing a vibrant blend of culture, community, and fireworks. This year's journey spans continents, starting with the returning champions from the USA, followed by three dazzling nights in Asia with Malaysia (a first-time participant), the Philippines, and China. We then return home to conclude with an unforgettable Canadian finale.

Since its inception in 2003, GlobalFest has become Calgary's premier international fireworks event, recognized both locally and abroad. At its heart, GlobalFest is about more than just fireworks—it's a celebration of cultural diversity and unity. Each year, Calgarians come together to share in this colourful mosaic of traditions, performances, and experiences that reflect the city's growing multicultural identity.

A cornerstone of the festival is the **OneWorld Festival**, featuring over 20 cultural pavilions. This year, we're excited to welcome new participants from Guinea, Morocco, and Tanzania. These pavilions offer attendees a unique opportunity to engage with music, art, food, and traditions from around the world, all in one place. Through these experiences, we celebrate inclusion, equity, and the joy found in cultural exchange.

GlobalFest 2025 also introduces a brand-new **Passport Program**, inviting guests to explore the culinary diversity throughout Elliston Park. From savory street food to sweet treats, this program lets you "travel the world" through taste and discover the international flavours that enrich Calgary's food scene.

Each evening concludes with one of our iconic pyromusical fireworks shows, choreographed to music and presented by a different participating nation. These performances light up the sky and symbolize the festival's spirit of unity, creativity, and celebration.

Calgary, now one of Canada's most multicultural cities, is proud to host such a vibrant and inclusive event. GlobalFest continues to provide a platform for underrepresented voices, connecting communities and celebrating the strength found in diversity. None of this would be possible without our amazing volunteers, staff, cultural partners, and supporters who help make the festival a reality year after year.

To all our guests—whether local or visiting—thank you for joining us. We hope you enjoy every moment of GlobalFest 2025 and leave with lasting memories, new connections, and a deeper appreciation for the rich cultural tapestry that surrounds us.

## 📺 MESSAGE FROM 📺 THE PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA

I would like to convey my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in GlobalFest 2025.

This event brings Canadians together to share in the rich and vibrant cultural tapestry that makes up the country we are proud to call home. I am sure that everyone in attendance will enjoy the many performances and activities planned for this year's edition of the festival.

I would like to thank the organizers for hosting this event and for celebrating the diversity that enriches our nation.

I wish you all an enjoyable and memorable experience.



**The Right Honourable Mark Carney, P.C., O.C., M.P.**  
Prime Minister of Canada

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# THE HONOURABLE PREMIER DANIELLE SMITH

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone to Global Fest 2025 Cultural and Fireworks Festival.

Alberta's most explosive festival roars to life for another exciting exhibition of world-class pyro musicians and a celebration of our province's incredible diversity. While the International Fireworks Festival lights up the night—with displays from the United States, Malaysia, the Philippines and China—the OneWorld pavilions and stages invite guests to experience Calgary's cultural communities through performances, displays, cuisine and activities for all ages. It is a wonderful way to enjoy summer in the city and Alberta's famous festival season.

Special thanks to the organizers and sponsors who make this amazing event possible each year. I know it takes a tremendous amount of co-ordination to bring the details together for an event of this scale. I appreciate your vision for celebrating multiculturalism and the arts.

Best wishes for another safe and successful festival.



Honourable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta



## MAYOR JYOTI GONDEK

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to GlobalFest 2025 and the OneWorld Festival!

For over two decades, GlobalFest has captivated Calgarians and visitors alike, igniting our skies with the magic of international fireworks displays. Year after year, we gather not only to marvel at the fireworks but also to honour and celebrate the cultural richness that each of our communities brings to our city. This festival uniquely showcases the sights, sounds, and flavors of the world, beautifully represented by the diverse communities that call Calgary home.

As a highlight of our city's lively summer festival scene, GlobalFest continues to inspire joy, connection, and a deeper appreciation for the diversity that makes Calgary such a wonderful place to live and visit. May the music, cuisine, pavilion displays, and night market offer you an unforgettable experience.

I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to the volunteers and staff whose dedication and hard work make this event possible. Your efforts are truly appreciated and play a crucial role in the success of GlobalFest.

On behalf of the City of Calgary, I invite you to come early, stay late, and enjoy all that GlobalFest 2025 has to offer.

Let the show begin!

Sincerely,



Jyoti Gondek, Mayor of Calgary





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GlobalFest embraces how important relevant work experience is for many students currently attending post-secondary. That's why, every summer GlobalFest recruits a team of diverse students from a variety of programs to participate in the Youth Leaders of Tomorrow (YLOT) program.

The YLOT program provides these post-secondary students with essential skills, while also encouraging their insight into the daily operations of GlobalFest. During their time with GlobalFest, the YLOTS learn more about the non-profit sector through their various roles. Throughout the YLOT program, the development of teamwork, leadership skills, and communication skills allow these students to gain relevant experience for future studies and their careers ahead.

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### COMMUNITY PROGRAMMING

Our programming began with a new initiative: Holiday Lane, at Sunridge Mall. Ten of our cultural partner community associations decorated Christmas trees on display in the mall for the month of December. In May, we celebrated Asian Heritage Month with a massive two-week outreach program at Southcentre Mall, featuring our China, India and Philippines communities. We had two Sundays packed with hands-on activities and performances that filled the mall with the sights and sounds of Asia.



In June, with our new partners Development Group at their new N.E. show home parade, we produced a mini OneWorld Festival including a performance stage, food trucks and other activities. It was a perfect weather day for this community festival. Special thanks for our partner home builders in the community, Trico Homes and Excel Homes.





Summer went into full swing with OneWorld cultural presentations at Heritage Park on Canada Day and the Calgary Stampede. On the new BMO Centre Community Stage, we had 11 days of performances and cultural pavilion spaces, and the performances were well attended throughout the run. There were 26 different cultural performance groups and 5 cultural association promotional spaces. GlobalFest would like to express our sincere appreciation to the Calgary Stampede for continuing to engage and providing these opportunities to our OneWorld cultural community association partners and to our festival.

Our summer continued in August with the Dragonboat Festival with a broad range of performance groups participating in the two-day race event in North Glenmore Park. Sponsored by Trico Livingwell who continues to partner with us in various programming opportunities for their residents.

### INTERNSHIPS AND MENTORSHIPS

The Youth Leaders of Tomorrow Program is an annual program GlobalFest undertakes to bring in a variety of post-secondary students and young adults to gain experience in the festival/non-profit sector. The YLOT program had a returnee from last year with Anna Pham coming back for a second year with an expanded program of responsibility. (See Page 8)

### YOUTH PROGRAMMING

MySummerJourney YCC returned for another year at Sunalta Community Association Hall. We continue to work with our referral agencies Calgary Immigrant Women's Association, Centre for Newcomers, and Immigrant Services Calgary who referred the youth to our program. Our two-week program engaged immigrant/refugee youth, ages 11 – 16, with just under 20 youth participating in the program. (See Page 25)



**GlobalFest is a not-for-profit community development agency focused on the creation of a more inclusive society, without barriers to participation, engagement, to build great community understanding, and providing a true sense of belonging. Do you see alignment with your organization's future goals? Connect with us as we, together, Reach Out, and build a better Calgary for all!**

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I would like to thank our incredible sponsors and volunteers who donated their time and energy to this tournament, making each hole a memorable experience. This tournament – and all the joy that comes with it – would not be possible without all the continued support GlobalFest has received. To be able to witness the incredible community we have through our tournament leaves us in awe year after year. Your ongoing trust in us to support our community leads to real positive change enacted through our 'Reaching Out' program. These include MySummersJourneyYYC, a summer camp for immigrant and refugee youth aged 10-15, as well as Youth Leaders of Tomorrow (YLOT Program) and the One World Cultural Programming. These programs

create the chance for meaningful dialogue on complex issues and for people to find their voice and identity in new and significant ways. Through our tournament on Monday, we were able to raise \$20,254. All of which will go towards funding our community programs this year!

