



LOUIS COUNCILLOR, of Red Lake, Minnesota, stopped the large crowds in their tracks with his Native hoop dancing.



UKRAINIANS IN ACTION: The local Ukrainian dance troupe was a real crowd-pleaser at this year's Culturama.



Culturama had many winners

The winners of several draws held at the ethnic booths at Culturama have been announced.

Sharon Grafton, the food basket, and Sonja Pearson, the "Scottie", both from the British booth. Mary De-mianiw, the embroidered table cloth, and Marilyn Brown, the cookbook, both from the Ukrainian booth. Mae Triskle, the hand made

quilt from the French Canadian booth, and Josie Sch. Ms. Olymk china floral e-trepieces, from the Ital booth.

Several passport prizes, including the \$100 door prize, main unclaimed. Do you have the following number: Passport numbers: 5021, 24403, 2190, and 2161.

If you're a winner, call 274-3506.



CULTURAMA

August 5-7, 2022



Rainy Lake Square
235 Scott St.
Fort Frances, Ontario

Ontario



MESSAGE FROM OUR ORGANIZERS

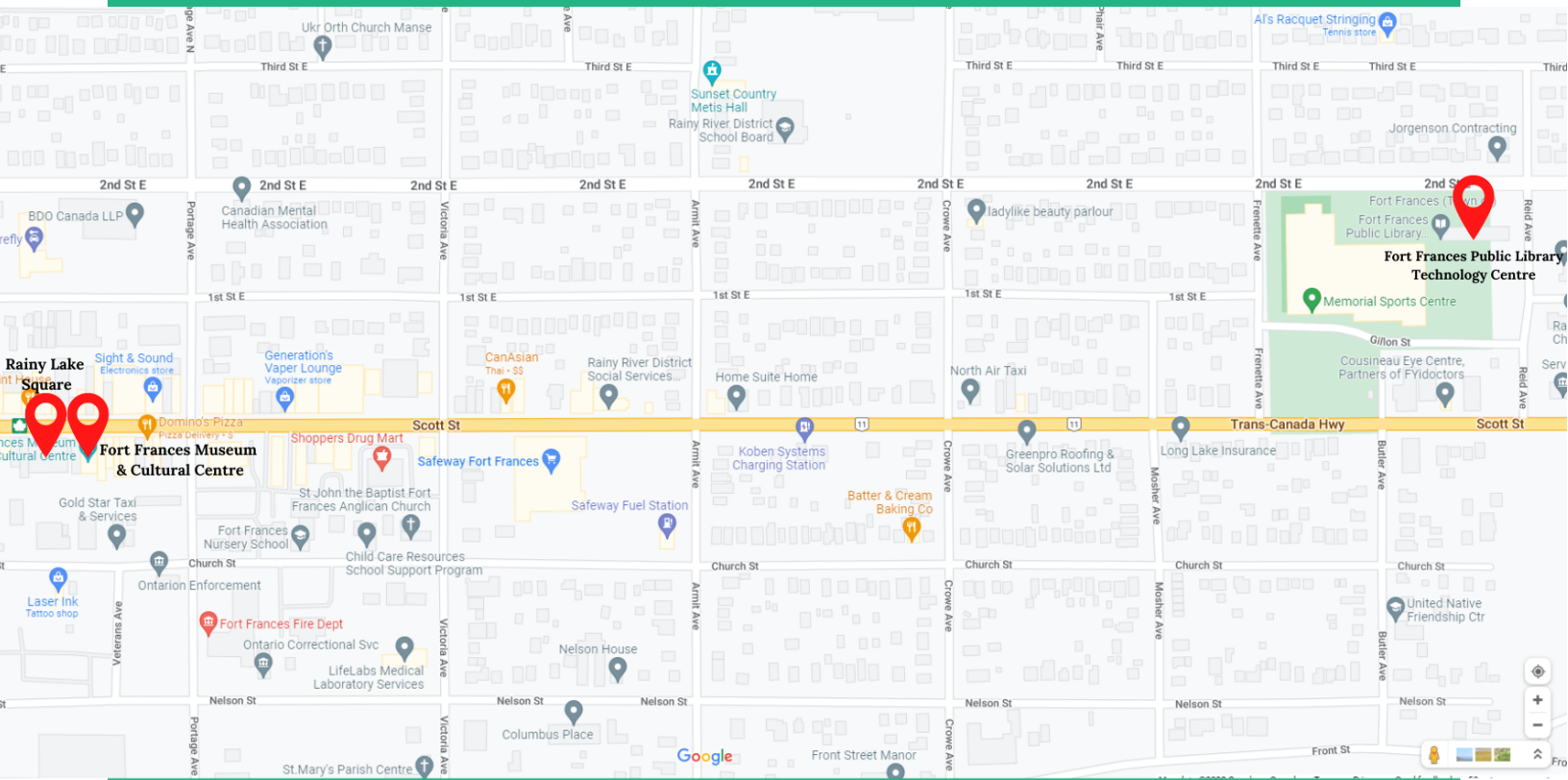
Culturama was once a beloved event held in Fort Frances, with the first one held in 1980. As the original planning committee aged out, there were no volunteers to take their places and the event dwindled down in the 90s before stopping completely in the early 2000s. To this day, locals will tell you about the early days of Culturama and their fond memories of celebrating the diversity of their small town.

