



BUILD AN ART ROBOT, LEARN TO BEAT BOX, OR CREATE A CUSTOM T-SHIRT— LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD AT THE WHISTLER CHILDREN’S FESTIVAL

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WHISTLER, BC – Less than one month away from the family event of the summer! The Whistler Children’s Festival is back July 7 – 9 with more creative workshops, entertaining performances, and fun activities than ever. The party kicks off on Friday with an all ages Pyjama Party featuring performances from Norman Foote and local fan favourite, Ira Pettie. Take a look at the fun and creative workshops and performances lined up for this year’s festival:

WORKSHOPS

Make new friends, get messy, and try something new! Workshops are filling up fast. Register for these workshops and more at whistlerchildrensfestival.com

Art-Bots (Ages 8+)

Saturday, July 8 & Sunday, July 9

Robots are cool. It’s a fact! Join the makers from MakerMobile and learn to make your very own wobbly robot that draws as it moves. Whether you’re already a robot maker or just getting started, you’ll have a blast as we lead you through the process of building your own Art-Bot. Learn about the different shapes, sizes, and levels of robotic complexity — everything from the car you drive to the energy it runs on is dependent in some way on the power of robotics and mechanical engineering.

Wearable Art (Ages 6+)

Sunday, July 9

Create your own wearable art and stand out from the crowd with a custom T-shirt designed by you. Tape, paint, stencil, and stamp on your very own shirt to create a bright and bold design. The fun doesn’t stop there as you’ll be able to wear the fun for months to come, displaying your amazing talents as you wear your T-shirt proudly.

Amaze Arts (Ages 3-5)

Saturday, July 8

Splatter, splash, and paint your very own Pollock-inspired masterpiece on canvas. Explore your artistic curiosity and fuel your imagination as your creative energy explodes off the canvas in this fun painting workshop. Join an artist who will inspire you and share creative ways to express yourself through paint. Take your amazing canvas home and find the perfect place for it on your wall.

PERFORMERS

The Whistler Children's Festival performers light up the mainstage with interactive and engaging shows that bring kids right into the heart of the action. Music, dancing, puppets, magic – check out the full list of performers at whistlerchildrensfestival.com

Magician Leif David

Sunday, July 9 | 3:15pm

He's back with more tricks up his sleeve! Leif David's international, award-winning act showcasing his specialty in close-up and stage magic, has been amazing audiences for more than 23 years. Get ready for some quick comedy and tons of audience participation that makes the audience the stars of the show. Want to learn some magic tricks of the trade? Register for Leif's workshop *The Art of Magic* on Saturday, July 8.

Norman Foote

Friday, July 7 | 6:45pm & Saturday, July 8 | 3:15pm

He's a fan favourite, a JUNO award winner, and he's coming to the Whistler Children's Festival! Norman's passion for music and comedy takes him all over the world performing in concert halls and festivals in North America, Germany, Ireland, Japan, the Middle East, concerts overseas for US troops and families, and countless other performances. His concert is a highly engaging experience featuring "Foote" classics and of course appearances from his many live-action props and puppets.

RupLoops

Saturday, July 8 | 12:30pm

Meet Rup of RupLoops, vocal percussionist, rhythmic rhymer, and live looping performer from Vancouver. Through body percussion and beatboxing, Rup demonstrates and teaches how the body can be a musical instrument. Using his diverse skills as a musician, Rup creates a pulsating, entertaining, and captivating way to explore the universal language of music. His show will take you on a journey of sound exploring anatomy, geography, and culture with a mix of hip-hop, blues, and bhangra. Create your own sick beats with Rup at the RupLoops workshop on Sunday, July 9!

There's endless entertainment to explore at this year's Whistler Children's Festival and it's a guaranteed good time for the whole family. Tickets and registration for workshops are available online at www.whistlerchildrensfestival.com

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, July 7 | 5pm-8pm | Free, all-ages, Pyjama Party at Whistler Olympic Plaza

Saturday, July 8 & Sunday, July 9 | 10am-4pm | Creative workshops, live performances, and roving entertainment at Whistler Olympic Plaza.

TOUCH BASE

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ABOUT ARTS WHISTLER

Arts Whistler is passionate about Whistler, about arts, and about making arts and culture an integral part of day-to-day life. Operating out of the Maury Young Arts Centre in the heart of Whistler Village, Arts Whistler runs a variety of creative classes, showcases an exciting lineup of live shows for *Arts Whistler Live!*, and hosts year-round free-admission exhibits in The Gallery supporting local artists and their craft. Annual events include the *Whistler Children's Festival*, *Whistler Street Entertainment*, *Arts Whistler's Holiday Market*, *ArtWalk*, and *Art on the Lake*. Arts Whistler creates bold, inspiring, and engaging experiences and supports an arts and culture sector in Whistler that's welcoming, accessible, and collaborative.

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