As a not-for-profit community development agency, GlobalFest is dedicated to celebrating, showcasing, and promoting Calgary's ethno-cultural diversity and artistic excellence. Through our work we strive to enrich the lives of our Calgarians and strengthen our community, while simultaneously enhancing Alberta's reputation as an international destination.

Thank you to all our golfers, sponsors, and volunteers for making the 9th annual GlobalFest Golf Classic a very successful day. Without your involvement and support in our organization, this would not have been possible. We are grateful to you all and so proud of the community we have built together. We are looking forward to what next year will bring!

Sincerely,  
**Doran Heit**







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# 📺 CITIZENSHIP CEREMONY 📺

Since 2007, GlobalFest - in partnership with Citizenship and Immigrant Canada - has held a citizenship ceremony onsite at Elliston Park during the OneWorld and International Fireworks Festivals. The citizenship ceremony has become an integral part of our annual programming. Over the years GlobalFest had had in excess of 1,250 individuals become Canadian citizens at Elliston Park and our Human Rights Forum.

This year, we are thrilled to have 50 individuals taking that final step in their journey towards Canadian citizenship. We encourage everyone in the park, that evening, to join in the ceremony and celebration, as we welcome our newest Canadian citizens surrounded by our OneWorld partners in the OneWorld North Village.

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# GLOBALFEST MY SUMMER JOURNEY 2025

MySummerJourneyYYC 2025 brought together teens from China, Colombia, and Ukraine for two enriching weeks this July. Throughout the program, participants formed new friendships, shared their cultures and values, built independence, improved literacy skills, and had fun through a variety of immersive activities and excursions.



A major highlight was the **drum circle**, where teens expressed emotions through rhythm and percussion. Cultural learning continued with a trip to **Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park**, where storytelling and exploring the Tipi Village provided insight into Blackfoot culture and the significance of Treaty 7.

At **Bar U Ranch**, a Canadian National Historic Site, teens experienced life as early Alberta homesteaders. A visit to the architecturally inspiring **Calgary Central Library** highlighted the importance of lifelong reading, especially with its teen-dedicated floor.

The **Calgary Contemporary Art Gallery** offered a space to explore emotions and cultural storytelling through visual art. Teens also learned environmental responsibility during a **Green Calgary** presentation on recycling and composting.

**Servus Credit Union** taught essential financial literacy, while a visit to the **Beltline Fire Department** equipped them with knowledge on fire safety and emergency preparedness. Walking tours through **Chinatown**, local parks, and green spaces deepened their understanding of Calgary's urban environment.

Creative expression continued at **The Alcove Centre for the Arts**, where teens engaged in art, musical jam sessions, and board games. The Alcove also presented opportunities for future artistic involvement.

Physical activity and play were emphasized through **Hip Hop dance lessons with Connie Jakab**, as well as cooperative games that highlighted teamwork and healthy living.

Throughout these two weeks, the teens reflected through writing, explored their identities, and connected deeply with each other. The program encouraged personal growth, cultural appreciation, and community building—all while enjoying the fun and challenges of being a teenager. **My Summer Journey YYC 2025** successfully blended education, creativity, and joy, leaving lasting memories and meaningful connections among its diverse group of participants.

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# FESTIVAL INFO

**Please be advised:** After each evening's pyromusical display, all vehicular traffic, (including shuttles) will be held until it is deemed safe to move vehicles. For the safety of our patrons, we ask that you please be patient as you enter and exit the festival site. Thank you.

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The OneWorld Festival presented by TD, and GlobalFest international Fireworks Festival are in the same location. Elliston Park is open 6:00pm – 11:30pm during GlobalFest. LAST PARK ADMISSION 9:15pm. Fireworks begin when the sky is dark and weather conditions are deemed safe.

## TICKETS

**ADMISSION IS FREE FOR CHILDREN 5 AND UNDER WHEN ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. NO EXCHANGES OR REFUNDS.** Fireworks will be cancelled due to any condition that organizers feel may jeopardize public safety.

## VIEWING

GlobalFest offers general festival seating. There are two large seating bowls created by the landscape of the park, with the premiere viewing bowl also facing the TD main stage. Guests are encouraged to bring their own blanket and lawn chairs.

## ACCESSIBLE, WHEELCHAIR AND SENIOR VIEWING

Accessible, wheelchair and senior viewing is available to on paved ground, close to the water's edge between the RONA gate and corner gate. Seating is not provided.

## PERFORMANCE STAGES

There are two stages with programming prior to the fireworks – the TD Main Stage and the Air Canada Village Stage. Locations are detailed on the Elliston Park Map. There is also a new stage, brand new to the park this year, the Tiger's Tea Stage, this will be located Southland Gate.

## PETS AND SERVICE ANIMALS

Service animals with a Government of Alberta ID Card and ADI Card are permitted in Elliston Park during GlobalFest. For the safety of all the guests attending GlobalFest, all other pets, (including support animals) will not be permitted. Please leave your Four-legged friends at home!

## FOOD TRUCKS AND INTERNATIONAL FOOD BOOTHS

Our Concessionaries offer a variety of delicious fare. Our concessionaries on-site include: Family Squeezed Lemonade, The Dumpling Hero, Sugarloaf Brazilian Street Food, Shahba Shawarma, Sugar Creek Kettle Corn, Mr. Street Taste, Lil' Orbits Mini-Donuts, Daytona Beach Seafood Tacos, Canadian Bear Balls, Mumbai Bites, Taste of Vietnam, Ethnicity Catering & Cafe, Mia's Lechon/Philippines, Mr. Sun Tea, Uzu Ice Cream, The Blue's Delight, Authentic Churros, Arepas Ranch, Station One Eight, BBQ BOB, The Burrito Mexican Food, Wannawafel – Calgary, Empanada Queen, GRETA Bar, Wonton Ninja, Avatara Pizza

## DRONES

There are absolutely no drones allowed in, over or around Elliston Park during GlobalFest.

# GREEN PROGRAM

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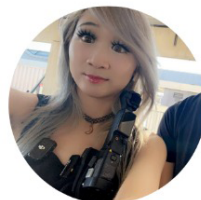
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GDI strongly supports multiculturalism and diversity- a key aspect at the heart of this festival. The Green program aligns with GDI's commitment to sustainability and being eco-friendly. GDI operates green cleaning programs that use environmentally friendly products and equipment in all their locations. Thank you, GDI, for helping GlobalFest in our efforts to keep Elliston Park clean before, during and after the festival.

## 📺 KID'S ZONE 📺



The Kid's zone brings fun and family friendly activities to the festival. Located near the playground outside the VIP village, the Kid's Zone features multiple outdoor games and kids performances! This year we are happy to present to the kid's zone outdoor games such as a corn hole, giant connect four and giant Jenga. Fun and engaging for the whole family!



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# PARKING AND SHUTTLE SERVICE

## ACCESSIBILITY PARKING

Accessibility parking is available for those with a valid accessible parking placard at the RONA Distribution Centre (2015 – 60 St. SE). The parking lot at the intersection of 23 Ave. And 52 St. SE on a first-come, first served basis.