Now, over forty years after the first Culturama, Fort Frances is in need of a reminder of the strength of our community, and bringing back this event, 2022 style and with a variety of upgrades, may be just what we need. In the years that have passed since the last Culturama, our community has gone through a lot - locally, nationally, and globally. From highly publicized conflicts between residents concerning Pride and a street sign called Colonization Rd, to a national reckoning about the violence our nation inflicted on Indigenous communities. The globalisation of our world has reminded us just how interconnected we are, and a global pandemic reminded us how to rely on our neighbours, especially as we undergo the journey toward reconciliation.

We believe that in revitalizing this weekend-long festival, we will remind residents of the vast diversity that exists just outside their front door. Through the healing powers of music, dance, and art, we hope they will remember that our diversity is worthy of celebration and will empower them to build relationships with folks of every age, nation, and creed because everyone is welcome at Culturama!

The Culturama Steering Committee

EVENT MAP



Rainy Lake Square, 235 Scott St.



Fort Frances Museum & Cultural Centre, 259 Scott St.



Fort Frances Public Library Technology Centre, 601 Reid Ave.

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE FRIDAY, AUGUST 5



Location	Time	Performer/Activity
Rainy Lake Square	5:00PM-10:00PM	Vendor Market
Rainy Lake Square	5:00PM-10:00PM	Community Mural Painting
Rainy Lake Square	5:00PM-5:30PM	Emcee Introduction & Opening Ceremony
Rainy Lake Square	5:30PM-6:00PM	Don Smith, Andrew Easton, Elton Bruyere, Sandy Bruyere, Drum Group
Rainy Lake Square	6:00PM-6:15PM	Emcee Opening Remarks
Rainy Lake Square	6:15PM-6:30PM	Opening Remarks by Mayor Caul
Rainy Lake Square	6:30PM-6:45PM	Don Smith, Andrew Easton, Elton Bruyere, Sandy Bruyere, Drum Group
Rainy Lake Square	7:00PM-7:30PM	Kyle Councillor, Traditional Indigenous Flute
Rainy Lake Square	8:00PM-10:00PM	Step Down Band

PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

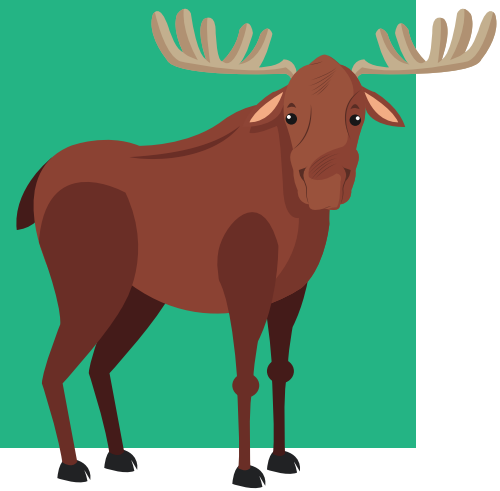
Location	Time	Performer /Activity
Rainy Lake Square	10:00AM-10:00PM	Vendor Market
Rainy Lake Square	10:00AM-5:00PM	Community Mural Painting
Fort Frances Museum	10:00AM-5:00PM	Culturama Exhibit
Fort Frances Museum	12:00PM-2:00PM	Beading Workshop led by Ashley Bombay
Scott St.	11:00AM-2:00PM	International Early Iron Car Club Show & Shine
Rainy Lake Square	11:00AM-12:00PM	Nikki Komaksiutiksak, Inuit throat singer
Fort Frances Museum	1:00PM-2:00PM	Ida Mainville, Customs of the Ojibwe
Rainy Lake Square	2:00PM-3:00PM	Chaban Ukrainian Dancers
Rainy Lake Square	3:30PM-4:30PM	Gene Andrusco & Donna Stapler, Ukrainian Musicians

