

**free!**

# CONCERTS in the PARK 2024

**LIVE MUSIC!**

**SUN, MAY 12 • 1-2 PM**  
**COLLIERY DAM PARK**  
*musical group announced soon*

**FRI, MAY 17 • 6-8:15 PM**  
**MAFFEO SUTTON PARK** – double feature  
*musical groups announced soon*

**WED, JUN 12 • 6-7 PM**  
**KIN PARK (DEPARTURE BAY)**  
*musical group announced soon*

**FRI, JUN 28 • 5-8:30 PM**  
**MAFFEO SUTTON PARK** – triple feature  
*musical groups announced soon*

**WED, JUL 10 • 6-7 PM**  
**MCGREGOR PARK**  
*musical group announced soon*

**WED, JUL 17 • 6-7 PM**  
**PIPERS LAGOON PARK**  
*musical group announced soon*

**WED, JUL 31 • 6-7 PM**  
**HAREWOOD CENT. PARK**  
*musical group announced soon*

**WED, AUG 7 • 6-7 PM**  
**BOWEN PARK AMPHITHEATRE**  
*musical group announced soon*

**WED, AUG 14 • 6-7 PM**  
**OLIVER WOODS**  
*musical group announced soon*

**WED, AUG 21 • 6-7 PM**  
**WESTWOOD LAKE PARK**  
*musical group announced soon*

**FRI, AUG 23 • 6-8:15 PM**  
**MAFFEO SUTTON PARK** – double feature  
*musical group announced soon*

*Bring a chair or a blanket  
and enjoy local talent against  
the backdrop of our beautiful  
park spaces.*

*See our website and Facebook page for more details on each of the performers.*



BC Office of the Human Rights Commissioner  
*From Hate to Hope* Mural by Humanity in Art,  
 Nanaimo Aquatic Centre

# Culture & Events

## PUBLIC ART SPOTLIGHT

### David Martinello's *Compelling Agency*



In fall 2023, the City of Nanaimo unveiled artist, David Martinello's Temporary Public Art Project, *Compelling Agency*, which will remain accessible until 2027. Located at the heart of the Old City Quarter adjacent to the intersection of Wallace and Fitzwilliam Streets, *Compelling Agency* is an arresting, large-scale sculpture constructed of metal and wood.

*Compelling Agency* draws attention to the connective value that humans have with wood as a resource. Fashioned in the silhouette of a tree, the sculpture's shape and colour places it in conversation with the natural growth of the surrounding park. Suspended within the frame is slab of cedar which

prompts a conversation about a material that's ever-present in our daily lives.

Martinello's intent is to have the viewer consider their relationship to wood and, in turn, their relationship to their environment while they observe the natural weathering and evolution of the sculpture during its years on display.

## 2024 CULTURE & EVENTS GRANTS:

Did you know the City of Nanaimo supports over **40** arts and culture groups through our Grant program?

Culture & Events have three available grants: Culture Operating Grant; Culture Project Grant; Downtown Event Revitalization Fund.

These grants are essential in supporting the activities of the professional and community-based arts and culture organizations who contribute to the cultural, social and economic vitality of Nanaimo.

In December 2023 and January 2024, Council approved Culture & Events staffs recommended 2024 grant allocations to support the activities of non-profit culture and heritage organizations and contribute to the success of events and initiatives planned for downtown.

To learn more about our Culture and Events Grants and to see the organizations, programming and events being supported by this program, visit our website at [nanaimo.ca](http://nanaimo.ca).



# Coming Soon

The Culture & Events team has many exciting projects and events coming this spring and summer, including ongoing cultural events and the unveiling of more public art projects!

Follow us on [prc\\_nanaimo](#) on Instagram or subscribe to the "Love Arts Nanaimo" newsletter through our website at [nanaimo.ca](#)



## CULTURE AWARDS

*Save the Date!*

Our annual Culture Awards gala event will take place at The Port Theatre on Wednesday, April 3, 2024. Celebrate cultural excellence and achievement with us, as we recognize the year's recipients. Visit [nanaimo.ca](#) for more details.

## 2024 STREET BANNERS

*Coming this Spring!*

The 2024 Street Banner Design Program sought proposals from artists focused on the theme, '150 Years', to mark 150 years since the City of Nanaimo's incorporation in 1874. Nanaimo artist Amy Pye's outstanding design was selected.

Inspired by the convergence of land and sea, and the unique blend of urban and rural life that makes our landscape truly exceptional, Pye's design will grab attention and inspire thoughtful reflection throughout the year.



## YOUTH POET LAUREATE: Paige Pierce

Introducing Nanaimo's newest Youth Poet Laureate, Paige Pierce! See our Youth Laureate web page for more information about Paige.

### *The Truth About Poetry*

*by Paige Pierce*

the truth about poetry is that it sits restless in my belly  
it scrubs the inside of my veins  
with words harsh and unbreathable  
a resounding silence in place of cravings for song  
the hymns I cannot seem to shake  
no matter my philosophy

I wish I could hear  
the hush of writers long dead  
resurrect their unwoven legacies  
and pour them into something tangible

the truth about poetry is that it's relentless  
it never quiets  
and it never sleeps



## CREATIVE WRITING - YOUTH POETRY

*with Paige Pierce*

Join Nanaimo's newest Youth Poet Laureate, Paige Pierce, for a truly unique opportunity this summer to develop skills as a beginner poet. Paige will guide youth in experimenting with different styles of poetry and building an understanding of voice in literature – creating community in the process! Ages 12-18.

M-F, Jul 22-26 | 1-4 pm | \$30/5 | Beban Park | 117057



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# City of Nanaimo Culture Partners

COMING UP IN THE

## spotlight SERIES

Explore all the unique, bold, and exciting Spotlight shows this Spring!



### DIYET & THE LOVE SOLDIERS

Wednesday, March 6, 2024 @ 7:30pm

### MADE IN ITALY

Wednesday, March 27, 2024 @ 7:30pm



### BALLETS JAZZ MONTREAL ESSENCE

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 @ 7:30pm



### SE:UM

Sunday, May 5, 2024 @ 7:30pm



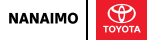
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## NANAIMO MUSEUM

### **Spring & Summer Activities!**

SPRING BREAK  
KIDS CASE FILES:  
DANGEROUS CARGO  
FEATURE EXHIBIT:  
BROKEN PROMISES  
GIFT-SHOP & I-SPYS

KID'S SUMMER  
PROGRAMMING  
NIGHT MARKETS:  
JUN 13-AUG 22  
BASTION PROGRAM:  
JUL 1-SEP 2



# City of Nanaimo Culture Partners

Nanaimo  
Art Gallery

Learn more about programs, camps and workshops at Nanaimo Art Gallery

[NanaimoArtGallery.ca](http://NanaimoArtGallery.ca)



Admission-by-donation, all are welcome

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