## PARKING AND SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

- Both General Admission ticket holders and VIP Pass holders have a return shuttle service from their respective parking lots to GlobalFest. **The first shuttle bus service starts at 5:30 PM. The last shuttle bus departs from the park at 9:00 PM.**
- **Return buses to Sunridge Mall run from the end of the fireworks until 11 PM, or the park is empty.**
- Shuttle buses are not accessible. If you have significant mobility restrictions, we recommend using Access Calgary or parking in the Accessible Parking lot if you hold a valid Accessible Parking pass. Please see FAQ tabs “Is there Accessible Parking” or “Where does Access Calgary drop off” for full details.
- Southland Transportation offers a return shuttle bus service from Sunridge Mall at **\$7.00 per person, per night.**







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7. LIL' ORBITS MINI-DONUTS
8. DAYTONA BEACH SEAFOOD TACOS
9. CANADIAN BEAR BALLS
10. MUMBAI BITES
11. TASTE OF VIETNAM
12. ETHNICITY CATERING & CAFE
13. MIA'S LECHON/PHILIPPINES
14. MR. SUN TEA
15. UZU ICE CREAM
16. THE BLUE'S DELIGHT
17. AUTHENTIC CHURROS
18. AREPAS RANCH
19. STATION ONE EIGHT
20. BBQ BOB
21. THE BURRITO MEXICAN FOOD
22. WANNA WAFFLE - CALGARY
23. EMPANADA QUEEN
24. LIL' ORBITS MINI-DONUTS
25. SUGAR CREEK KETTLE CORN
26. GRETA BAR
27. WONTON NINJA
28. AVATARA PIZZA

## PAVILIONS

1. SLOVANIA
2. PAKISTAN
3. JAPAN
4. BRAZIL
5. BANGELEDESH
6. AZERBAIJAN
7. BLACKFOOT CROSSING
8. ART OF INDIA
9. CROATIA
10. KOREA
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# □□ CULTURAL PAVILIONS □□



## **azerbaijan**

**Alberta Azerbaijani Cultural Society**  
**Coordinator: Irada Shamilova**

Azerbaijanis began immigrating to Canada in the 1980s. Being rich in oil and gas, Azerbaijan attracted lots of foreign investments after the collapse of the Soviet Union and developed a strong pool of highly educated oil and gas professionals. Therefore, many Azerbaijanis immigrating to Canada don't think twice when choosing Alberta as their new home.

Azerbaijan has quite a unique geographic landscape. 9 out of 11 existing climatic zones can be found here, making tourism one of the fastest-growing industries in the country. Azerbaijan is also known as Land of Fire thanks to the naturally occurring eternal flames spread across the mountains. Fun fact: this holy fire has burned since ancient times and no rain, snow or wind ever managed to stop it.

Azerbaijan is situated right between Europe and Asia on the shores of the Caspian Sea, that locals call Hazar. The Silk Road historically passed through parts of Azerbaijan. All these factors helped nurture multiculturalism, making ethnic and religious diversity a matter of pride for Azerbaijan and its people. You can find a church, a mosque and a synagogue all within a few blocks from each other here. Many Azerbaijani immigrants choose Canada for that same reason.

Canadian Azerbaijanis highly appreciate all the support and opportunity to pass their vibrant traditions, dances, culture and one of a kind, delicious cuisine on to the next generation here in Canada.

## **BANGLADESH**

**Bangladeshi Society of Calgary**  
**Coordinator: Dr. Nick Ahmed Al-Emran**

Nestled in the heart of South Asia, Bangladesh is a country with a captivating cultural landscape shaped by its diverse history, religious influences, and geographical features. From the bustling streets of Dhaka to the

serene countryside, Bangladesh offers a mosaic of experiences that reflect its unique identity.

### **Language and Literature:**

Bengali, the official language of Bangladesh, is not only a means of communication but also a source of cultural pride. The works of literary giants like Rabindranath Tagore and Kazi Nazrul Islam have left an indelible mark on Bengali literature, earning Bangladesh a place of prominence in the global literary scene.

### **Music and Dance:**

Music and dance are integral parts of Bangladeshi culture, expressing a range of emotions from joy to sorrow. Traditional folk music, such as Baul and Bhatiali, resonates with the rhythms of rural life, while classical forms like Rabindra Sangeet evoke a sense of timeless beauty. The graceful movements of traditional dance forms like Manipuri and Nazrul Nritya captivate audiences with their elegance and storytelling prowess.

### **Festivals and Celebrations:**

Bangladesh is a land of festivals, where people from diverse backgrounds come together to celebrate their shared heritage. Pohela Boishakh, the Bengali New Year, is marked by colorful processions, traditional music, and mouthwatering delicacies. Eid-ul-Fitr, Eid-ul-Adha, and Durga Puja are celebrated with equal fervor, reflecting the religious diversity of the country.

### **Cuisine:**

Bangladeshi cuisine is a gastronomic delight, characterized by its bold flavors and aromatic spices. From the iconic biryani to mouthwatering seafood dishes like hilsa curry, also different varieties of pita (cake), Bengali cuisine offers a feast for the senses. Street food delights like puchka (pani puri) and fuchka (spicy snack) tantalize taste buds and showcase the culinary ingenuity of the Bangladeshi people.

### **Arts and Crafts:**

Artisans in Bangladesh have a rich tradition of craftsmanship, producing exquisite textiles, pottery, and handicrafts. The intricate patterns of Jamdani sarees



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and the vibrant colors of nakshi kantha embroidery are testaments to the country's artistic heritage. Dhaka's bustling markets, such as New Market and Aarong, offer a treasure trove of handmade goods that reflect Bangladesh's cultural diversity.

Bangladesh's cultural heritage is a testament to the resilience and creativity of its people. From its captivating music and dance to its mouthwatering cuisine and exquisite craftsmanship, Bangladesh offers a glimpse into a world of endless beauty and diversity. As we celebrate GlobalFest 2025, let us embrace the rich tapestry of Bangladeshi culture and forge connections that transcend borders.

## **BRASIL**

### **Brazilian Community Association of Alberta**

**Coordinator: Elisia Teixeira**

Visit our Cultural Pavilion and immerse yourself in the rich Brazilian Culture with arts, crafts, artifacts, and information about the different regions of Brazil. You will also have the opportunity to speak with native Brazilians living in Calgary and learn about activities offered by the Brazilian Association throughout the year, such as Carnaval, Festa Junina, BrazilFest, Open House Musical, Reveillon, Brazilian Portuguese Language Classes for Adults, Kids School, and more!

Don't forget to try on traditional Brazilian costumes at the BRASIL Cultural Pavilion for a memorable picture! New this year is the opportunity to try some Brazilian Street Food if you visit the "Sugar Loaf" food truck!

## **BLACKFOOT CROSSING HISTORICAL PARK – SOYHPAWAHKO**

### **Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park – Soyohpawahko**

**Coordinator: Shannon Bear Chief**

Welcome to the Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park Pavilion!

Here we showcase a captivating display where the rich history and vibrant culture of the Siksika (Blackfoot) people come alive!

Our Historical Park, nestled amidst the breathtaking landscapes of our Traditional Territory (now known as Alberta, Canada), serves as a gateway to the past, inviting visitors to embark on a journey of learning. You will learn of the struggles, triumphs, and resilience of the Siksika Nation. The Historical Park serves as a bridge between generations, honoring the past while igniting a spark of curiosity and understanding in visitors of all ages.

Beyond its role as an educational hub, the Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park also serves as a vibrant gathering place for community events, cultural celebrations, and artistic performances. We are delighted to announce the return of our Prairie Chicken Dance World Championships that are held every June.

