





# WELCOME. DISCONNECT. RECONNECT.

17 years ago, River & Sky began as a way for friends to hang out and hear amazing music together and connect with nature.

North Bay and Sudbury found common united ground. The festival grew. It got more complicated too, but the R&S community has always pushed for hard-won victories that lead to a collectively joyous disconnect from the downsides of daily life. It is pretty special, camping and rocking out together.

About five years ago, we both stepped away from the R&S. Abigail Cassio took up the job as ED. The whole world changed. Life was different for a while. Thank you to Abby and all of the R&S teams for five years of unforgettable festivals!

Now, a new group has formed around the idea of sustaining River & Sky under a working board model. This talented group of community-building, problem-solvers believe in River & Sky and are working to keep it going despite some financial challenges. We will have fundraisers happening during the festival – please support them if you can.

Every spring we watch the river rise and rise and rise to amazing heights. The volume of water that gathers and moves across the landscape is astounding. Reshaping the beach and riverbanks as it recedes. The festival feels similar but new every year - especially this year.

Roots. Revival. Reset. The Board came up with these words to guide Morgan Kagesheongai in creating this year's design. They've also guided all of us in our work.

In writing about their design, Morgan said:  
"The water runs swiftly, but when we connect to it, we are connected to all things together, always moving, always changing, always renewing."

Thank you all for wanting to camp out together. It is pretty cool to watch everyone setting up their festival homestead. Tents and tarps popping up. We hope you connect with your neighbours and with the water and the trees and find some smooth roses. We hope you

vibe from that amazing well of music that runs day and night. Engage with our art installations and workshops, enjoy our food vendors.

Thank you to the Fishers' – Chris, Julie, Linden, Paul, and Dice – for the incredible gift of allowing us to come together here each year. We are so grateful that you've given River & Sky a home here for 14 years and supported us through all the times.

Thank you to all the amazing volunteers who have given and keep giving of their time.

Thank you also to our partners and sponsors: Birch Bark Coffee Company, McTaggart Farms, Clickfork, Sunbelt Rentals, 46 North Brewing, Gateway Brewery, Crosscut, Brantford Apparel, Pine Falls Lodge, The Finch Beach Resort, Copy Copy, Barrydowne Paint, Réseau Access Network, Access In Excess and others. Thank you to our fellow festivals Northern Lights Festival Boreal and Up Here for lending us their stuff including NFLB's massive tents. Thank you to our funders Ontario Creates, Ontario Arts Council, Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund, Canadian Heritage and Canada Summer Jobs.

Tread lightly on the land. Watch your footing for poky sticks and slippery mud. Help recycle and compost, and don't leave stuff behind.

Music, nature and each other for each other.  
Take care of yourself and each other.

—Peter and Lara,  
On behalf of River & Sky  
Arts in the Woods

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# WHO WE ARE

## R&S IS ART IN THE WOODS

We are a grassroots, not-for-profit arts organization. This year marks our 17th festival! As a member-driven organization, we rely on the relentless energy and diverse talents of our volunteers to bring our festival to life.

### Our vision

To become a leader, early adopter and innovator in presenting the arts sustainably.

### Our mission

To present regional, national and international emerging music while showcasing a community-based, simple, and sustainable way of life.

### Recognizing the Land and the First Peoples

We recognize that we are operating on traditional Indigenous land within the Robinson Huron Treaty territory. We respect the cultures and peoples of the Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, Nipissing First Nation, Temagami First Nation, Wahnapiatae First Nation, and Dokis First Nation. We recognize and respect the Aaniishinaabe peoples' sacred relationship with the land and water. River & Sky will continuously work to listen and learn from the shared wisdom of Indigenous peoples.

### Working values

- R&S works in the spirit of inclusivity and community.
- R&S is accessible to all those who wish to be a part of our organization: volunteers, partners, members, festival-goers and our communities, provided that all wanting to be involved are respectful of each other and the natural environment.
- R&S values our natural environment and sustainable innovation. We promise to challenge ourselves to keep doing better.
- R&S values the energy, time and resources given to us by all involved.
- R&S recognizes the inherent challenges faced by Indigenous, Black, racialized and LGBTQ2+ people and will look to amplify their voices as artists and provide opportunities within our not-for-profit arts organization.

## NEW THIS YEAR

### Accessibility + Audit

**Checking in:** If you have accessibility needs, please let us know at the gate or in the unloading area. We'll provide assistance in helping you to a campsite that is in a more accessible location.

**During the festival:** If you have mobility issues and need help getting to the Beach Stage or another area, please flag down a volunteer who can contact our roaming groundcrew to provide a ride. The gate staff are also always available with walkies to find you a ride.

**Access In Excess** Dan Ashworth, an accessibility agitator at heart, disability activist, musician, and a baker of buns, will be conducting an accessibility audit through Access In Excess. This project hopes to foster a more inclusive music culture, enabling more people with disabilities to experience the joy and community of music without facing barriers.

## NEW THIS YEAR

### Wednesday Night Warm Up Bands

- **This Love is Drone**
- **Faiyaz and the Wasted Chances**
- **Constrictor**

### Birch Bark Coffee at River & Sky – A Cup That Gives Back

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### Campfire Wood Fundraiser for River & Sky

Thank you to volunteers who helped us gather and chop firewood through our partnership with Pine Falls Lodge and Fishers' Paradise. This year River & Sky is selling firewood as a fundraiser. Order at Merch and we'll drop off your bundle at your campsite. You can also flag down the delivery person as they are going by your campsite.

### River & Sky Silent Auction Fundraiser

Another fundraiser for the festival, our Silent Auction will be available at Merch from Thursday to Saturday for bidding. Winners to be announced Saturday at 8 pm. Thank you to the generous donations of Crosscut, Knox Hall, and many more.

### Open Mic – R&S Rise and Shine!

Bring your voice, bring your guitar or any other instrument (spoons or cooler drum?) to our first ever Open Mic Sunday morning at 10:30 AM at the Coffee House Stage.

### New Trail to Strawberry Fields and Dance Party

Due to eroding banks, please take the short new trail that has been carved out by volunteers and staff to get to campsites in and around Strawberry Fields and the Dance Portal in the Pine Grove.

### Dance Portal - Pine Grove

Enter The Dance Portal, curated by Stereo Ferment and brought to life with immersive design by Studio Nude Beach. It's a bit of a walk but well worth it. Bring your curiosity. Leave your sense of time. Expect house, electro, breaks, and cosmic disco with a tropical and psychedelic edge.

