



Hillside Festival 2026

July 17-19
GUELPH LAKE ISLAND

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY			
	MAIN STAGE	ISLAND STAGE	LAKE STAGE
5:30 PM	5:30-6:00 PM Indigenous Welcome with Lacey Hill		
6 PM	6:05-6:35 PM HILLSIDE AND JAMSCHOOL PRESENT YOUTH SHOWCASE The Detour · Mean Girls · Six of One	6:00-6:50 PM THE OTHER SIDE OF THE HILL VI James Keelaghan, Kellie Loder, Mae Martin, Sarah Jane Scouten, and friends	6:00-6:55 PM The Darcys
7 PM	6:55-7:55 PM Elida Almeida	7:15-8:15 PM EXCLAIM! CO-PRESENTS Charlotte Cornfield	7:15-8:15 PM Darla Daniels
8 PM	8:20-9:25 PM Mae Martin	8:35-9:35 PM NASTASIA Y	8:35-9:35 PM Gizmo
9 PM	9:50-11:00 PM EXCLAIM! CO-PRESENTS Hollerado		
10 PM		10:00-11:00 PM WHERE THE BEAT MEETS THE STREET The Free Label and Killabearmaker	10:00-11:00 PM Tell It To Sweeney

Schedules are subject to change without notice. See the Hillside app, hillsidefestival.ca, or the Info Booth for updates.

MAP OF THE ISLAND

- Your wristband is your festival pass. Do not remove it!
 - Chairs in the back and blankets in the front. Shade tents at Main Stage in single row along back road only, please.
 - Hillside expects that guardians will ensure the safety and supervision of their children during the entire festival.
 - No dogs (except service dogs) on festival site.
- hillsidefestival.ca



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Hillside Festival's 50/50 RAFFLE

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Hillside SATURDAY Festival 2026 JULY 18

	MAIN STAGE	ISLAND STAGE	LAKE STAGE	SUN STAGE	
11 AM	11:00-11:45 AM DRUM AND DANCE SPURS Queer Line Dancing				11 AM
12 PM	12:00-12:40 PM HILLSIDE AND JAMSCHOOL PRESENT YOUTH SHOWCASE Klara Van Der Zalm · Smiling Politely JamSchool House Band featuring Aila Price, Elena Neves, and Isla Stutman	11:30 AM - 12:30 PM NO BORDERS Elida Almeida, Gord Grdina, and PIQSIQ	12:00-12:50 PM NEIGHBOURS NASTASIA Y & Puuluup	12:00-12:40 PM POETRY WORKSHOP Mov	12 PM
1 PM	1:05-2:15 PM Magic Tuber Stringband	12:50-1:50 PM The Pairs	1:10-2:00 PM U OF G MUSIC DEPT. SHOWCASE Kvveesha, Misinformation?, and The Windswept	1:00-1:45 PM Spoken Word Mov	1 PM
2 PM		2:15-3:15 PM GUELPH JAZZ FESTIVAL CO-PRESENTS Gord Grdina's Haram	2:20-3:20 PM James Keelaghan	2:00-2:50 PM SURFING ON THE STRINGS Ebril, Gwenifer Raymond, and friends	2 PM
3 PM	2:40-3:40 PM Puuluup			3:10-4:00 PM Children's Show Par de Dos	3 PM
4 PM	4:05-5:10 PM Killabeatmaker	3:40-4:40 PM EXCLAIM! CO-PRESENTS Horse Lords	3:45-4:45 PM Sarah Jane Scouten	4:20-5:20 PM SEASONS IN THE SUN Amy Milan, Charlotte Cornfield, Katie Stelmanis, and Torquil Campbell	4 PM
5 PM		5:40-6:40 PM GUEST CURATOR CELEIGH CARDINAL PRESENTS Electric Religious	5:10-6:10 PM GUEST CURATOR CELEIGH CARDINAL PRESENTS PIQSIQ	5:40-7:00 PM I WRITE THE SONGS Housewife, Kellie Loder, Logan Richard, Mimi O'Bonsawin, and The Pairs	5 PM
6 PM	6:10-7:25 PM Tiken Jah Fakoly				6 PM
7 PM		7:05-8:05 PM Austra	7:05-8:10 PM MICROTONAL AND... Horse Lords, Gwenifer Raymond, and friends	First time at Hillside? Visit our How to Hillside page! 	7 PM
8 PM	7:55-9:10 PM Donovan Woods	8:30-9:30 PM EXCLAIM! CO-PRESENTS Mad Professor	8:35-9:35 PM Housewife		8 PM
9 PM					9 PM
10 PM	9:40-11:00 PM Stars	9:55-11:00 PM EXCLAIM! CO-PRESENTS The Free Label	10:00-11:00 PM Boomerang		10 PM