Meet our Blackfoot Historical Park Princess Kasey Rae Maguire who is the living, breathing heartbeat of our heritage. She's not just about putting on a show;

she's all about connecting with people on a real level. Whether she's sharing stories passed down through generations or getting everyone up on their feet for a dance, she's all about making sure you feel the soul of the Blackfoot culture.

As you explore the Blackfoot Crossing Pavilion, you're not just witnessing history—you're immersing yourself in it. With stories of strength, culture, and community, we invite you to soak up the past while embracing the present with open arms. Come join us in cherishing and honoring the very soul of the Siksika Nation, as we keep on weaving connections, sparking wonder, and nurturing understanding for generations to come.

Welcome to a journey of enlightenment and discovery at Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park.

## **CHINA**

### **Northwestern China Community Association of Alberta**

**Coordinator: Jing Wu**

The Northwestern China Community Association of Alberta presents Summer Splendor: traditional Chinese apparel, Chinese calligraphy, and the art of Chinese tea.

Come to GlobalFest 2025, get a name for yourself in Chinese, learn about the invention of fireworks in China, enjoy the visual spectacle of traditional Chinese apparel, watch a demonstration of the exquisite art of Chinese tea... and more!

At our booth, a highly accomplished Chinese artist will be offering, free of charge, to choose a Chinese name for interested guests and write it out in fine Chinese calligraphy, using a traditional brush on authentic calligraphy paper. What a unique souvenir to take home from GlobalFest!

Everyone knows that fireworks originated in China, but how many know the details of the story? At our pavilion, a brief video on the Chinese invention of fireworks, narrated by David Curtis Wright, a professor of Chinese history at the University of Calgary, will be playing throughout the event. Professor Wright will also be at the booth to answer questions about fireworks in Chinese history.

We'll also have experts on hand to talk about traditional Chinese apparel, Chinese tea, and other fascinating cultural traditions. Come pay our pavilion a visit!

## **CROATIA**

### **Croatian Heritage Society**

**Coordinator: Kristina Cigic**

Bok! Hello!

The Croatian Heritage Society of Calgary is proud to participate in the OneWorld Festival! Croatia is best known for its gorgeous Adriatic coast and for being the setting of HBO's Game of Thrones. But there is so much more to know!

Still a very young country, with only 4 million people, Croatia gained its independence in 1991. Since then,



we've become known for our athletes, achieving silver in the last FIFA World Cup. Also, our rich history and natural beauty - with 10 sites ascribed to UNESCO's World Heritage, including Diocletian's Palace and the old city of Dubrovnik; and 17 properties on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage list. This includes our lacemaking from the Island of Pag, 'nijemo kolo' (silent dancing), 'ojkanje' (non-metrical) singing, and Slavonian 'be' carac' which you might get the chance to hear when you stop by.

Come visit our pavilion and get to know Croatia beyond our beautiful coastline - see the intricate embroidery of our costumes, join in song with our traditional 'tamburica' string band, and learn more about our history and culture.

Until then - Dovid-enja! See you!

## GHANA

**Ghanaian Canadian Association of Calgary**

**Coordinator: Cobby Antobre**

Nestled along the Gulf of Guinea and the Atlantic Ocean, Ghana is a vibrant country in West Africa, brimming with rich cultural heritage and a deep sense of history. At GlobalFest, the Ghana Cultural Pavilion invites visitors to immerse themselves in the diverse traditions, arts, and flavors that make Ghana a jewel of the African continent.

### Language and Literature

The linguistic landscape of Ghana is as diverse as Ghana's cultural heritage. It is a testament to the resilience, creativity, and spirit of its people. As we celebrate GlobalFest 2025, the Ghana Cultural Pavilion invites you to explore the rich traditions, vibrant arts, and delectable cuisine that define this extraordinary nation. Embrace the warmth of Ghanaian hospitality and the beauty of its diverse cultural landscape, forging connections that celebrate our shared humanity.

## GUINEA (NEW)

**Guinean Association of Calgary**

**Coordinator: Ismael Diallo**

Step into the heart of West Africa by visiting the Guinea Pavilion at GlobalFest 2025. This year, we are proud to showcase the vibrant cultural mosaic of Guinea, a nation rich in heritage, rhythm, and warmth. From the lush forests of the Forest Region to the vast plains of Upper Guinea, each of our four natural regions will be represented through music, dance, arts, and storytelling. Visitors will have the chance to explore Guinea's unique traditions and learn how each region contributes to the country's colorful identity.

Hospitality is the soul of Guinean culture, and you will feel it the moment you enter our pavilion. Our team will welcome you with generosity that define our people. The atmosphere will be filled with the sounds of traditional instruments like djembe (drum).

Every night, our pavilion will have nightly fashion shows, where traditional Guinean outfits come alive

in a dazzling celebration of color and craftsmanship. Models will present traditional and modern attire from all regions of Guinea, displaying the creativity of our designers and the pride we take in our heritage. Through this mix of performance, art, and fashion, we invite you to immerse yourself in the beauty of Guinea. Come celebrate with us and let the spirit of Guinea leave a lasting impression.

## HUNGARY

**Vadrózsa Hungarian Folkdancers**

**Coordinator: Sarah Jalsoviczky**

Welcome to the Hungarian pavilion at GlobalFest - our community is thrilled to share our rich culture with you for the fourth year in a row! Our thriving community shows a steady commitment to growth and learning locally and abroad. Through our Hungarian Scouts, Folk Dance groups, Hungarian Veterans' Legacy Association, Churches, Theatre Groups, and Language School, many members of the community find ways to connect to their roots here in Calgary. Hungarian culture is ripe with beautiful folk art, costumes, music, dance, and of course, deliciously hearty food! Stop by our booth and meet members of the community who immigrated from Hungary during the revolution, as well as their children and other family members who have lived here their whole lives but have managed to keep the culture strong in Canada. Our group is excited to also have the opportunity to share our love of traditional folk dances with you, so be sure to look out for us on the stage!

## INDIA

**Art of India**

**Coordinator: Niyanta Kotecha**

India's astounding diversity of religions, languages, and cultures is both unique and unparalleled. It is a vast subcontinent with a rich and complex heritage, home to one of the oldest civilizations in the world.

This year, our pavilion will feature an excellent collection of Indian handicrafts, artifacts, and jewelry, as well as Henna/Mehendi painting. Henna (or Mehendi) is a form of body art originating from Ancient India, in which decorative designs are created on the skin using a paste made from the powdered dry leaves of the henna plant (*Lawsonia inermis*). It is traditionally believed to bring good luck to the person wearing it.

We will also be showcasing both traditional and modern aspects of Indian culture through three different dance performances by our talented artists of various age groups. These dances will reflect the cultural diversity of different Indian states, and the performers' costumes will be a glammers display of Indian ethnic wear.

## IRAN

**Persian Students' Network**

**Coordinator: Aminreza Abbasi**

Welcome to the Iran Pavilion at GlobalFest 2025!

Come explore the sights, sounds, and stories of Iranian culture. This year's theme, "Echoes of Persia: A Celebration of Culture, Poetry, and Heritage," offers a

glimpse into Iran's rich history, traditions, and the works of renowned poets such as Rumi and Hafez. Immerse yourself in the sounds of traditional Persian music, explore handmade crafts and enjoy Persian snacks. Whether you're curious about the culture or just looking to try something new, we invite you to experience a bit of Iran in a warm and welcoming space!