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PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

Location	Time	Performer/Activity
Fort Frances Library	6:00PM-7:00PM	Fundraising Auction
Rainy Lake Square	7:00PM-7:15PM	Billy Broadbent, Hoop Dancer
Rainy Lake Square	7:15PM-7:30PM	Khloe Taylor, Jingle Dress Dancer
Rainy Lake Square	7:30PM-7:45PM	Dennis Smith & Brian Smith, Traditional Dancers
Rainy Lake Square	7:45PM-8:00PM	William Yerxa and Westyn Yerxa, Grass Dancers
Rainy Lake Square	8:00PM-10:00PM	Nite Hawk Band





PERFORMANCE SCHEDULE SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

Location	Time	Performer/Activity
Rainy Lake Square	10:00AM-2:00PM	Vendor Market
Rainy Lake Square	10:00AM-2:00PM	Community Mural Painting
Fort Frances Museum	10:00AM-2:00PM	Culturama Exhibit
Fort Frances Museum	12:00PM-2:00PM	Beading Workshop led by Ashley Bombay
Rainy Lake Square	1:00PM-2:00PM	Arden Bruyere, Singer
Rainy Lake Square	2:00PM	Closing Remarks

FUNDRAISING AUCTION



FUNDRAISING AUCTION IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE!

Auction Date & Time: Saturday, August 6 @ 6:00PM

Auction Location: Fort Frances Public Library &
Technology Centre, 601 Reid Ave, Fort Frances

Auction Payment: Cash or cheque only

Auctioneer: Kim Cornell

Proceeds from the auction will go towards *Atikokan Stands with Ukraine* which is supporting Brown's Clearwater West Lodge and the Ukrainian families they are hosting.

OUR PERFORMERS



Bobby Hudon, Event Emcee

Bobby Hudon is an all-round performer. He has spent much of his life on stage through mediums such as acting, singing, comedy, drag, go go dancing, burlesque and more! Bobby produced his first cabaret show at the age of 18 in Winnipeg, and has never looked back! In 2019, Bobby moved to Fort Frances to start a family with his partner, Jordan. He is elated to be your Emcee for Culturama!

Where to see them perform: The whole weekend at the Rainy Lake Square! Be sure to wish him a happy birthday on August 5th!



Jessie Richard, Artist/Mural Painter

Boozhoo! My name is Jessie Richard (She/Her) and I am the Archivist and Grant Manager at the Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung historical centre. I have worked full time in the heritage and culture sector for three years now with a focus on genealogical research and Archives and Collections management! I have had the pleasure of working and learning all over Canada and I am excited to have settled down here in Stratton Ontario. Along with my history in research, I am a classically trained artist with a plethora of galleries and exhibits. I am very excited to be a part of Culturama and to experience this community to the fullest extent.

Where to see them perform: In the Rainy Lake Square helping you paint the culturama mural!

OUR PERFORMERS



Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group

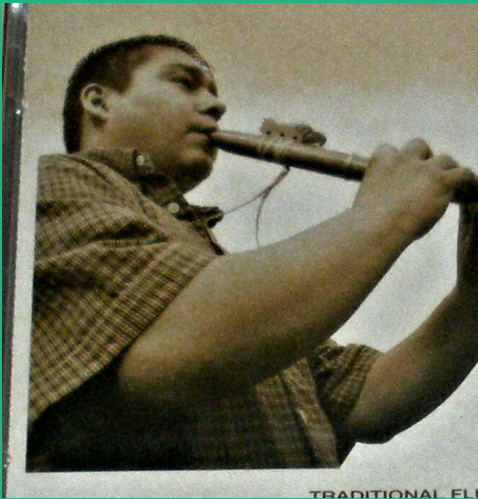
Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group promotes Ukrainian Culture through dance. Chaban is a not-for-profit volunteer-run group, with dancers from newborn to adulthood dancing! You need not be Ukrainian to dance with us. Today, we will present several dances with explanations about their uniqueness and the story each tells: dances from different regions, dances from seasonal influences, dances with symbolic relevance. The audience will have the opportunity to try out some of the dance routines too! You will all be dreaming about your own red boots after our performance!

Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group has been an active part of Thunder Bay's cultural fabric since 1980. Since its inception, it has entertained locally at annual concerts, folklore, senior homes, special city events, weddings, birthdays. Chaban has traveled extensively to Ukraine, Spain, Disney (Florida), Minnesota, and across Canada. Chaban, as a volunteer-run organization, takes pride in promoting Ukrainian culture through dance, while developing skills of stamina, strength and leadership, and providing opportunities for life-long friendships, travel, growth and development. Chaban's volunteer instructors are trained in Ukrainian dance curriculum, to enhance the dancer experience and outcomes. Chaban's dance year starts in September, with registration open on-line. Registration is open to all interested, ages newborn to 3 (with parent), 4 years old to adult. See more at www.Chabandance.com

With the current situation in Ukraine, we are grateful to share the beauty of our Ukrainian culture and heritage with You!

Where to see them perform: Saturday, August 6th, 2:00PM, Rainy Lake Square

OUR PERFORMERS



Kyle Councillor, Flute Player

Kyle Councillor is an Ojibwe from Northwest Bay (a.k.a. Niacatchewenin or Nagaajiwanaang). Kyle incorporates his spiritual beliefs and lifestyle into his original flute compositions. Attending numerous Pow Wow's, Kyle shares his songs with the many spectators attending.

Where to see them perform: Friday August 5, 7:00PM at the Rainy Lake Square.



Nite Hawk Band, Band

The Nite Hawk Band included members James Eastman, Wes Debungie, John McEvoy, and Adrian Indian. A popular local band, the Nite Hawk Band have played at a variety of local events and festivals, including the Bass Championship.

Where to see them perform: Saturday August 6 at 8:00PM at the Rainy Lake Square.



Arden Bruyere, Musician/Singer

Arden has played music for his entire life, and took up playing the guitar at the age of 10. Originally from Couchiching First Nation, he currently resides in Thunder Bay. Arden has toured around North America, even playing 7 shows in Las Vegas! Despite the sweater seen in his photo, Arden is not a Toronto Maple Leafs fan.

Where to see them perform: Sunday, August 7 at 1:00PM at the Rainy Lake Square.

OUR PERFORMERS



Gene Andrusco & Donna Stapler, Ukrainian Musicians

Gene Andrusco and Donna Stapler have played music together for many years. Gene has been playing music his whole life, being a member of several popular groups throughout his life along with other members of the Andrusco family - groups included the Rhythm Teens, The Rockers, and the Lady and the Gentleman.

Where to see them perform: Saturday, August 6, 3:30PM at the Rainy Lake Square.



Ida Mainville

Ida Mainville is a band member and Elder from Lac Seul First Nation - she is also a member of the local Right Relations Circle, working to improve settler-Indigenous relations. Ida is an Anishinaabemowin language speaker and a Residential School Survivor.

Where to see them perform: Saturday, August 6, 1:00PM at the Fort Frances Museum.



Arthur Hunter, Opening Ceremony

Boozhoo nindawemaginadoog. Giitaagizhig nindigo, Atik nindodem, Manido Baawitigong nindonjii. Descendant of the Paskonkin Reserve. My English name is Art Hunter, and I was born and raised on Manitou Rapids. I am the Community Historian of the Gii'aatisoke History Project at Kay-Nah-Chi-Wah-Nung.

Where to see them perform: Friday August 5, 5:00PM at the Rainy Lake Square.

OUR PERFORMERS



Ashley Bombay, Workshop Leader

Hi! My name is, Ashley Bombay. Miskogizhigook ndizhinikaaz. I am from RRFN. I've Been beading on and off for the last 9 years. You May also know me as, BEADZ BY ASHLEYSKY, Through Facebook and Tiktok. I love to share my knowledge, in beading and anything crafting.

Where to see them perform: Saturday, August 6 & Sunday August 7 at 12:00PM at the Fort Frances Museum.



Billy Broadbent, Hoop Dancer

Billy is a 13 year old Indigenous Hoop Dancer from Rainy River First Nations. Billy also acts and was recently cast in a full length music Video - DJ Shub Warclub featured on CBC Gem. Billy has been dancing since he was 6 years old. He started Hoop Dancing in 2019 and also dances grass style. He also enjoys basketball, skateboarding, archery, fishing and Seikido.

Where to see them perform: Saturday, August 6 at 7:00PM at the Rainy Lake Square.



Dennis & Brian Smith, Fancy Dancers

Dennis is a retired Opp and Treaty 3 officer from Naicatchewinin First Nation. Brian used to help coordinate Project Sunset which was a youth enrichment program. Brian has been a traditional dancer for most of his life. He started wearing one of the regalias over 20 years ago, which will be the one he will be wearing while dancing at the Rainy Lake Square. Brian is by from Naicatchewenin First Nation and resides in Seine River First Nation. He is from the Wazhashk (muskrat) clan. Today he continues to practice his culture and tradition as an Anishinaabe.