### Glow With Us Campsite Contest – Sponsored by Fishers' Paradise

Does your campsite glow? We are looking for creative campsites that cleverly shed light and good vibes in the darkness of our very dark nights at River & Sky. Enter the contest at the Merch Booth to win a weekend at Fishers' Paradise.

### Environmental Sustainability Measures This Year

**Waste Hubs:** Last year, River and sky introduced waste hubs powered by the eco-warriors. Waste hubs are a new and dynamic way of managing the festival's garbage, recycling, and composting! Bring us your garbage, recycling, food-waste, and alcohol empties, and help us keep River and Sky beautiful for years to come!

**Composting:** And not only organic matter, but including ANIMAL PRODUCTS? How, you ask? A system called bokashi composting, which allows bones, meat, and other items that aren't typically acceptable in traditional composting to be collected and turned into compost! Thanks to Matthew Graveline and Ormuir Organics!

**Reducing Waste with Plates:** We have 500 reusable blue enamel camping plates for feeding our wonderful volunteers and artists.

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# ART IN THE WOODS

## INSTALLATIONS

### Amanda Mathias

#### ANISHINAABE MURAL

River and Sky Music will host a powerful new community mural project that will unfold live during this year's festival, honouring Indigenous art, design, and storytelling through collaborative creation. This mural will not only be a beautiful outdoor piece of art, but also a living story inviting people to come together and learn from one another. Festival-goers will be invited to contribute to the mural throughout the weekend, working alongside local Indigenous artists to bring the design to life. The artwork will reflect local stories and symbolism in celebration.

Community voices will be collected throughout the process, so the River & Sky community can share their story through this community mural as co-creators of learning and arts. The mural will be overseen by Amanda Mathias, a local artist and educator residing in North Bay who is from Temagami First Nation. Amanda is deeply involved in community, arts, education, and social justice initiatives. She hopes this project will amplify the importance of protection for lands and waters.

### Studio Nude Beach

#### BEASTIE BONES AND MORE — DANCE PORTAL AND BEACH STAGE

Studio Nude Beach is back, transforming the Dance Portal and Beach Stage into vibrant alien spaces. Look for their massive Beastie Bones, which made its inaugural appearance at Ice Follies in North Bay this year. The project invites an intermingling of fantasy and local ecologies, beckoning to the weird and alien within ourselves — a magical ecological space.

Studio Nude Beach is a mixed media arts collective based in North Bay. The collective's work has been featured at festivals and galleries alike — such as River & Sky, Kennedy Gallery, and Up Here. Their large scale installations have become a recognizable part of the arts and festival scene in Northeastern Ontario.

### David Chops

#### THE JOY WITHIN — MAINSTAGE

David Chops' immersive art installation requires interaction to be fully appreciated. In *The Joy Within*, David explores colourful expression and the "internal kaleidoscope of colour that makes us what we are." The piece also explores decommodification: "The profit over people world is happy to rob us of our joy, remake it 'Now with 10% more colours!' and sell it back to us hollowed out and empty. This art installation is a celebration of the rainbow of love in our hearts, the cultures we keep from being commodified, and reminds us that expressions of sadness and joy are not always what they seem. The spectrum of colour inside of us makes the human experience a beautiful thing."

David is a self-taught artist based in the Boreal Forest of North-East Ontario. A survivor of poverty, child abuse, drug addiction, and homelessness, David found solace in underground social movements and a DIY ethos. As a climate change migrant, David has honed his skills and expanded his art, creating ambitious projects using non-traditional mediums. Learn more about him at [purpleravenfarm.com](http://purpleravenfarm.com)

### Allison Roberts

#### THE THRESHOLD IS THE PORTAL

Last year Allison Roberts, an emerging multidisciplinary artist based in North Bay, conceived of and launched into existence: "*The Threshold Is The Portal*," an immersive alternate realm and experiment in the spell of collective experience. She is returning to bring back key elements of the Threshold experiment. Allison's work explores themes of alternate realities, connection, alchemy of space and distraction/ focus pendulums. She is influenced by the lore and animism of the surrounding natural world.

### The Oscillarium

#### WALK TO THE LIGHT

Their performances are conjured in real time, utilizing slide film, painted glass, video feedback, VCR tragedies, and liquid manipulation through a cascading array of analog and digital projectors, culminating in mixed media buffets.



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## WORKSHOPS

Workshops are available on a “first come, first served” basis unless otherwise indicated. Most are free, however some have a small fee to join. Unless otherwise specified, each workshop will take roughly an hour.

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### Birch Bark Tic Tac Toe

WITH GRACE BELLMORE  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY 4 – 5 PM

Join us for a fun and creative workshop where children and adults (best suited for children ages 4 to 14) unleash their artistic talents while learning about the creative ways we can use natural resources around us! In this hands-on session, participants will create their very own portable Tic Tac Toe game using natural materials.

### Thai Massage

WITH NATALIE DEMARCO  
FRIDAY 9 – 10 AM

You'll learn a series of guided Thai stretching techniques and take turns both giving and receiving, creating a balanced and supportive learning experience. Come with a partner or on your own—no experience necessary. Please bring a large beach towel or small blanket, as we'll be working on the ground.

### Button Making

WITH KYLEE BAKOWSKI  
FRIDAY & SATURDAY 10 – 11 AM,

Participants can press their own pin-back button or magnet! Limit of one free button or magnet per person (for more there is a cost). Feeling creative? Make your own design or bring your own image to cut and press (great for polaroids).

### Mending Workshop

WITH WILLOW RITCHIE  
FRIDAY 11 AM, MOON OVER WATER TENT

The community mending circle is an invitation to slow down, sit with each other and take time to take care. Bring a beloved piece of clothing or gear to repair, or stitch some love and good intention into a piece of clothing to make an R&S keepsake. All are welcome. (Kids 9 and under need an adult buddy please!)

Meet at the Workshop Tent to meet your facilitator. From there, you will move as a group towards your designated workshop location.

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### Upcycled Necklace

WITH ANNABELLE HARVEY  
FRIDAY 12 – 1 PM  
SATURDAY 11 AM – 12 PM

Create your very own upcycled necklace using a colourful mix of second-hand beads.

Upcycled Beaded Necklace Workshop –  
Ages 12+ (Saturday)

Kids' Make and Take Bead Workshop –  
Ages 5-12 (Friday)

### Potions Class

WITH TAYLOR ROBITAILLE  
FRIDAY 1 – 2 PM (KIDS EDITION)  
SATURDAY 5 – 6 PM

Costs \$10/ sign up required.

Taylor Robitaille, Métis mama of two and Head Witch of The Tiny Alchemist Co. will host a workshop for magical beings to create a STRENGTH POTION.