## JAPAN

### Calgary Japanese Community Association

**Coordinator: Tomo Honda**

Step into Japan at the GlobalFest Japanese Pavilion! Explore the rich culture and traditions of Japan through our vibrant display.

We'll be showcasing the activities of the Calgary Japanese Community Association (CJCA), along with informative panels about Japanese culture and heritage. Stop by to enjoy a variety of authentic Japanese snacks and drinks and learn more about how CJCA connects and celebrates Japanese culture here in Calgary.

Come experience the spirit of Japan — we look forward to welcoming you!

## KOREA

### Canada Korean Broadcasting Society

**Coordinator: Anna Jun**

e hwan yeong hamnida — Welcome to the Korean Pavilion!

Korea is known as the "Land of the Morning Calm" for its serene beauty, peaceful mornings, and the poetic meaning of its historic name, Joseon. K-Culture—spanning K-Pop, K-dramas, K-movies, K-food, and K-beauty—continues to captivate the world with its unique blend of tradition, innovation, and creativity.

This year at GlobalFest, visit the Korean Pavilion to experience Korea's rich culture! Explore Korean tourism, enjoy Korean snacks, discover K-beauty and traditional products, and enjoy cultural performances.

We're also featuring uniforms and traditional Korean games from the world-famous Netflix series Squid Game, including ddakji, gonggi, and dalgona (sugar honeycomb). You can also try other traditional games like tuho (arrow throwing) and jegi (Korean hacky sack)!

This is a great opportunity to promote Korean culture, introduce Korean products and games, and foster cultural exchange with visitors from around the world. Join us at the Korean Pavilion at GlobalFest and immerse yourself in the beauty of Korea!

## KURDISTAN

### Calgary Kurdish House Centre

**Coordinator: Issa Mosa**

Explore the Kurdistan Pavilion!

The Kurdistan Pavilion celebrates Kurdish history and culture, showcasing our rich heritage through traditional decorations, music featuring the Tanbur, and vibrant

Kurdish clothing. Experience the Kurdish dance and enjoy the warmth of Kurdish hospitality. Join us for a journey through the heart of Kurdish culture and traditions.

## MOROCCO (NEW)

### Moroccan Association in Calgary

**Coordinator: Hanane Ennebat**

Presented by the Moroccan Cultural Connection Centre & "She Is from Morocco"

Join us at Elliston Park as we celebrate the vibrant colors, traditions, and artistry of Morocco at GlobalFest 2025. The Moroccan Pavilion, proudly hosted by the Moroccan Cultural Connection Centre (M3C) in collaboration with "She Is from Morocco," offers a rich cultural experience that brings the heart of Morocco to Calgary.

### What to Expect:

**Traditional Moroccan Clothing:** Discover the elegance of Moroccan attire, from beautifully embroidered kaftans to richly detailed djellabas.

**Artisan Crafts & Souvenirs:** Explore items that reflect Morocco's unique artistic heritage.

**Authentic Moroccan Tea Experience:** Admire and shop traditional teapots, cups, and accessories while learning about the importance of mint tea in Moroccan hospitality.

**Traditional Kitchenware:** Discover a selection of Moroccan kitchen items that blend function with cultural charm.

This is more than a market, it's an opportunity to share Moroccan culture, history, and warmth with the broader community. Whether you're a curious traveler, a culture enthusiast, or simply exploring the world through GlobalFest, we welcome you to discover the Moroccan way of life.

Come for the fireworks. Stay for the culture!

## PAKISTAN

### Pakistan Punjabi Culture Council of North America

**Coordinator: Fouzia Ali**

Pakistan, a land of breathtaking landscapes, from the towering peaks of the Himalayas to the sparkling waters of the Arabian Sea, is a country where diverse cultures, languages, and traditions come together. At the crossroads of South Asia, Central Asia, and the Middle East, Pakistan has been a melting pot of civilizations for centuries. Its culture is as rich and varied as the land itself—vibrant, dynamic, and full of history.

Here in Canada, the Pakistan Punjabi Culture Council of North America (PPCNA) plays a pivotal role in preserving, promoting, and celebrating Pakistan's cultural heritage. Based in Calgary, PPCNA brings together the local Pakistani community to share the beauty of their traditions with the broader Canadian public.

The Pakistani community in Calgary has been an integral part of the city's multicultural mosaic for many

years, contributing to its diversity in ways big and small. From business and education to the arts and community service, Pakistani-Calgarians have made lasting contributions to the cultural and social fabric of this city. The PPCNA has been at the forefront of supporting and empowering Pakistanis in Calgary, offering a platform for cultural exchange, advocacy, and support for newcomers.

By visiting the Pakistan Pavilion, you're not just exploring a collection of beautiful artifacts; you're stepping into a living, breathing tradition that continues to thrive in Canada. From colorful ghagra cholis and shalwar kameez to intricately designed jewelry and handicrafts, each item on display tells a story of Pakistan's deep cultural roots. Don't miss the opportunity to experience the artistry of henna tattoos and the centuries-old practice of embroidery, which have been passed down through generations.

Whether it's the warm embrace of our traditional hospitality or the tantalizing aroma of our world-famous cuisine, a visit to the Pakistan Pavilion is sure to leave you with lasting memories of Pakistan's beauty, warmth, and spirit.

### **Supporting Pakistanis in Calgary**

PPCNA works tirelessly to ensure that the Pakistani community in Calgary not only preserves its cultural heritage but also thrives in Canadian society. Through community events, workshops, social support programs, and networking opportunities, PPCNA empowers individuals and families to grow and succeed while staying connected to their roots. Whether you're a newcomer seeking guidance or a local resident eager to learn more about Pakistan's rich history, PPCNA is here to help.

We invite you to explore, discover, and celebrate the diversity and depth of Pakistani culture here at the Pakistan Pavilion. Join us in supporting a community that continues to build bridges, foster understanding, and contribute to the multicultural landscape of Calgary.

## **PHILIPPINES**

### **Filipino Arts and Culture Society of Alberta**

**Coordinator: Marietta Pangan**

The Filipino Arts and Culture Society of Alberta (FACSA) for 2025 will again showcase several local talents and potentials from Calgary to electrify the Globalfest stage. FACSA is dedicated to empowering multicultural communities through various arts and cultural immersion activities for multicultural groups in Alberta.

FACSA will showcase resilience and strength, as well as everything in bloom and blossom. This year's showcase will feature a unique blend of traditional and contemporary performances, exhibitions, and cultural activities. Through our exhibitions and performances, we hope that our heritage and culture will continue to be highlighted.

Boxing stands out as one of the most beloved individual sports in the Philippines, capturing the hearts of many.

This vibrant sport creates an extraordinary atmosphere where camaraderie, support, and a sense of community flourish among fans and athletes alike. Remarkably, during international boxing matches, crime and traffic rates dip to unprecedented lows, as families and friends gather in their homes or local gyms. They become transfixed by the action on their screens, united in their fervent cheers for their fellow countrymen, creating a palpable sense of national pride and solidarity that fills the air. Exhibitions from: Pagaling Brothers and Calgary Boxing Club

The highly anticipated fruit carving demonstrations return for their 8th year. Our talented Chef Artist will transform ordinary fruits and vegetables into stunning works of art. These intricate designs, featuring vibrant blossoms and lush greens, will surely mesmerize the audience and inspire creativity in all who attend.

### **Chef Artist: Fercibal Robles-Brown**

Baguio and the Panagbenga Festival are highlights of the cultural performances. Often called the "City of Pines," Baguio City is a beloved destination in Northern Luzon, known for its lush hills and blend of urban and natural attractions. It is also referred to as the "Summer Capital of the Philippines" due to its cool climate and beautiful scenery.