KEY

Main Performance

SESSION (performer jam)

WORKSHOP/SHOWCASE

GUELPH JAZZ FESTIVAL 11 - 13 September 2026

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THE SECRET LIVES OF COLOUR
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SUNDAY JULY 19

	MAIN STAGE	ISLAND STAGE	LAKE STAGE	SUN STAGE	
10:30 AM					10:30 AM
11 AM	11:00-11:45 AM DRUM AND DANCE The McCairley Sisters	10:30-11:45 AM THE SUNDAY GOSPEL SESSION Hosts: The Pairs with Charlotte Cornfield, Donovan Woods, Magic Tuber Stringband, and The North Sound	 	Do you have your raffle tickets yet?	11 AM
12 PM	12:00-1:00 PM Sinkane	12:30-1:30 PM Kellie Loder	12:05-1:00 PM GIRLS & GUITARS 10TH ANNIVERSARY SHOWCASE	12:15-1:15 PM IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME COMING Electric Religious and Status/Non-Status	12 PM
1 PM	1:25-2:25 PM shishi		1:20-2:20 PM GUEST CURATOR CELEIGH CARDINAL PRESENTS Mimi O'Bonsawin	1:35-2:35 PM In Conversation with Elamin Abdelmahmoud Featuring guest artists	1 PM
2 PM		2:00-3:00 PM Ebril			2 PM
3 PM	2:50-3:50 PM GUEST CURATOR CELEIGH CARDINAL PRESENTS The North Sound		2:40-3:40 PM Gwenifer Raymond	2:55-3:55 PM RAINBOWS END DOWN THAT HIGHWAY Charlotte Cornfield, Housewife, and JIMI	3 PM
4 PM	4:15-5:20 PM EXCLAIM! CO-PRESENTS Fulu Miziki	3:30-4:30 PM Logan Richard		4:15-5:15 PM BETWEEN THE GROOVES Puuluup and shishi	4 PM
5 PM	5:45-6:00 PM CHILDREN'S PARADE	5:00-6:00 PM POP MONTREAL CO-PRESENTS Bye Parula	4:40-6:25 PM THE ERAMOSAS SESSIONS II House Band: Harri Palm, Jeff Bird, Adam Bowman, and Tyler Wagler Guest artists: Erica Knox, Harry Lee Follon, Kale and Lane, Kat Steeves, and Michelle Munroe	5:35-6:35 PM SO MANY STRINGS Darla Daniels, Gwenifer Raymond, and friends	5 PM
6 PM	6:20-7:35 PM Matt Mays				6 PM
7 PM		7:00-8:00 PM EXCLAIM! CO-PRESENTS Status/Non-Status	7:00-8:10 PM ALMOST ANYTHING GOES Magic Tuber Stringband and Sinkane		7 PM
8 PM	8:05-9:20 PM Cowboy Junkies	8:30-9:30 PM COLOSSAL JAM IX Fulu Miziki and Mad Professor			8 PM
9 PM	9:20 PM 50/50 Raffle Winner Announcement		8:40-9:40 PM JIMI		9 PM
10 PM	10:00-11:00 PM EXCLAIM! CO-PRESENTS Angine de Poitrine	10:00-11:00 PM HILLSIDE 2026 FINALE: "UNTIL THE NEXT TIME WE SAY GOODBYE" Host Logan Richard with The North Sound, Puuluup, shishi, and friends			10 PM

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Silence.