### Off Gridding

WITH AYLA FRANK  
FRIDAY 2 – 3 PM

Sharing the basics of off grid living, exploring the ideas and mentalities that make wild living both possible and extremely rewarding. How to get started and things to consider if you are looking to make the jump to self-sustaining off grid living.

### Build-A-Show

WITH KNOX HALL  
FRIDAY 4 – 5 PM

You'll team up with the Knox crew to dream up, shape, and pitch your ideal event. Come ready to collaborate, play, and get those creative juices flowing.



## Integration Circle

WITH AMY JOHNSTON

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 6 – 7 PM

A slow, reflective hour for those craving quiet in the midst of festival energy. We'll pull cards, connect inward and set mindful intentions for your time in Paradise. Sharing is optional. This circle offers a space to land, listen and integrate what's stirring. Bring a blanket or cushion to sit on.

## Yoga For Interconnection

WITH ALEXANDRA ALBERT

SATURDAY 9 – 10 AM

A gentle, all-levels yoga flow to start your day with presence and connection. No experience needed. We'll move slowly exploring our connection to self, each other, the land, and beyond. Held outdoors in nature's embrace — bring a mat or towel, water, and an open heart.

## Friendship Bracelet

WITH 46 NORTH (HOLLI)

SATURDAY 12 – 2 PM

Join us for a cozy, hands-on creative session where festival-goers of all ages can craft their own friendship bracelets! No experience needed — just good vibes, some string, and a little patience. Stay for 10 minutes or all afternoon! Great for kids, teens, and adults alike.

## The Sun And The Night Sky

TRAILER AREAS

FRIDAY 12 – 4 PM & SATURDAY 9:30 PM – 12 AM

The North Bay Astronomy Club will provide telescopes that the public can use to view solar flares and sunspots during the day and galaxies, nebulae and star clusters at night.

## Intro To Eco Printing

WITH ALI STEER

SATURDAY 12 – 1 PM & SUNDAY 11 AM – 12 PM

Learn about and try “hapa zome,” the magical art of textile and paper printing with plants and flowers — a Japanese technique of “plant pounding” among other botanical dying techniques.

## Foraging

WITH AYLA FRANK

SATURDAY 2 – 3 PM

Explore the safety of wild medicine foraging, basics in plant identification, and ethical harvesting practices with great attention to a mindset of connection and community with the beautifully abundant forest we live in.

## Children's Literacy

WITH DANIELLE LEVY

SATURDAY 3 – 4 PM

This workshop is designed for parents/guardians (or older siblings) to attend with their child. Bring something cozy or comfortable to sit on, read a few books together and then take a book back to your campsite and home with you after the festival wraps up.

## Poetry

WITH ALEXIA COUSINEAU

SATURDAY 4 – 5 PM

At this poetry writing circle, we will explore spoken word as a way to build connection. Through writing prompts, collaborative exercises, and shared performance, we'll explore how language can make us feel alive, seen, and together. Just bring a pen, a notebook, and your beautiful self.

## Iconic Tie Dye

WITH MICHELLE BIGGINS

SUNDAY 12 – 1 PM

Michelle will be teaching the basics, and for those seasoned dyers, you will be working on some motifs. White t-shirts for the workshop cost \$10 or bring your own. There will be enough dye for one t-shirt per person. Let's make some tie-dye fun!

## ARTISAN VENDORS

### **Rossland TinCan Banjo/ Ukulele & Fiddle**

Originally started Toronto's Distillery District, selling TinCan resonator ukuleles from a small cart, in 2016, the workshop relocated to the heart of beautiful Amherst Island, ON. The Rossland instrument line specializes in steel string, all metal instruments and includes all metal ukulele, parlour banjo and steel fiddles. All Rossland instruments are fully acoustic, musician quality and are made to be played by people who like to play.

### **Moon Over Water**

Working with natural and organic fabrics Moon Over Water is all about creating comfortable, easy to wear clothing and accessories for all of life's adventures! From designing, to sewing and dyeing, each piece is carefully and lovingly made by hand right here in Northern Ontario.

### **Restless Ravens Homestead**

Local Field homesteaders Aimée & Dan craft and grow with love and intention to bring forth land based and upcycled offerings like jewellery, ecologically grown herbal medicines, seeds and more! They take pride in their seasonal offerings and the fact that they produce all products on on their farm from plants they tend and love: "We believe in sustainability, community, respect, responsibility, reciprocity and love."

### **Far Out Farm**

"That's my favourite colour, baby: living colour." Someone recently told Farm Out Farm that they weren't really into tie-dye but they wondered what attracted people to it? The answer: "It's impossible to be unhappy when you're wearing these vibrant colours that comes alive through contrast and pattern. It becomes their favourite thing! They got it, and they got a tie-dye. And they were happy!"

### **Oak Island Essentials**

Waste Free Products - earth friendly and locally made, healthy for you and the environment

### **Rhizaecosm**

RhizaeCosm is a compilation of handcrafted wearable, functional and decorative art, coalescing natural, wild, symbolic, ancient, spiritual & bohemian elements. The collection includes jewelry, textiles, carving, home décor & apothecary. RhizaeCosm illustrates that functionality, aesthetics and sustainability can coexist by transforming natural, reclaimed, local, wildcrafted, organic and ethical materials.

### **Bob Milliner**

Bobbi Deisinger, aka Bob Milliner, has spent the past three years bringing a little bit of joy to others with her Bucket Hats. "What really started it was having difficulty finding a variety of hats that would fit my big noggin, and then discovering that I wasn't alone with the struggle," said Bobbi. "I love finding fabric and textiles to repurpose into my hats as well as upcycling formally loved clothing."

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### Away Designs

Away Designs is a home for all of multidisciplinary artist Katie Narraway's creations to live. She finds inspiration through her love of travel and the outdoors, and views her work as souvenirs of all of the adventures she has been on, the places she dreams of, and the natural world.

### Chemistry + Craft

Chemistry + Craft hand crafts minimalist soft goods with natural materials and local supplies, for you. You might be familiar with the Chemistry + Craft signature rucksack, but this new chapter is all about material exploration and collaborative making! Come find us at River and Sky where we will have some of our classic designs, new goodies, scraps for grabs and an interactive mending station!

### Graymalkins Metalworks

Dave Burling is a Gananoque based metal and silversmith who has been handcrafting for two decades unique eye-catching artisanal jewelry, chainmaille, and blacksmithed household and garden décor. As a trained geologist, Dave has a creative affinity for naturally occurring textures and landscapes and the ability to detect order in things that, at first glance, appear chaotic. All his pieces move through a process of ideation, research, design, production and refinement and are one-of-a-kind made one-at-a-time.