The term "Panagbenga," derived from the Kankanaey word for "season of blooming," refers to the annual Baguio Flower Festival established in 1995. This celebration is important for the city's healing and resilience following the 1990 earthquake.

### **Cultural Performances**

Allysha Nolasco

Rucel Vuloso

Edward's Factory

Jewel and Leo - Heartful Music Box

Diamond Seniors Rondalla

Golden Sparkes

Lakambini Dance Troupe

M2ZActive Social Dance Club

Sampaguita Lady Dancers

Solid Dancers

## **SLOVENIA**

### **Slovenian Canadian Club of Calgary**

**Coordinator: Dave Langerholz**

Dober dan! "Good Day!"

Welcome to Slovenia. You can't spell Slovenia without love. We at the Slovensko Kanadsko Društvo - Calgary, (Slovenian Canadian Club of Calgary), are excited to participate in our fifth Globalfest. We would like to take you on a journey to this South Central European country of just over 2 million people. From the majestic Alps to the warm Adriatic Sea, forest, caves and plains, Slovenia and their people have much to offer. Come join Slovenian - Canadians and explore all your senses with us!



## **TANZANIA (NEW)**

**Sazz Trading Limited**

**Coordinator: Sabira Kassam**

At the Tanzanian pavilion, you'll get a real glimpse into the heart of our culture that is shaped by over 120 different tribes, yet connected through shared values like respect, community and tradition. From the coast of Zanzibar to the stories passed down in Maasai villages, our history lives in our music, clothing, food and languages especially Swahili, which connects many of us.

What makes Tanzanian culture stand out is how it blends tradition with everyday life. We are especially excited to share all of this with you during our first year participating in GlobalFest.

When you visit our pavilion, you will not just learn our history, you will feel it through the colours, sounds, and warmth of our people.

## **THAILAND**

**Alberta Thai-Canadian Association**

**Coordinator: Noi Albers**

The Alberta Thai-Canadian Association (Calgary), (ATCA), was formed in 2002 to promote friendship and good understanding between Thai's and Canadians, to maintain and promote the cultural heritage of Thailand and to provide opportunities for social activities for its' members.

Thailand is a predominantly Buddhist Kingdom in Southeast Asia. It has an area about the same as Alberta but a population of 70 million. Thailand shares borders with Myanmar to the west and north, Laos to the north-east, Kampuchea to the east, and Malaysia to the south. Thailand lies within the humid tropics and remains hot throughout the year. Average temperatures are about 29 °C. There are three seasons: the cool season (November to March), the hot season (April to May), and the rainy season (June to October).

Thailand is filled with spectacular natural, cultural, and historical attractions and has a rich cultural heritage and

diverse landscapes of great natural beauty featuring Buddhist temples, exotic wildlife, and spectacular islands and beaches. Along with a fascinating history and a unique culture that includes delectable Thai food and massage, Thailand features a modern capital city Bangkok, and friendly people who epitomize Thailand's "land of smiles" reputation.

Dance is the main dramatic art form in Thailand and can be divided into two major categories, high art (classical dance) and low art (folk dance). The ATCA sponsors its' own Thai Dance group comprised of members volunteering their time to learn and perform classical and folk dances. The beautiful girls dance barefoot with great smiles, graceful and delicate movements in their elaborate costumes. The dances are hypnotic and follow lovely rhythms made from oriental musical instruments. The group has performed at dozens of cultural events over the years including GlobalFest and the Calgary Stampede.

Anyone wishing to find more out about the ATCA can check out our Facebook group "Alberta Thai-Canadian Association (Calgary)".

## **UKRAINE**

**Ukrainians of Calgary Association**

**Coordinator: Tetiana Minkovska**

Ukraine is the homeland of the brave people, who love their country, respect history and traditions and work hard towards a bright future.

The best way to get to know a Ukrainian is to visit our Pavilion. We will be happy to meet with you and share information about our beautiful country with its long history, diverse traditions, customs, and a wonderful language. You will be welcomed and immersed in the traditions of Ukraine through handmade selections of the very best and unique custom pieces of art combined with an atmosphere of fun and festivity.

The hospitality of our volunteers will surely make this a pavilion to remember!



# INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES IN NEED PROGRAM

One of GlobalFest's goals is to reduce or eliminate financial barriers for individuals who wish to attend the festival. In 2009, GlobalFest began donating one general admission ticket for every ticket purchased during our annual holiday season promotion to the IFIN program.

Into our 16th year, and with the much-appreciated support from Worth Resolving Community Supports Society and other community partners, plus the assistance of many caring supporters throughout Calgary, we were able to provide over 3,000 complimentary tickets in 2025.



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# FLAVOURS PASSPORT PURSUIT



GlobalFest is initiating an exciting Flavours Passport Pursuit program to encourage patrons to visit the diverse food offerings within the festival. Similar to the Passport Pursuit, it would be an inter-continental exploration of the global cuisines by region.



## HOW DO I PLAY?

1. Pick up your Flavour Pursuit Passport at the Gate.
2. Purchase a food item from the Food Vendors to get your passport punched.
3. Return the passport to the ballot box at the exit for your chance to win 1 of 3 prizes!

### GOLD PRIZE: VALUED AT \$700

Purchase from 12 different food vendors and get your card punched.

**Receive 2 VIP 2026 Festival passes and 20-\$15 food vouchers for GlobalFest 2026 or redeemable at each food vendors' place of business.**

### SILVER PRIZE: VALUED AT \$300

A purchase punch from each of the 5 regions  
(North America, Central & South America, Europe, Asia, Middle East)

**Receive a IBU Restaurant voucher**

### BRONZE PRIZE: VALUED AT \$200

5 different food vendor punches

**Receive an Alberta Food Finder voucher plus Taste of Calgary voucher**



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Taste of Calgary, and Alberta Food Tours Inc.*