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Hillside Festival 2026

MORE THAN MUSIC

INDIGENOUS CIRCLE

Host: Lacey Hill

FRIDAY, JULY 17

5:30 PM Lacey Hill Main Stage Opening
MAIN STAGE

SATURDAY, JULY 18

10:00 AM Indigenous Circle Opening

11:00 AM Sacred Fire Opening

1:15 PM Mimi O'Bonsawin
Permaculture Growing in a Cold Climate

2:30 PM The North Sound
Workshop

3:45 PM Darla Daniels
Voices of the Métis

5:45 PM Kreisha Oro
Talk and Teach

SUNDAY, JULY 19

1:15 PM Drum Birthing Workshop

2:30 PM Devin and Shay
Beaded Bracelets

3:45 PM Electric Religious
Métis Jigging

5:45 PM Kreisha Oro
Talk and Teach

7:00 PM Sacred Fire
Closing Ceremony

Please check schedules posted at the workshop tents for any changes.

Descriptions and updates can be found on the Hillside app.

WORKSHOPS

MAKERSPACE TENT — Take a break for a making session! Hours: Friday, 4–8 pm · Saturday, 11 am – 9 pm · Sunday, 11 am – 7 pm

CHILDREN'S AREA		ACTIVE LIVING	BODY & MIND	CREATIVE EXPRESSION	DO IT YOURSELF	DRUM & DANCE	INTERPLAY		
RAINBOW STAGE	WORKSHOPS								
SATURDAY, JULY 18									
11 AM	DIY Paper Fidgets — Recycle, Create, and Fidget!	Hoop Dance with Ro	Hands-on Bliss: Hand Massage	Learn to Make a Flower Crown	Community Blooms: Dried Floral Bouquets	SPURS Queer Line Dancing MAIN STAGE	Backyard Birding		
12 PM	Par de Dos	Bubble Theydy	Bubble Blowing	Mindfulness for Minds that Struggle with Mindfulness	Learn to Play Ukulele	Cross Stitch Made Simple	Laughter, Yoga, and Joy		
1 PM	Marky Weinstock & Friends	Wormy Wigglers	Functional Mobility for Festival-goers	Slacklining BESIDE WORKSHOPS	Taming the Flames: A Sensory Ayurvedic Experience	Cyanotype Printing: Advanced Techniques	Making Cordage with Local Fibres	A Cup of Clave with some Conga on the Side	Improv: Watch, Learn, Play
2 PM	Mr. J & Cherry Lane	Mud Kitchen: Imaginative and Fun Sensory Play!	Beginner Rope Dart	Death Café	The Purpose Mixtape: A Values Aligned Life	Bug in a Bottle: Preserved Insect Trinkets	Elemental Pulse	Attracting Pollinators with Native Plants	
3 PM	Camp Comedy	Charades Pop-Up for All Ages	Partner Yoga	Beginner Kundalini Yoga	Zine Remix Workshop	Slow Stitch Moth Brooch	Free Rest Space	Leaf It to Me: Festival Tree ID	
4 PM	Señor Banana	Nature Painting	Handstands: Beyond the Basics	Sonic Adventures and Deep Listening	Make Finger Wands, Learn Pen Spinning	Building a Home-Meditation Practise	Intro to Polyrhythms and Syncopation	3D Wooden Puzzles	
5 PM		Sustainable Friendship Bracelets and Junk Jewellery	Festival Flow	Back Massage: Basics and Beyond	Create your own Felt Pin	Solstice Intentions: Designing a Goal Tracker	Freestyle Dance Alchemy	Medicinal Plant Walk	
6 PM	Crafts and activities hours: Saturday and Sunday, 11 am – 6 pm Child care hours: Saturday and Sunday, 12–6 pm (1½ hours maximum)		Taiji Sensing Hands	Map and Move: Art Meets Yoga	Queer Self-Love Zine	Forgotten Flavours: Cooking with Native Plants	Line Dancing with Giddy Up	Hillside Queer Meet-up	
7 PM					Decorate & Stain Your Own Wood Flower Vase	Introduction to Marquetry		Friends of Bill W. Pop-up Meeting	
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