### The Flannel Couch

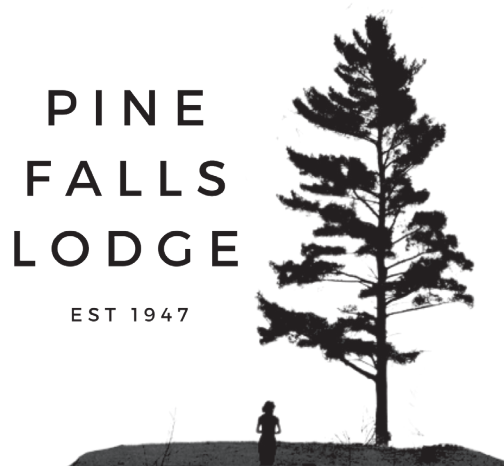
The Flannel Couch, aka textile artist Emily Gardner, brings a whimsy blend of nature inspired creations. If you love nature, mushrooms, and all the forest has to offer, check out her vendor tent. Emily was born in Northern Ontario and forages the forest for wild Ontario mushrooms that are preserved and fabricated into wearable jewelry or home decor plant spikes. The Flannel Couch collection can be viewed at [theflannelcouch.com](http://theflannelcouch.com)

### Anang's Vision

Rylee Peltier is a Sudbury-based, Ojibwe artist, Tarot reader, and owner of Anang's Vision, with over four years of experience in intuitive card reading. Anang's Vision is a social enterprise valuing community, communication, and creativity. This River & Sky 2025 festival, Rylee will be offering Tarot readings from a choice-based approach, where she seeks to provide querents with clarity, confidence, and choices.

### Rainbow Farm North

Rainbow farm North is a small-scale greenhouse operation run by Jenn Mezei and Gavin Cond. They are focused on growing native plants for their important role in functioning ecosystems. Through our growing practices, garden installations and educational offerings they hope to lead more folks toward the rewilding path: "We also love being creative and have incorporated some natural dye and bouquet making workshops into our offerings."



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## LOCAL FOOD & EXPERIENCES

### **Didi Grill (formerly Sunny Hotdog)**

The DiDi Grill family has been providing catering services to many festivals and private events for over five years. They always make their food with love. They don't even feel guilty about prioritizing food over everything else. Their mission is to create a great relationship with their customers. Let's eat and enjoy it all together!! Didi Grill sells hot dogs, sausages, wraps, and burgers on the beach until late! Vegetarian options available.

### **Damascus Syrian Cuisine**

Experience the authentic flavours of Syrian cuisine from Sudbury's own Damascus Restaurant. Indulge in their tender, marinated shawarma, flavorful hummus, and other Middle Eastern delights. Join them for a warm and inviting dining experience that will transport you to the heart of the Middle East.

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### **A One Dumpling**

Check out One Dumpling's dumplings, noodles, samosa, curry, as well as breakfast offerings including egg, bacon, sausage, potatoes, and drinks.

### **Fleurish**

Fleurish is a wellness-focused food trailer bringing nourishing, high-quality eats to festivals. It offers fresh juices, adaptogenic lattes, wholesome bowls, smoothies, and hydrating fresh coconuts, all crafted to fuel festival-goers with balanced, feel-good food that supports energy and well-being.

### **McTaggart Farms**

For over 25 years, Chris McTaggart worked in professional kitchens across Ontario and around the world, from fine dining to farm-to-table. But no matter where he was cooking, one question kept following him: Where did this food actually come from? Through his farm and locally sourced ingredients, McTaggart Farms is living up to its motto: Real Food. Real People. Look for their specialty grill cheeses. McTaggart Farms is also catering all our volunteer and artist meals. Thank you Chris!





## RIVER&SKY MUSIC/CAMPING FESTIVAL

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# THURSDAY

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→ **BAND BIOS...**

12:30 PM 📍 BEACH STAGE

**Afternoon Beach Party**

7 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Logan Staats**

8 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Tara Kannagara**

9 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Choses Sauvages**

10 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Descartes a Kant**

11:15 PM ✨ THRESHOLD

**Medussah**

12 AM 🌙 CAMPFIRE STAGE

**Noble Rot**

1 AM 🌙 CAMPFIRE STAGE

**Pick a Piper**

# FRIDAY

p. 22

10 AM ☀️ COFFEEHOUSE STAGE

**Spinsey Lohan**

12:30 PM 📍 BEACH STAGE

**Harvey King & The Grindstone**

1:30 PM 📍 BEACH STAGE

**Softtub**

2:30 PM 📍 BEACH STAGE

**Baby O**

3:30 PM 📍 BEACH STAGE

**JD Crosstown**

7 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Casper Skulls**

8 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Bells Larsen**

9 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Tia Wood**

10 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Shub**

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11:15 PM ✨ THRESHOLD

**Blank Hands**

12 AM 🌙 CAMPFIRE STAGE

**fauxcils**

1 AM 🌙 CAMPFIRE STAGE

**Gloin**

2 AM @ DANCE PORTAL

**Stereo Ferment: Coy Haste,  
Sophia Alexandra, Win**

**P.10** Elevate your R&S experience.  
Check out the Workshops!



SATURDAY

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10:30 AM ☀ COFFEEHOUSE STAGE  
**Rose-Erin Stokes**

11:30 AM ⚡ THRESHOLD  
**Animal Party**

12:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE  
**David Dino White**

1:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE  
**R.Flex**

2:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE  
**Orbital Ensemble**

3:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE  
**Cootie Catcher**

7 PM ★ MAIN STAGE  
**Thea May**

8 PM ★ MAIN STAGE  
**The Lionyls**

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9 PM ★ MAIN STAGE  
**Bibi Club**

10 PM ★ MAIN STAGE  
**Preoccupations**

11:15 PM ⚡ THRESHOLD  
**Jenna Seppa**

12 AM 🌙 CAMPFIRE STAGE  
**Slash Need**

1 AM 🌙 CAMPFIRE STAGE  
**DijahSB**

2 AM @ DANCE PORTAL  
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SUNDAY

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Q&A

Important info  
on the next page!



Hey! Feeling a little lost?  
Festival map on back cover!

# Q&A

**Fireworks?** No. Never. Ever. In fact, we will ask you to leave if you set them off. So please don't put us, or yourself, in that situation. They are not safe with so many people around.

**Where do I get Ice?** Ice can be purchased at the Merch tent, as well as the store located by the gate, called Lost & Sold – run by Chris Fisher, owner of Fishers' Paradise.

**Firewood?** Firewood is being sold this year as a fundraiser for River & Sky. It can be delivered to your campsite. Ask at the Merch tent.

