



August 21 – September 6, 2021

## PNE FAIR OPENS AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>

### FAIR SUPPORTS LOCAL MUSICIANS IN ITS 2021 LINEUP

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**Vancouver, BC:** The annual PNE Fair will open its gates for the 111<sup>th</sup> time on August 21<sup>st</sup>, and while the footprint is a bit smaller and mostly outdoor, all your Fair favourites will be available to enjoy, including live music. *“One of the most common questions we are receiving is whether or not we will have a concert series”* says President and CEO Shelley Frost. *“We will definitely be having live music; it will just look a little different this year. We will not have large, seated concerts in the usual Amphitheatre, but we will have a concert stage in the Revel District with music from local BC Artists throughout the day for all guests to enjoy at no cost”.*

The PNE has a proud of a tradition of supporting BC talent across all aspects of its programming, a mandate that never been more important than as the creative sector struggles to emerge from the effects of the COVID pandemic. *“The history of music at the Fair goes back to the very beginning in 1910, and remains at the heart of our programming today,”* says PNE Creative Director Patrick Roberge. *“From the biggest names in music history to up and coming local artists, the PNE has a proud tradition of providing a stage to the creative sector. In 2021, when artists from across British Columbia and Canada have been devastated by the inability to perform live throughout the COVID pandemic, we committed to supporting these local performers at this year’s Fair.”*

In order to create the safest environment for Fairgoers, the PNE Fair will not have a paid seated venue set up for music this year but rather will have a stage in the Revel District programmed all day long and Fairgoers can grab food or beverage and sit in a festival style, distanced location of their choice to take in fantastic BC performances.

The 2021 PNE **Revel District Stage** performers are:

### **R&B Allstars**

The R&B Allstars are a dynamic 10-piece rhythm and blues band, celebrating their 41<sup>st</sup> year on the Vancouver music scene. Formed in 1979, the band gained popularity playing venues such as the iconic Town Pump, the Commodore, Richards on Richards, 86th Street as well as being a regular feature at Whistler's Buffalo Bills.

**August 21, 22, 24 at 7:45, 8:45 & 10:00pm**

### **Groove & Tonic**

Vancouver party band Groove & Tonic deliver a high energy performance of R&B, Disco, Funk, Rock and Pop with a repertoire both old school and contemporary. Always engaging, always professional, these musicians showcase their top-notch musicality and infallible grooves.

**August 25, 26, 27 at 7:45, 8:45 & 10:00pm**

### **Dr. Strangelove**

Known as "Vancouver's house-band" after 14 years at The Roxy, Dr. Strangelove is a highly entertaining, high energy and extremely versatile dance band with five talented lead vocalists who can cover everything from Frank Sinatra to Lady Gaga to ACDC.

**August 28, 29, 31 at 7:45, 8:45 & 10:00pm**

### **The Motown Show featuring Hitsville Band**

The Hitsville Band is a hard driving revue that truly captures the sharp wardrobe, polished style and the soulful sounds of the Motown artists who transformed rhythm and blues music.

**September 1, 2, 3 at 7:45, 8:45 & 10:00pm**

## **Soulstream**

Soulstream performs cross genre hits excels in many genres including funky jazz, latin, big band, and more.

**September 4, 5, 6 at 7:45, 8:45 & 10:00pm**

## **Bobby Bruce's Nearly Neil and the Solitary Band**

Nearly Neil has played the PNE many times over the past two-plus decades, and is always a fan favourite.

**August 21, 22, 24, 25 at 1:30 & 2:30pm**

## **ABRA Cadabra – A Tribute to the Music of ABBA**

ABRA Cadabra has been touring the world for almost 20 years helping audiences of all ages & cultures re-live and celebrate the timeless and uplifting music of ABBA!

**August 26, 27, 28, 29 at 1:30 & 2:30pm**

## **The Paperboys**

For over a quarter century, The Paperboys have been touring the world and lighting up stages with their free-wheeling blend of influences from Celtic and bluegrass, to Mexican son jarocho, brass bands, and Canadian roots. They've been called everything from Cajun slamgrass to worldbeat, they've received a Juno award (Canadian Grammy), plus two Juno nominations, released nine albums, and regularly play two-night bills in the Pacific Northwest.

**August 31, September 1, 2 at 1:30 & 2:30pm**

## **March Hare Band Beach Party**

The March Hare Beach Party is an upbeat, high energy summertime fun-time show.

September 3, 4, 5, 6 at 1:30 & 2:30pm

## **2021 PNE Fair Fast Facts**

- **Duration of Fair:** August 21<sup>st</sup> to September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (closed on August 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>)
- **Hours of operation:** 11am-11pm
- **Tickets:**
  - On sale Ticketleader.ca
  - \$15 for adults
  - \$12 for kids and seniors
  - Free entrance for 5 & under (must reserve free tickets)
  - Tickets must be purchased for a specific day in advance

### **PNE FAIR TICKETS :**

Event information: [www.pne.ca](http://www.pne.ca)

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### **About the PNE:**

Owned by the City of Vancouver, the Pacific National Exhibition (PNE) is a healthy and vibrant non-profit organization dedicated to delivering over 2 million visitors a year with memorable experiences through access to first-class cultural, music, sporting and family entertainment events, as well as access to public space for passive recreation. Founded in 1910, the PNE's home is Hastings Park, a multi-facility venue in Vancouver where the organization manages four activity streams: the annual PNE Fair, Playland Amusement Park, Park Care and Facility Maintenance and an expansive portfolio of year-round events. All revenues generated are invested back into park space, community programs and non-revenue generating educational and entertainment experiences.

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