**USA**  
THURS, AUG 14

**MALAYSIA**  
SAT, AUG 16

**PHILIPPINES**  
TUES, AUG 19

**CHINA**  
THURS, AUG 21

**FINALE**  
SAT, AUG 22

## TD TD MAIN STAGE

<b>6:30-6:45PM / Iran</b> Melody Dance Group	<b>6:30-6:45PM / Bangladesh</b> Bangladeshi Society of Calgary	<b>6:30PM</b> Cultural Performance	<b>6:30-6:55PM / China</b> Northwestern China Community Association of Alberta	<b>6:30-6:55PM / Japan</b> no Oto
<b>7:00-7:15PM / Philippines</b> Golden Sparkles	<b>7:00-7:25PM / China</b> Jing Wo Cultural Association of Canada	<b>7:00-7:15PM / Venezuela</b> Dynamic Latin Soul Pasos de Venezuela	<b>7:00PM</b> Cultural Performance	<b>7:00-7:25PM / China</b> Peach Plum Art Academy
<b>7:30-7:55PM / Brasil</b> Samba Brazil Heritage Dance Group	<b>7:30-7:40PM / Bangladesh</b> Bangladeshi Society of Calgary	<b>7:30-7:55PM / India</b> Abhiyaki Dance Group Bollywood Rhythm	<b>7:30PM</b> Cultural Performance	<b>7:30-7:55PM / Ghana</b> Ghanaian Royal Cultural Society of Calgary
<b>8:00-8:15PM / Philippines</b> Maharlika Divas	<b>8:00-8:25PM / Azerbaijan</b> Azeri Calgary Star	<b>8:00-8:10PM / Venezuela</b> Dynamic Latin Soul Pasos de Venezuela	<b>7:40-7:55PM / Mexico</b> Viva la Danza! Mexican Folklore Dance Ensemble	<b>8:00-8:25PM / Pakistan</b> Soul Feet Dance
<b>8:30-8:40PM / Iran</b> Melody Dance Group Talkoob	<b>8:30-8:50PM / Thailand</b> Calgary Classical Thai Dance Group	<b>8:15-8:25PM / Philippines</b> Filipino Arts and Culture Society of Alberta	<b>8:00-8:25PM / China</b> Harmony Guzheng Ensemble	<b>8:30-8:55PM / Ukraine</b> Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
<b>8:50-9:15PM / Brasil</b> Samba Brazil Heritage Dance Group	<b>8:55-9:20PM / Japan</b> Yosoca	<b>8:30-8:55PM / Scotland</b> Glenrose Highland Dancers & Pipers	<b>8:30-8:40PM / Mexico</b> Viva la Danza! Mexican Folklore Dance Ensemble	<b>9:00-9:25PM / Soyohpawahko</b> Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park Dance Troup
		<b>9:00-9:15PM / Philippines</b> Filipino Arts and Culture Society of Alberta	<b>8:50-9:15PM / China</b> Zhaoli Dance School Tundra Swan Dance School DY Dance Studio & Ballet Calgary Tai Chi & Martial Arts College	



AIR CANADA

## AIR CANADA/GLOBALFEST STAGE

<b>6:30-6:55PM / Brasil</b> Samba Brazil Heritage Dance Group	<b>6:30-6:55PM / Thailand</b> Calgary Classical Thai Dance Group	<b>6:30-7:30PM</b> Citizenship Ceremony	<b>6:30-6:55 PM / China</b> Harmony Guzheng Ensemble	<b>6:30-6:55PM / Ukraine</b> Tryzub Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
<b>7:00-7:15PM / Iran</b> Melody Dance Group Talkoob	<b>7:00-7:25PM / Azerbaijan</b> Azeri Calgary Star		<b>7:00-7:15PM / Mexico</b> Viva la Danza! Mexican Folklore Dance Ensemble	<b>7:00-7:25PM / Soyohpawahko</b> Blackfoot Crossing Historical Park Dance Troup
<b>7:30-7:55PM</b> Tipi Set-up Demonstration	<b>7:30-7:55PM / Japan</b> Yosoca		<b>7:30PM / China</b> Calgary Oriental Chinese Dress Association Star & Moon Qi Pao Etiquette Studio Lingling International Line Dance Studio Calgary Chinese Appeal Culture Association	<b>7:30-8:00PM</b> Tipi Take Down Demonstration
<b>8:00-8:10PM / Iran</b> Melody Dance Group Talkoob	<b>8:00-8:15PM / Bangladesh</b> Bangladeshi Society of Calgary		<b>8:00-8:25PM / Hungary</b> The Vadrozsa Hungarian Folk Dancers of Calgary	<b>8:05-8:30PM / Ghana</b> Fante Association of Calgary
<b>8:15-8:30PM / Philippines</b> Golden Sparkles	<b>8:20-8:30PM</b> Cultural Performance	<b>8:20-8:45PM / India</b> Abhiyaki Dance Group Bollywood Rhythm	<b>8:30-8:55PM / Korea</b> Calgary Korean Seniors Pripae Rocky Nanta	<b>8:35-9:00PM / Pakistan</b> Soul Feet Dance
<b>8:35-9:00PM / Korea</b> Calgary Korean Mask Dance Club	<b>8:35-9:00PM / Bangladesh</b> Bangladeshi Society of Calgary	<b>8:50-9:00PM / Philippines</b> Filipino Arts and Culture Society of Alberta		

## CHILDREN'S STAGE

<b>6:30PM</b> Cultural Performance	<b>6:30PM / Azerbaijan</b> Azeri Calgary Star	<b>6:30PM / Scotland</b> Glenrose Highland Dancers & Pipers	<b>6:30PM / Mexico</b> Viva la Danza! Mexican Folklore Dance Ensemble	<b>6:30PM / Ghana</b> Fante Association of Calgary
<b>7:00PM / Philippines</b> Maharlika Divas	<b>7:00PM / Japan</b> Yosoca	<b>7:00PM / India</b> Abhiyaki Dance Group Bollywood Rhythm	<b>7:00PM / China</b> Northwestern China Community Association of Alberta	<b>7:00PM / Pakistan</b> Soul Feet Dance
<b>7:30PM / Brasil</b> Samba Brazil Heritage Dance Group	<b>7:30PM / Hungary</b> Nádihegedű Hungarian Folklore Workshop	<b>7:30PM / Venezuela</b> Dynamic Latin Soul	<b>7:30PM</b> Cultural Performance	<b>7:30PM / China</b> Peach Plum Art Academy
<b>8:00PM</b> Cultural Performance	<b>8:00PM / Thailand</b> Calgary Classical Thai Dance Group	<b>8:00PM</b> Cultural Performance	<b>8:00PM</b> Cultural Performance	<b>8:00PM / Ghana</b> Ghanaian Royal Cultural Society of Calgary



## International Fireworks Festival

**The International Fireworks illuminate the sky with a colliding orchestra of light and sound. 2025 features presentations produced by world-class pyro musical artists, including 2024 Champion USA, Malaysia, Philippines and China; plus GlobalFest's own spectacular Finale.**

Each night of fireworks by the presenting country has adjudicators looking for several things:

- The quality of the display
- Originality of the artistic concept: the choice of music and staging
- Brilliance and richness of colours used
- 50% of the music used is native to the presenting country
- Synchronization: the precision of the marriage between music, sound effects, and fireworks
- Scope of the work

The result of these artistic requirements are presentations that cannot be seen anywhere else in the world, making each night of the International Fireworks a world premier presentation.

The lake at Elliston Park adds a special dimension to the festival – the reflections in the water add a fluid, shimmering mirror of the show taking place above. It is the designer's hope that the audience will lose themselves in the colours and rhythms of the display, while simultaneously being mesmerized by the cadence of the explosions and glittering forms.

**Title of Show:**  
**APPARITIONS**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 14**  
**USA**

**Designer:**  
**ZACH TAMINOSIAN**

MUSICAL PROGRAM		
1	<i>I Lived</i>	One Republic
2	<i>Ghost</i>	Justin Bieber
3	<i>Beetlejuice Beetlejuice Main Theme</i>	Danny Elfman
4	<i>Hell</i>	Squirrel Nut Zippers
5	<i>Little Talks</i>	Of Monsters and Men
6	<i>La Llorona (from "Coco" Motion Picture)</i>	Alanna Ubach & Antonio Sol
7	<i>Ghostbusters Theme Epic Trailer Version</i>	EpicTrailerMusicUK
8	<i>Ghost</i>	Ella Henderson
9	<i>Phantom of the Opera Medley</i>	Lindsey Stirling
10	<i>Welcome To The Black Parade</i>	My Chemical Romance

The unseen world often lingers just beyond our grasp, a place where memory, mystery, and imagination converge in quiet defiance of time. Apparitions invites us into this space, as phantoms in waiting emerge with fire and rhythm to stir the present. Love, loss, fear, and fury rise like specters, weaving a tapestry of emotion across the night. Each burst is a heartbeat from the unknown, each silence a breath held between realms. What was feared becomes beautiful. What was lost is remembered. And what once haunted now ignites the heavens, not in shadow, but in luminous impressions that refuse to fade.