**Canoes?** Canoes are available by the main stage, children must be accompanied by an adult. Don't forget to wear your lifejacket!

**Lost & found?** Anything you've found can be brought to the Merch tent or the Staff Cabin.

**Minor Injuries or scares?** R&S has a team of trained folks to ensure everyone's safety. Field First Response will be onsite with a range of supplies, a trailer, and a helpful hand for any minor medical mishaps. Besides that, there are simple first-aid kits available by each stage should you need anything super simple. Ask any R&S staff and they can direct you!

## What if I need a hospital?

The closest emergency room is at the West Nipissing General Hospital, 725 Coursol Rd, Sturgeon Falls, ON. Turn right when you leave the property and follow the signs to Sturgeon – it is about a 25 minute drive.

## What has “leaves of three” and you’re advised “to let it be”?

**Poison ivy.** Keep an eye out for this reactive weed and stick to the trails. There is a patch along the trail near Family Camping 2 that is marked with signage. Wash your skin with soap and a washcloth if you fear that you've brushed up against it. Getting rid of the oil will greatly reduce your chances of a reaction.



**I am so thirsty...** There is free drinking water available via a fill station near the Main Stage. Bring containers.

## Yikes – Is that thunder and lightning?

Follow the 30-30 rule. If there are 30 seconds or less between thunder and lightning take cover in a vehicle, building or low-lying area away from tall trees. Wait until 30 minutes after the last thunder before venturing out. Stay low but never lie down on the ground and keep both feet together to minimize ground current.

**Can I start a fire?** Fires need to be contained in fire pits. Wood will be provided in drop off areas. MNR fire bans apply to R&S. If you're planning on cooking, bring a propane stove. Be sure to have water standing by if you need to douse the fire in an emergency.

Be careful lighting your camp stove! Always read the instructions that come with your stove and be sure to keep away from the campfire and even full sunlight to prevent explosions. Always securely tighten the fuel tank cap and remove anything that might be flammable from the area. Remember to inspect any hoses or other pieces to prevent dangers from leaks.

**Getting around at R&S:** When walking, protect your feet. A flashlight helps in making your way to the late night campfire stage at the beach.

**Bicycles:** If you've brought your bike, enjoy! Remember to use your bell when navigating the pathways around pedestrians. If the bike doesn't belong to you – do not take it. Bikes are not communal property at the festival.

**Where can I wash up?** If you want to freshen up, go for a swim and sauna. Please use only biodegradable soap & shampoo with no phosphates in the river!

**Can I swim and sauna?** Go for it at your own risk and never under the influence! Note: Our beach area is unsupervised and the Sturgeon River has a current. You can also feel free to jump in the oxbow beside the main stage too. Children must be supervised by their parents in the water and sauna at all times.

**What about smoking?** Discretion is always appreciated, especially around children. Make sure your butts are well put out and disposed of properly in a tin can or your pocket. You can get a butt container for free at the Merch tent! Butts don't biodegrade and we want to keep Fishers' Paradise free of them.

**Woof?** Dogs are awesome but need to be on a leash. Please don't bring them directly in front of the main stage – it is a stressful place for dogs and a nice place for humans to sit on the grass.

**Is this a BYOB festival?** Yes! Open alcohol at your campsite is OK. If you are transporting from one campsite to another, please ensure containers remain closed and that alcohol is contained in a carrying device. And please, no glass, ever!

**Where's the closest place to stock up?** Turn left as you leave the property and 9 kms will take you to the LCBO in River Valley. Or turn right, and about 6 kms will take you to Field's LCBO in its generalstore. You can buy cake at the store too!

**What do I do with my garbage?** Look to sort your stash before you trash – recyclables, trash, and alcohol containers. Please don't hang onto your garbage until the end as it is no fun sorting at that point. Your empties go toward keeping R&S rolling.

**Bullseye bite!?** If you have a bulls-eye shaped bite or other strange rash from a bite get it checked out by a medical professional. Better yet, wear light coloured pants tucked into socks and long sleeves with DEET bug repellent to protect from ticks and other bugs. If bitten, never squeeze a tick, but pull out slowly near head with tweezers (saving it for identification). Slosh area with rubbing alcohol.



**Sauna etiquette:** Make space for everyone on the benches. Stay hydrated and take breaks. Don't track mud into the sauna. No sleeping in the sauna. Use your indoor/sauna voice. Don't pour beer or other weird stuff on the fire.

Call out/kick out creeps. Step up and be a pal if someone seems uncomfortable. Lack of clothes/semi-nudity isn't an invitation to anything. Do not get touchy in the sauna. Remember: no means no, maybe means no, drunk means no, high means no. Heck yes! means yes.

No sexism. No racism. No ableism. No ageism. No classism. No violence. No homophobia. No transphobia. No fatphobia. No hatefulness. Close the dang door.

### **Let's stay safe and play safe!**

At R&S, it is our collective responsibility to keep everyone safe. Again we've partnered with Réseau ACCESS Network, an organization in Sudbury that is dedicated to promoting wellness, harm and risk reduction, and education. We hope that these kits will not be used and that no one puts their life in danger. A reminder that opioids and alcohol are a particularly dangerous combination.

Take action right away should a friend exhibit the following symptoms:

- Can't stay awake, walk, or talk
- Are breathing slowly, or not at all
- Have a limp body
- Not responding to noise, or knuckles being rubbed hard on their breastbone
- Snoring or gurgling sounds
- Pale or blue skin – especially on their nail beds and lips – and they feel cold
- Tiny pupils (pinpoint), or their eyes are rolled back
- Vomiting

**We hope that everyone stays safe and enjoys the festival.**



# LOOKING AFTER OURSELVES & EACH OTHER

## Canadian Paramedic Rescue

Three paramedics will be on hand to help out from Canadian Paramedic Rescue. Look for their tent in Family Camping for minor cuts, scrapes, stings and other ailments.

## Réseau ACCESS Network & Sanctuary

Réseau ACCESS Network is a non-profit, community-based charitable organization, committed to promoting wellness, harm and risk reduction and education. Réseau ACCESS Network supports individuals – and serves the whole community – in a comprehensive / holistic approach to HIV/AIDS, Hep C, Harm Reduction, and related health issues.

During River and Sky, Réseau staff will be available during the day at their tent to connect folks with harm reduction supplies, safer sex supplies, drug testing supplies and answer any related questions.

In the evenings they can be found walking around the festival giving out supplies/snacks/water, helping folks get back to their tents if they are lost, and just being available as support for people if they need some support.

Spot them with their fairy-light wrapped backpacks! Feel free to go over and say hello or grab a snack.

