



## **Day 2 of PNE Summer Night Concerts Lineup at the All-New Freedom Mobile Arch Features Arts, Culture and Canadiana!**

*Fair Admission included in ticket price!*

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**Vancouver, B.C.** — Following yesterday’s exciting announcement on the performers for first five days of the 2026 Summer Night Concerts, the PNE is proud to present the second series of artists who will perform at the brand-new Freedom Mobile Arch, a state-of-the-art, open-air venue set to redefine live music in Vancouver.

Running from August 22nd to September 7th, 2026, the Summer Night Concerts are one of the most anticipated programs of the annual PNE Fair and will officially christen the Freedom Mobile Arch as Western Canada’s newest premier outdoor concert destination. Purpose-built for world-class live performances, the amphitheatre offers enhanced sightlines, premium acoustics, and an unforgettable fan experience.

This year’s lineup celebrates legendary icons, Canadian trailblazers, and global superstars across rock, pop, hip-hop, alternative, orchestral, and more, with Fair admission INCLUDED with the purchase of every concert ticket.

### **Day Two Drop - 2026 Summer Night Concerts**

#### **August 28 - Mt. Joy**

Mt. Joy has quickly risen to become one of today’s most beloved indie rock bands, known for their anthemic sound, heartfelt storytelling, and powerful live performances. Formed in 2016, the Philadelphia and Los Angeles-based group broke through with their platinum hit “Silver Lining,” followed by acclaimed releases including *Rearrange Us* and *Orange Blood*.

Blending introspective lyrics with soaring melodies, Mt. Joy has amassed hundreds of millions of streams and earned praise from major outlets like *Rolling Stone* and *The New York Times*, while consistently topping AAA radio charts.

A standout live act, the band has sold out iconic venues like Red Rocks, Madison Square Garden, and the Hollywood Bowl, solidifying their reputation as one of the most compelling and fast-rising acts in modern indie music.

### **August 29 - Cynthia Erivo with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra (VSO)**

Cynthia Erivo is a multi-award-winning actress, singer, and producer whose extraordinary talent spans stage and screen. She first rose to prominence with her Tony®-winning performance in *The Color Purple*, and has since garnered Emmy®, GRAMMY®, and Academy Award nominations, captivating audiences worldwide with her powerful voice and commanding presence.

Her acclaimed portrayal of Elphaba in the blockbuster film adaptation of *Wicked* further solidified her status as a global star, earning widespread critical recognition and multiple award nominations. Beyond acting, Erivo is an accomplished recording artist, releasing original music and performing on some of the world's most prestigious stages.

Joining forces with the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra under the direction of guest conductor **Anthony Parnter**, Erivo brings her breathtaking vocals and emotional depth to a special symphonic performance, creating an unforgettable evening of music and storytelling.

### **August 30 – Punjabi Virsa**

The Punjabi Virsa Concert Series is a longstanding tradition that has been captivating audiences worldwide since 2004. Punjabi Virsa features the talents of three virtuoso brothers: Manmohan Waris, Kamal Heer, and Sangtar. This annual event celebrates the rich cultural heritage of Punjab through mesmerizing performances of traditional and contemporary Punjabi music.

**Manmohan Waris:** A renowned Punjabi folk singer known for his soulful voice and captivating stage presence. Waris's repertoire includes classic Punjabi folk songs that tell stories of love, loss, and the beauty of Punjabi life.

**Kamal Heer:** The youngest brother of the three, Kamal Heer's singing encompasses traditional and contemporary influences from Punjabi Folk to Hindustani Classical music. He is known for his energetic performances.

**Sangtar:** The magic behind the music comes from Sangtar. His poetic touch infuses the performances with infectious beats and poignant verses.

Together, the brothers create a vibrant family-friendly atmosphere that celebrates Punjabi heritage through music.

### **September 1 - Train**

Train is a multi-GRAMMY® Award-winning, diamond-selling band whose signature blend of rock and pop has made them one of the most enduring acts of the past three decades. Since their breakthrough with "Meet Virginia" and the global smash "Drops of Jupiter," the San Francisco-based group has delivered a string of chart-topping hits, including "Hey, Soul Sister" and "Drive By."

With billions of streams, multi-platinum albums, and numerous accolades, Train has built a legacy defined by infectious melodies, heartfelt songwriting, and widespread commercial success across the globe.

Bringing their timeless hits and feel-good energy to the PNE Fair, Train delivers a dynamic live show that continues to captivate audiences and celebrate a career filled with iconic songs.

## **September 2 - Barenaked Ladies**

Barenaked Ladies are one of Canada's most beloved pop-rock bands, known for their witty songwriting, infectious energy, and decades of chart-topping hits. Since emerging in the late '80s, they have built a global following with fan favourites like "If I Had \$1,000,000," "One Week," "Pinch Me," and the iconic *Big Bang Theory* theme.

With over 15 million albums sold worldwide, multiple JUNO Awards, and a reputation as one of the best live acts in the business, the band continues to captivate audiences with their signature blend of humour, musicianship, and feel-good performances.

Still evolving, Barenaked Ladies' latest album *In Flight* showcases their enduring creativity, proving why they remain a defining force in Canadian music.

With this incredible lineup, the PNE Summer Night Concerts are set to be one of the most exciting musical events of the year. Don't miss the chance to see some of the biggest names in music live this summer!

With the opening of the Freedom Mobile Arch, the Summer Night Concerts enter a bold new era, combining iconic artists, an immersive outdoor setting, and the energy of the PNE Fair into one unforgettable experience.

**Tickets, starting as low as \$49 + Fees (includes Fair admission), will go on sale April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:00AM via TicketLeader.ca.**

The 2026 PNE Fair runs from August 22<sup>nd</sup> to September 7<sup>th</sup>, open daily from 11am to 11pm. The Fair will be closed August 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>.

**For more information about PNE Fair visit: [WWW.PNE.ca](http://WWW.PNE.ca)**

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**About the PNE:**

The PNE is a dynamic non-profit organization that welcomes over 2 million visitors annually through world-class cultural, music, sporting, and family events, along with year-round access to public recreation space. Founded in 1910 and based at Hastings Park in Vancouver, the PNE operates the annual PNE Fair, Playland Amusement Park, park and facility

maintenance, and a wide range of events throughout the year. Owned by the City of Vancouver, the PNE reinvests all revenues into park space, community programming, and inclusive educational and entertainment experiences.

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