**Title of Show:**  
**UNITY IN RHYTHM**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 16**  
**MALAYSIA**

**Designer:**  
**JEFFRY BIN BAHARY**

MUSICAL PROGRAM		
1	<i>Kudaku Lari</i>	Syarifah Aini
2	<i>Toyol</i>	Sudirman
3	<i>Dikir Puteri</i>	Noraniza Idris
4	<i>Brother in Arms</i>	Madmax OST
5	<i>Standing in the Eye of the world</i>	Ella
6	<i>Never Enough</i>	The Greatest Showman OST
7	<i>Survivor</i>	Edda Hayes
8	<i>Power &amp; Glory</i>	A New Game by Tom Hedden
9	<i>Thunder</i>	Nascar Theme
10	<i>Gemilang</i>	Jacklyn Victor

Unity in Rhythm is a story told in sparks and sound, a symphony of cultures, hearts, and hopes. As rhythms rise and fireworks bloom, the show speaks a universal language of togetherness. Each note, each burst, is a reminder that no matter where we come from, we move to the same rhythm when we choose harmony. In this moment, under one sky, we are one.

**Title of Show:**  
**CHOOSE PHILIPPINES**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 19**  
**PHILIPPINES**

**Designer:**  
**ROBERT BASIHAN**

MUSICAL PROGRAM		
1	<i>Without Me /Eye of the Tiger</i>	Eminem/Survivor
2	<i>Eye of the Tiger Epic Cover</i>	Fjora/Tommee Profitt
3	<i>Pinoy Ako</i>	Bamboo
4	<i>Gento (Gold)</i>	Sb19
5	<i>Just the Way You Are</i>	Bruno Mars
6	<i>Apt Tiktok Pinoy Mashup</i>	Various Artists/Bruno Mars
7	<i>Vampire</i>	Olivia Rodrigo
8	<i>Ito Ang Gusto Ko</i>	Francis Magalona
9	<i>Piliin Mo Ang Pilipinas "Choose Philippines"</i>	Angeline Quinto

The Philippines show celebrates the beauty and uniqueness of the Philippines. This remarkable country is not only blessed with abundant natural resources but also with warm, friendly, and ever-smiling people. Filipinos are naturally passionate about music, with many internationally renowned artists such as Bruno Mars and Olivia Rodrigo proudly tracing their roots back to the Philippines. Filipinos aspire to live peaceful, fulfilling lives while prioritizing good health and well-being every day. Though the Philippines is known for its richness in gold, its true treasure lies in the people who call it home. Presented by Pyro Peacock Philippines, this spectacular show features synchronized fireworks and music, embodying a theme of joy and epic celebration.

**Title of Show:**  
**LOVE ON ROAD BY WUKONG**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 21**  
**CHINA**

**Designer:**  
**MR. ZHANGZUQUAN**

MUSICAL PROGRAM		
1	<i>Black Monkey Wukong</i>	Marsix
2	<i>Girl's Love</i>	Tianmei Workshop
3	<i>Street of Jiangnan</i>	Tian
4	<i>Spirit of Water</i>	Zhang Qu
5	<i>Big Black Sky</i>	Tianmei Workshop
6	<i>Three Beauties Tease Piggy</i>	Tianmei Workshop
7	<i>Dream Sky</i>	Tianmei Workshop
8	<i>Days and Days</i>	Tianmei Workshop

Welcome to tonight's spectacular fireworks show — 'Love on Road by Wukong', proudly presented by Team China and Liuyang Jingduan New-Art Display Company. This performance is more than just fireworks — it's a story told through light and sound, inspired by the legendary journey of Wukong. With a powerful soundtrack edited by Zhang Zu Quan, each scene is set to music that brings emotion, tradition, and energy to life in the sky. So sit back, look up, and let the night unfold with love, legend, and fire!

**Title of Show:**  
**WATER JOURNEY**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23**  
**FINALE**

**Designer:**  
**KELLY GUILLE**

MUSICAL PROGRAM		
1	<i>Intro</i>	Trevor Olfert
2	<i>Jaws</i>	Remix Trevor Olfert
3	<i>Pirates of the Caribbean</i>	HansZimmer and Klaus Badelt
4	<i>Nautical Disaster</i>	The Tragically Hip
5	<i>Orinoco Flow</i>	Enya
6	<i>Jaws</i>	Trap Mix
7	<i>In This Together</i>	Ellie Goulding and Steven Price
8	<i>Come Sail Away</i>	Styx

Water Journey explores how we connect to water through media. Cinema, music and entertainment often uses water to pull in their audience because we are all so familiar with it. Let your mind go to excitement on the high seas, lurking depths, waterfalls and glittering oceanscapes. Water in fire is a beautiful combination.



# PEOPLE'S CHOICE BEST OF THE FEST 2025

People's Choice of Best of the Fest is back and you can vote for all your favourites at GlobalFest to be in the draw to win! Visit [globalfest.ca/festival-and-events/peoples-choice-best-of-fest/](https://globalfest.ca/festival-and-events/peoples-choice-best-of-fest/) to vote for cultural pavilions and pyromusical teams – and be entered to win one of THREE great prizes

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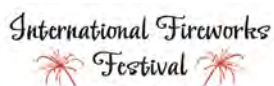
You and three guests can enjoy VIP treatment for every night of GlobalFest 2026! VIP passes include prime viewing of the fireworks, light refreshments on arrival, private cash bar and VIP parking.

## 2<sup>ND</sup> PRIZE, FOUR PREMIERE VIEWING PASSES FOR OPENING NIGHT

You and three other guests can enjoy next year's opening night with the 2025 defending firework team returning to reclaim their title. Premiere viewing includes special access to witness the fireworks.

## 3<sup>RD</sup> PRIZE, FOUR GLOBALPASSES

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Remix Vodka Soda

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Luigi Bosca

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Joseph Drouhin

Pinot Grigio

Zenato

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Wolf Blass Red Label

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Joseph Drouhin



**TIGER'S TEA**

## IN MEMORIAM

GlobalFest wishes to acknowledge the passing of a dear friend and member of the GlobalFest family, Raymond Charles Lee (Judge Ray). To Loretta and the entire extended Lee family, our heartfelt condolences.

Ray approached GlobalFest in 2011 with a special request. At that time, he was serving as a Citizenship Court Judge for the Government of Canada, overseeing citizenship applications within the province of Alberta. He had heard about GlobalFest's Human Rights, and the work we were doing in this area. He had a strong desire to expand the impact of citizenship, not only for the new Canadians becoming Canadian citizens, but also for Canadians in general. His goal, to get the citizenship ceremonies into the public realm and outside of the office confines of the Harry Hays Building.

GlobalFest held its first Citizenship Ceremony at the former John Dutton Theatre in the old Calgary Public Library Main Branch, on Tuesday, July 16, 2011 as part of our Human Rights Forum. Since then we have hosted 15 citizenship ceremonies, eventually moving the ceremonies to Elliston Park. Over 1,250 individuals have taken their first steps as Canadian Citizens at a GlobalFest event, a tradition we are so proud of.

GlobalFest nominated Ray for the tremendous work he did in community throughout his life for the Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal in 2022 and were honoured to present him with that award.

Ray, his wife Loretta and their family became an integral part of the GlobalFest family over the years.

To honour Ray for the tremendous gift, meaning and purpose he gave to GlobalFest, we are dedicating the Tuesday, August 19 fireworks presentation (Philippines Night) in his memory.

*"Ray, you will always and forever be a star in our eyes! May you rest in peace knowing of our dedication to keep the good works you started continue into the future."*

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