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Naloxone Kits can be found at the First Aid tent and the Staff Cabin. We hope that these kits will not be used and that no one puts their life in danger. A reminder that opioids and alcohol are a particularly dangerous combination. Please alert a volunteer, staff member, or a paramedic right away should a friend exhibit the following symptoms:

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## Safe & Accountable Space

River & Sky has an Anti-Harassment and an Anti-Discrimination policy that applies to everyone. We strive to create a safe and accountable space for all at our festival.

If you experience harassment or discrimination, please reach out immediately to a volunteer or staff member who will bring you to one of our festival leaders to hear your concern and take action.

## THURSDAY

p. 16

MUSIC SCHEDULE

**Afternoon Beach Party –  
Curated by Stereo Ferment**

Legs Florentine is Toronto based DJ, producer and audio engineer Chad Skinner. A lover of house music at its roots, he blends a range of styles including Chicago and Detroit house, jazz, funk, afro, latin and more. He has shared the stage with Uproot Andy, Deer Jade and Ghetto Khumbe and has a slot at renowned Toronto music venue Drom Taberna.

**7 PM** ★ MAIN STAGE**Logan Staats**

In 2018, Mohawk singer-songwriter Logan Staats was chosen from 10,000 contestants vying for a spot on The Launch. Before 1.4 million viewers, Staats won, beginning a breakthrough that would lead him to Nashville and Los Angeles, and to his single “The Lucky Ones” winning the Indigenous Music Award for Best Radio Single.

**8 PM** ★ MAIN STAGE**Tara Kannagara**

JUNO-nominated artist, Tara Kannagara is a second-generation, Sri Lankan-Canadian force of nature, making music that is deeply personal, genre-bending and culture blending. Kannagara has been featured on CBC's The Signal, The Sunday Edition and NPR Tiny Desk with Lido Pimienta.

**9 PM** ★ MAIN STAGE**Choses Sauvages**

Montreal band Choses Sauvages danced us off our feet in 2022 and now they're promising to new heights with their electrifying dance-punk. The band's third album, Choses Sauvages III has been recently nominated to the Polaris Prize long list.

**10 PM** ★ MAIN STAGE**Descartes a Kant**

One of the leading lights of the Mexican experimental underground and an international sensation, Descartes a Kant (Guadalajara, Mexico) combines punk, metal, pop, and shoegaze, and leans into cabaret theatrics. The band's latest album, After Destruction, portrays the psychological distress of a compulsively hyper-communicative but emotionally isolated society.

**11:15 PM** ✨ THRESHOLD**Medussah**

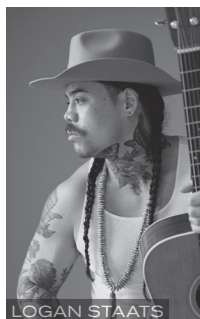
Experimental electronic rock duo Medussah, based in North Bay, ranges from rock to metal to EDM. The band has been featured in festivals around the world including in South America and the UK. They received a platinum medal as semifinalist in the music contest Unsigned Only, in Nashville.

**12 AM** ☾ CAMPFIRE STAGE**Noble Rot**

Noble Rot is the studio project of Alex Edkins (METZ) and Graham Walsh (Holy Fuck). Their debut album, Heavenly Bodies, Repetition, Control, is the culmination of 12 months of feverish studio experimentation, and takes inspiration from film soundtracks, experimental noise, kosmiche muzik, ambient, and psychedelia.

**1 AM** ☾ CAMPFIRE STAGE**Pick a Piper**

Pick a Piper is a Toronto-based genre-fluid live electronic project with producer/drummer Brad Weber and vocalist Sophia Alexandra. Pick a Piper has released three full albums with a new one on the way (Tin Angel Records, UK). You'll also find Brad behind the skins as Caribou's long-time touring drummer and Sophia as the curator of Toronto's Mixology DJ series.



## FRIDAY

p. 16 10 AM ☀ COFFEEHOUSE STAGE

**Spinsey Lohan**

Spinsey Lohan is North Bay's queen of the party, even when the party starts at 10 a.m. Known for her glittery blend of disco, house and campy mash-ups, her sets are a carefully unhinged celebration of sound, sass, and nostalgia.

12:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**Harvey King & The Grindstone**

HKGS is a six piece rock and soul band from Sudbury. Formed in 2019 as a passion project of vocalist Will Himsl and rhythm guitarist Sam King, the band has released three albums to date. HKGS's latest offering, *Wild Card*, came out in June 2024 with another in the works for 2025.

1:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**Softtub**

Softtub is the solo project of multi-instrumentalist Keegan McDonald, who has spent the last decade performing, arranging, and recording music. With his 2023 self-titled EP (which found tips on Exclaim's Eh List, *Some Party*, and *Tinnitist*) followed up by his single "Trading Pieces" released in Nov of 2024, Keegan is eager to bring his songs to life on stage, supported by a supergroup of Sudbury locals

2:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**Baby O**

Baby O blends traditional influences with earnest lyricism to explore themes of personal power and identity. Their debut single, "Love Letter," was hailed as a "guitar-pop anthem" by CBC Music's *Songs You Need to Hear*. The band's latest EP is *Visions I See Clearly*.

3:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**JD Crosstown**

Raised in Neyaashiinigmiing (Chippewas of Nawash Territory), ON, JD Crosstown is a singer-songwriter and guitarist whose work bridges the traditions of folk, country. In May 2025, Crosstown released his debut full-length album, *Takin' My Time*.

7 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Casper Skulls**

Casper Skulls (Sudbury/Toronto) bring their captivating indie noise-pop, along with songs from their newly released third album, *Kit Kat* (Next Door Records) to the mainstage. *Rolling Stone* called it "beautiful indie rock" and NPR said: "This is totally an album I would read again."

8 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Bells Larsen**

Bells Larsen's *Blurring Time* (2025) blends lo-fi indie and folk, exploring self-discovery and change through intimate harmonies, poignant lyrics, and intricate arrangements. Guided by simply "being" as a political act, Larsen's project features voices frozen in time. *Blurring Time* was recently nominated to the Polaris Prize long list.

9 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Tia Wood**

Rising star Tia Wood blends soulful R&B vocals with powerful messages of identity and culture. A Cree and Salish artist from Saddle Lake Cree Nation, she's one of the first Indigenous women signed to Sony Music. With her EP *Pretty Red Bird* earning a 2025 Juno nomination and a growing global fanbase, Tia is shaping the future of Indigenous music.