Where to see them perform: Saturday, August 6 at 7:45PM at the Rainy Lake Square.

OUR PERFORMERS



Khloe Taylor, Jingle Dancer

Boozhoo Zhawano biinesiik nindishnikaaz! My English name is Khloe Taylor I am from Naicatchewen First Nation but I've loved my whole life In Fort Frances. I am 9 years old and have been dancing ever since I could walk. Recently I was selected to represent my home community as Junior Princess. I carry this title in high honour and I will be travelling throughout treaty 3 and northern Minnesota . Miigwetch for this opportunity at culturama I look forward to seeing you all .

Where to see them perform: Saturday, August 6 at 7:15PM at the Rainy Lake Square.



Step Down, Band

The Step Down Band is comprised of members Wes Debungie, Clay Ottertail, Adrian Indian, Jamie Lockmen, and Emily Whetzel. The band formed 4 years ago and plays a mix of Classic rock and country rock.

Where to see them perform: Friday, August 5, 8:00PM at the Rainy Lake Square.



William & Westyn Yerxa, Grass Dancers

William (13) and Westyn (7) Yerxa are Couchiching First Nation Band Members. They love to travel to Pow wows in the summer with their family and enjoy being grass dancers. William has been dancing for the last 5 years and Westyn has danced since he learned to walk. Both are members of the Broken horn youth drum group which is a small youth group of boys aged 7-15 from Treaty 3 communities. They are both learning to speak Anishinaabemowin.

Where to see them perform: Saturday, August 6 at 7:45PM at the Rainy Lake Square.

OUR PERFORMERS



Don Smith, Andrew Easton, Elton Bruyere, Sandy Bruyere, Drum Group

Don is from Naicatchewenin First Nation, and Andrew, Sandy, and Elton are from Couchiching First Nation.

Where to see them perform: Friday, August 5, 5:30PM and Saturday, August 6, 7:00PM at the Rainy Lake Square.



Nikki Komaksiutiksak, Inuit Throat Singer

Nikki Komaksiutiksak is an Inuit woman from Chesterfield Inlet, Nunavut. Nikki is the Executive Director to Tunngasugit, Western Canada's first Inuit Resource Centre located in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Though Winnipeg is now her home, Nikki has found the strength to preserve her "Inukness" living in the southern part of Canada. Nikki is an active member with the Inuit community in Winnipeg, and uses her knowledge and understanding of the south to assist other Inuit moving to the big city.

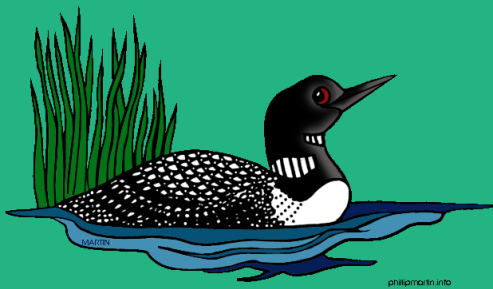
Nikki is an inspiration to the young and old everywhere, and truly demonstrates a passion for her cultural identity. Nikki is an experienced throat singer, teacher of Inuit history and culture, and a heartfelt musical performer. Nikki has participated in a number of international events, representing Manitoba and Inuit at such prestigious venues as the 1996 Atlanta Olympic Summer Games and more current the 2015 Indigenous Music Awards in Winnipeg. She has recorded music with local Canadian talent, including such names as, the Weakerthans, Demetra Penner and Moses Mayes.

Nikki has been featured in many events around the world, always sharing her identity and teaching about her Canadian Inuit Culture. Nikki is often asked to attend Universities and schools throughout Manitoba to teach and showcase Inuit culture to both students and staff. The Inuit of Canada are an integral part of Canadian history and culture, but sadly are often excluded, overlooked, and forgotten. Nikki truly believes that it is critical that Inuit culture is remembered, recognized and celebrated throughout all of Canada.

Where to see them perform: Saturday, August 6, 11:00AM at the Rainy Lake Square.

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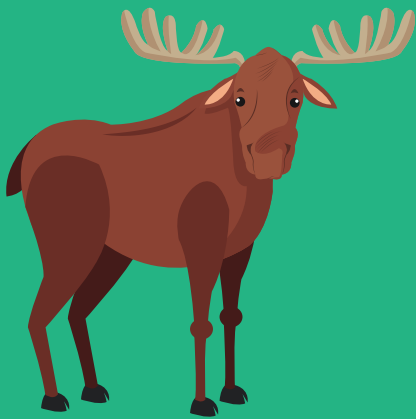
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