



EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE 2017 WHISTLER CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

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WHISTLER, BC – Mark your calendars for a weekend of action packed fun and creativity for the whole family. The Whistler Children's Festival is set to hit Whistler Olympic Plaza from July 7-9, 2017. Returning for its 34th year, the weekend kicks off with a free, all-ages Pyjama Party at Whistler Olympic Plaza on Friday, July 7 from 5pm-8pm. Saturday and Sunday feature two full days of live performances, interactive activities, and lots of hands-on creative workshops for kids and families to enjoy. Early Bird registration for creative workshops and festival tickets is available online now at whistlerchildrensfestival.com

As Whistler's longest-running community festival, the Whistler Children's Festival continues to provide a dynamic, creative, and fun-filled experience for both residents and visiting families. This year, the main stage at Whistler Olympic Plaza features performances by popular family performer and recording artist Norman Foote; the mystical magician Leif David; interactive beat-boxing extraordinaire, RupLoops, as well as returning local favourite Ira Pettle & Friends.

"This summer's Whistler Children's Festival is going to be a huge hit with kids and their families!" says Arts Whistler Programs & Events Manager, Andrea Mueller. "A few 2016 highlights are the musical playground where kids can literally bang their drum all day, creative workshops including Art Bots, , a Teddy Bear picnic zone where families are invited to picnic together along with their favourite huggable, and this year's range of super fun entertainers including a magician and a professional beat boxer – how cool is that!"

The RBC Emerging Artists program will showcase talent from up and coming local and regional artists including X-Corps Drumline and the The Shao Lin Hung Gar Lion Dance Team. This grant provides support to artists working to bridge the gap from emerging to established, and supports organizations that provide opportunities to advance their career aspirations.

The Whistler Children's Festival ticket is \$15 for the full weekend and includes access to all entertainment, free, and by donation on-site activities. Single day tickets are also available for \$10 each.

The weekend event features a host of free and by donation activities such as face painting with local artist Nina Moore and popular balloon creations by Jazz the Balloon Man. Explore the Museum of Curiosity, enjoy engaging performances for all ages, make a family flag, and hang out with your favourite furry friend at the Teddy Bear Picnic. Unleash your inner photographer at the Photo Safari or clang out a tune at the Musical Playground.

The Whistler Children's Festival is a guaranteed good time for the whole family. Early Bird 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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