10 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Shub**

Shub, a Mohawk member of the Six Nations of the Grand River, has been at the forefront of a movement that reshaped the landscape of Indigenous electronic music. Having invented the powwow-step genre and won a JUNO with *A Tribe Called Red*, Shub has spent years blending the ancient rhythms of powwow music with the pulse of modern beats. With *Heritage* (part 1 released in April), Shub points to where Indigenous music is headed.





11:15 PM THRESHOLD

## Blank Hands

Brydon King makes noise under the name Blank Hands. He has been experimenting with sound since he was young, a journey that has led Brydon to be featured at ImagineNative Film and Media Arts Festival, the Up Here Festival and other events in the province.

12 AM CAMPFIRE STAGE

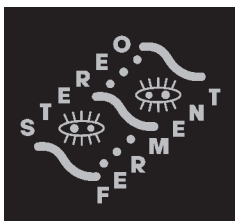
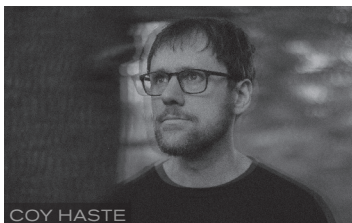
## fauxcils

Sudbury's fauxcils bring their ceramic coldwave/synthwave sound to the forest. The goth pop duo, made up of couple Jenn Herd (vocals) and Dunstan Topp (machines) recently released their debut album, Tears of Paint, likening their performance to a "dark goth dance party."

1 AM CAMPFIRE STAGE

## Gloin

Toronto outfit Gloin "make driving, dark post-punk" (BrooklynVegan), adding noise rock and industrial elements to their music as they tackle themes of bewilderment, dread and anger. The band's latest, All of your anger is actually shame (and I bet that makes you angry), came out in March 2025 via Mothland and has been nominated to the Polaris Prize long-list.



SHUB

23



2 AM @ DANCE PORTAL

## Stereo Ferment: Coy Haste, Sophia Alexandra, Win

Curated by Stereo Ferment and brought to life with immersive design by Studio Nude Beach.

**Coy Haste** – DJ, drummer, and synth nerd, blends electronica and house with traditional percussion, bubblegum bass, found samples, chopped vocals, and a blend of vintage analog synths.

**Sophia Alexandra** – Toronto-based DJ and vocalist who has established herself as a distinctive voice in the electronic music scene.

**Win** – Originally from the East Coast, has spent the last 12 years establishing herself in the Toronto arts scene as a DJ and events programmer.



## SATURDAY

p. 17 10:30 AM ☀ COFFEEHOUSE STAGE

**Rose-Erin Stokes**

Rose-Erin Stokes' music is demonstrative of a songwriting craftsperson at work, with music that connects to the hearts and spirits of all who hear them. Her Sophomore LP, *When The Sun Goes Away*, earned her a nomination for Album of the Year at the Ontario Folk Music Awards.

11:30 AM ✨ THRESHOLD

**Animal Party**

Animal Party is an ethereal, experimental folktronica project combining live harp, haunting vocals, and electronic textures. Rooted in Irish cultural memory and shaped by club sound design, Animal Party conjures ritualistic soundscapes that blur the boundaries between the ancient and the futuristic.

12:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**David Dino White**

David Dino White is a progressive folk rock artist based in North Bay. With over a decade of recording/touring, White has mastered the art of combining various eras and genres of music to create a sound that is equal parts fun, heart-felt, and entirely it's own.

1:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**R.Flex**

R.flex is a bold, unapologetic, self-described "cheeky R&B creator" from Toronto. Blending elements of pop, dance, and house, their music is a vibrant expression of radical self-love, Black queer identity, and the transformative power of movement and voice. Named NOW Toronto's Artist to Watch in 2022.

2:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**Orbital Ensemble**

Toronto's Orbital Ensemble creates an immersive fusion of psychedelic grooves and jazz melodies influenced by Música Popular Brasileira (MPB). The eight-piece band is headed up by multi-instrumentalist Felipe Sena, a Brazilian-Canadian. The band's debut album, *Orbital*, came out in spring of 2025.

3:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**Cootie Catcher**

Toronto-based indie pop group cootie catcher is rooted in the city's DIY scene, where their self-described "indietronica" sound first began to take shape. Lyrically, they focus on the everyday feeling awkward, overthinking, and figuring stuff out. Their newly released EP, *Shy at First*, carries that same vibe.

7 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Thea May**

Thea May is an Anishnawbe artist from Atikameksheng Anishnawbek, near Sudbury, who was recently signed with Ishkodé Records. An emo kid at heart, she creates music out of necessity, driven by raw emotion and instinct. Her debut EP, *Brought to You by Tragedy*, tapping into a sound she describes as "grief-rage."

8 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**The Lionyls**

This rock and soul outfit based in Ottawa has the ability to make audiences move, inspired by rhythm & blues, funk, soul, and rock & roll traditions. The Lionyls have released two full-length studio albums, with a new one in the works for 2025, and has performed at key events like the Ottawa Bluesfest, NXNE, Canadian Music Week, The Grey Cup, and Ottawa Jazz Festival.



9 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

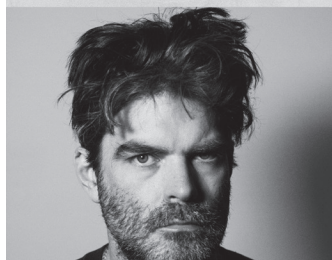
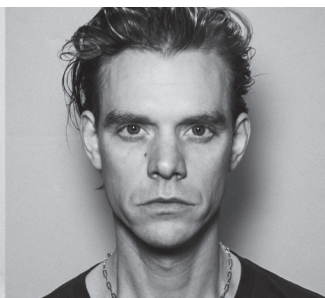
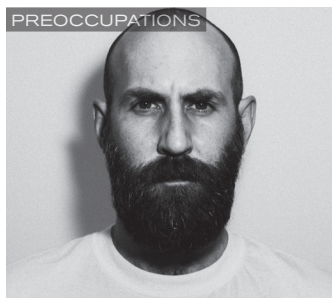
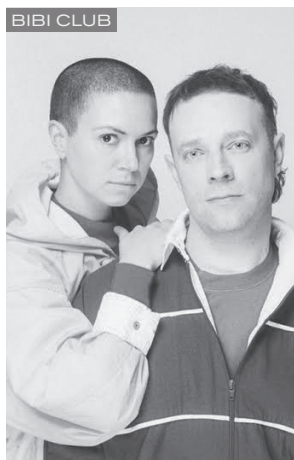
**Bibi Club**

Montreal-based duo Bibi Club make indie dream pop. Real-life couple, Nicolas Basque and Adèle Trottier-Rivard, met while performing in Plants and Animals. Their second album, *Feu de garde*, was described by Exclaim! as “one of 2024’s must-hear strokes of genius, crossing linguistic borders” and recently nominated for the Polaris Prize short-list.

