

July 4, 2024

AWARD-WINNING CR LIVE STREETS EVENT SERIES RETURNS TO DOWNTOWN CR

This year's lineup will feature six live, family-friendly events throughout July and August.

Live music, art and dance will return to Shoppers Row in downtown Campbell River this summer when the City of Campbell River's (the City's) 2024 CR Live Streets summer event series launches on Wednesday, July 24, 2024. The popular series will bring free, family-friendly entertainment events to Shoppers Row every Wednesday from July 24 to August 28, 2024.

CR Live Streets is an award-winning event series that's put on by the City in partnership with the Tidemark Theatre and Highway 19 Concerts. We also gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia.

"The award-winning CR Live Streets summer event series spotlights downtown Campbell River as an entertainment hub, filled with music, art, dance and tremendous community spirit," says Mayor Kermit Dahl. *"As part of the City's efforts to revitalize downtown, CR Live Streets draws thousands of people to Shoppers Row to experience all that downtown Campbell River and its business community offers — exciting entertainment, fabulous food, superb shopping and so much more! Come along and join the fun!"*

Here is this year's lineup:

- **July 24: Blues Night — 6:30 p.m.**
Groove with us as we welcome the talented Garret T. Willie and opening act Luke Blu Guthrie for an electrifying night of blues music on Shoppers Row. This is a licensed event. Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/1151589106139489/.
- **July 31: Masquerade Street Party — 6:30 p.m.**
Celebrate in Mardi Gras style with Big Easy Funk Ensemble on Shoppers Row. There will be great music, electric energy and a fantastical parade, complete with juggling and stilt walkers. Not sure what to wear? Check out our mask-making workshop on July 27, purchase a mask onsite by donation to Habitat for Humanity or simply come as you are! This is a licensed event. Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/8028276973859198/.
- **August 7: Art Attack on the Row — 5 p.m.**
Ready to get creative with your neighbours and local artists? Join us for a fun-filled collaborative, community art event where we'll explore chalk art and interactive art activities, along with bouncy castles and other family-friendly activities. Let's come together and create something beautiful! Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/1263600057891560/.
- **August 14: Art in Action — 6:30 p.m.**
This year, we're bringing you the most exhilarating art event yet! Artists will start a painting on one canvas before they move on to their neighbour's canvas. They will add to each others' paintings until they make it back to their original spot to finish the masterpiece they started. And, of course, you'll get the chance to bid on these unique creations at the end of the night. This is a licensed event. Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/991933145434989/.
- **August 21: Latin Night — 6:30 p.m.**
Join us for a night of live music with Orquesta Obatala and Latin dancing with the Forbidden Dance Company! Whether you're coming solo, as a pair, or part of a group, all ages, stages and abilities are welcome. Let's learn some new moves and groove to Latin beats all evening. This is a licensed event. Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/817970083298989/.

- **August 28: Music in the Night — Live Streets Finale — 6:30 p.m.**

Let's celebrate the finale of 2024 CR Live Streets event series together, downtown, with Five Alarm Funk. With 20 years of experience, in high voltage Funk infusion, FAF has carved a new path of live entertainment. The engagement, the hilarity, the precision and execution have heralded these manic Funk Bots with eight studio albums, two JUNO nominations, three Western Canadian Music Awards and a rap sheet of positive reviews. This is a licensed event. Facebook event: www.facebook.com/events/789578556697241/.

"Shoppers Row downtown is a go-to venue for summertime entertainment. We have another fantastic lineup and a variety of events that's sure to offer something for everyone—and all of the events are free and family-friendly," says Robin Mitchell, Manager of Recreation and Culture. *"The fun begins with a night of blues music. Then we'll be celebrating Mardi Gras style with another Masquerade Street Party, getting creative with two art events, grooving to Latin beats and capping the series off with Five Alarm Funk and Music in the Night. Thanks to everyone who came out last year — we look forward to seeing you again this year!"*

CR Live Streets supports Council's strategic priority of downtown revitalization, bringing community members together downtown for evenings of entertainment throughout the summer. Council is working on a number of initiatives that support the downtown. Read the latest projects in the 2023 Annual Report: campbellriver.ca/annual-report.

There's lots more to look forward to in downtown Campbell River this summer, too — like Salsa Lessons in the Square, Spirit Square Line Dancing, a mask-making workshop (get ready for the Masquerade Street Party!), Art in the Square and Yoga in the Park. The River Concerts Series, Lunch in the Square and Campbell River Farmers Market are also continuing all summer long. Join us downtown to enjoy community celebrations with music, friends, and neighbours.

Plan ahead and schedule your summer of fun today so as not to miss out! Information is available online in the community calendar at campbellriver.ca/events and at City facilities. Follow us on Facebook at facebook.com/Campbellriverrec to stay up to date with all City events.

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Photo: Five Alarm Funk will play live at Music in the Night, the 2024 CR Live Streets series finale, on Wednesday, August 28. (Photo courtesy of Five Alarm Funk.)



Photo: 2024 CR Live Streets poster. (Photo by the City of Campbell River.)

ENTERTAINMENT ALL SUMMER LONG! 

Join us on Shoppers Row in Campbell River every Wednesday evening.

- JULY 24 BLUES NIGHT**
GATES OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. FEATURING GARRET T. WILLIE AND OPENING ACT LUKE BLU GUTHRIE 
- JULY 31 MASQUERADE STREET PARTY**
GATES OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. FEATURING BIG EASY FUNK ENSEMBLE 
- AUG 7 ART ATTACK ON THE ROW**
5 P.M. ART STATIONS, GAMES AND MORE! 
- AUG 14 ART IN ACTION**
GATES OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. WATCH PAINTERS WORK TOGETHER 
- AUG 21 LATIN NIGHT**
GATES OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. FEATURING ORQUESTA OBATALA 
- AUG 28 MUSIC IN THE NIGHT**
GATES OPEN AT 6:30 P.M. FEATURING FIVE ALARM FUNK 

   

GREAT COMMUNITY STARTS HERE
Watch for more exciting downtown events all summer long!

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