10 PM ★ MAIN STAGE

**Preoccupations**

Calgary-based Preoccupations headline the Saturday night with their post-punk sound. Having toured extensively across North America and Europe, the group has built a reputation for intense, captivating live performances and a sound that is loud, full of energy, and constantly evolving. The band’s fifth studio album, *Ill at Ease*, came out in May to critical acclaim.



11:15 PM ♦♦ THRESHOLD

**Jenna Seppa**

She’s your franco-ontarienne drag queen and DJ extraordinaire, crash landing from Sturgeon Falls. Since Jenna Seppa’s début in Toronto, she has graced stages all over Ontario and Canada. Her style transports the audience through a time-distorting journey of the senses. What does she do, exactly? Je ne sais pas! (but you love it!)

12 AM ☾ CAMPFIRE STAGE

**Slash Need**

Think one part dancefloor, one part fever dream. Slash Need is a Toronto-based industrial act pushing the boundaries of live music. Describing themselves as a “dance music performance art group,” their mantra is “punk, sin, sit and grin.” Led by musicians Dusty Lee and Alex Low, with dancers Stella and Camille, their performances are immersive, theatrical, and unrelenting.

1 AM ☾ CAMPFIRE STAGE

**DijahSB**

Rapper DijahSB’s album, *Head Above the Waters*, was shortlisted for the 2021 Polaris Music Prize. Blending a smooth flow, sharp lyricism, and laid-back confidence, DijahSB is one of the most exciting voices in hip-hop today. Their unique voice has drawn praise from NPR and Pitchfork, and even a shoutout from Kid Cudi.

2 AM @ DANCE PORTAL

**Stereo Ferment: Oreku, Rata and Trustfall**

**Oreku** – Originally from Australia but now Toronto based, crafts a sound rooted in the cultural intersections of dance music.

**Rata** – Hailing from Chile, is a Toronto based DJ, trans and non-binary who weaves together melodic sounds and danceable textures with references to queer iconography that have influenced his path.

**Trustfall** – A Toronto-based digger, DJ, artist, radio host and organizer, has a soft spot for eclectic, left-handed selections and oddball psychedelia across all genres. They organize Freakers Corner at Bampot House in Toronto.



## SUNDAY

p. 17 10:30 AM ☀ COFFEEHOUSE STAGE

**R&S Rise & Shine Open Mic**

Bring your voice, your guitar and any other instrument to our inaugural Open Mic. Everyone welcome!

11:30 AM ✨ THRESHOLD

**Green Jaguars**

Green Jaguars is Sudbury artist Oli Palkovits' latest endeavor. Known as the songwriter/ frontman Will Powers, his foray into electronic music recently led to a residency with La Slague. His work focuses on live improvisation with textural compositions.

12:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**Jenina MacGillivray**

Newfoundland's Jenina MacGillivray is a musician and filmmaker whose songs are deeply rooted in Atlantic Canada. She'll be joined by partner José Contreras (By Divine Right). Her debut album, Marion, won Music NL's Factor Album of the Year, Female Artist of the Year, and her next album Perseids (2024) also came out to critical acclaim.

1:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**Kate Maki**

Sudbury's Kate Maki returns with her seventh studio album Impossible Knot, combining country, folk, rock, blues, and soul. Her records have won Album of the Year at the Northern Ontario Music & Film Awards, and her songs are heard in films/TV shows like Weirdsville, Hard Rock, Medical, and Wilby Wonderful, and played on CBC and NPR.

2:30 PM 🌊 BEACH STAGE

**By Divine Right**

Headliner By Divine Right is led by Chilean-born José Miguel Contreras, known for his psych-infused art-pop songwriting. The group has a discography spanning over two decades and has been a staple of Canada's indie rock scene since the '90s. By Divine Right released their ninth studio album OTTO MOTTO (2022) to glowing reviews, continuing a long tradition of genre-blending songwriting.



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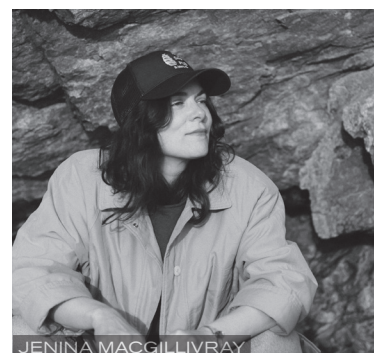
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# MERCH BOOTH

RIVER & SKY IS PROUD TO PRESENT THE WORK OF ILLUSTRATOR MORGAN KAGESHEONGAI ON THIS YEAR'S POSTER, PROGRAM AND MERCH.

Morgan is an Anishinaabe Ojibwe Two-Spirit from Whitefish River First Nation living and working as an illustrator in Toronto. They are a multidisciplinary artist and instructor with over a decade of experience in the field with a penchant for the old, the retro and the anachronistic.

Thanks to a sponsorship with Brantford Apparel, Morgan's work is featured on this year's hoodies, t-shirt and joggers. You'll also find some great merch from years past including the hand thrown tumblers by Marnie Cassio and designs by Corbin Elliot.

Looking for your favourite band's t-shirt and vinyl? The Merch Booth sells all the band merch as well.

## Learn more about Morgan's design:

"The original prompt for the work was 'Roots, Revival, Reset' and none of these things happen without water. I designed the background to frame the reflection of the moon in the water, which acts as the transforming body in bringing light into the root structure of the design.

It was also important to create a design that represents the historical context of the festival in addition to its future. I settled on a symbiotic relationship between something old and something new in the root structure.

The smooth rose, native to this area, represents the end of our festival's life-cycle. Blossoms are the fruit of living's labor, and the last celebration of its life before it winters ... The water runs swiftly, but when we connect to it, we are connected to all things together, always moving, always changing, always renewing."

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Réseau ACCESS Network is a non-profit, community-based charitable organization based in Sudbury, committed to promoting wellness, harm and risk reduction and education.

### Clickfork.ca

Click Fork is an online farmer's market purchasing and selling local farms and artisanal products based in Northeastern Ontario to make local food more accessible through several free drop-off locations and home delivery services in Sudbury, North Bay, West Nipissing, French River, and surrounding areas.

### Access In Excess

Strives to help create more inclusive and accessible music experiences for people to enjoy. Access will be auditing our 2025 festival to help create one that is even more accessible next year.

### Stereo Ferment

Stereo Ferment is an artist run record label based in Toronto focusing on the cross cultural fermentation of psych-tropical, dub-boogie-disco, house and afrocentric inspired grooves.

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