

# Summer Music in the Garden

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## WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

This free, lakeside concert series brings multicultural music to Toronto's iconic Music Garden. It promotes community connection, sensory enjoyment, and cultural discovery in a relaxed, outdoor setting, featuring 18 performances by JUNO-winning Canadian and international artists

## TIME

- 1 hour per performance
- Add 15–30 minutes before/after for arrival, settling in, and breaks

## MATERIALS

- Blanket or low lawn chair
- Water bottle, light snack
- Comfortable layered clothing (evenings may cool)
- Bug spray, sunscreen, hat
- Sensory supports: noise-cancelling headphones, sunglasses, fidget toy
- Flashlight or phone light for dusk departure



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## INSTRUCTIONS

1. Select a performance that fits your group's interests or sensory preferences.
2. Arrive 15–30 minutes early to find seating and settle in.
3. Set up your area, use any sensory items, and enjoy the environment.
4. During the concert, listen, gently move to the music, and celebrate.
5. Take breaks as needed—stretch, walk, or use quiet zones.
6. After the show, pack up and leave slowly—it might be crowded.

## RESOURCES

- <https://harbourfrontcentre.com/series/summer-music-in-the-garden-2025/>

## SUPPORTS NEEDED

- Visual schedule: with performance date, time, symbols, and location
- Verbal cueing: e.g., “Music starting in 5 min,” “Time to clap”
- Sensory tools: headphones, sunglasses, seats near edges for easy exit
- Physical help: carrying items, spreading blanket, smooth route navigation

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- Social guides: quiet voices during music, appropriate applause
- Break plan: safe route for walking away if overwhelmed
- One-on-one support for orientation and transitions
- Praise and reinforcement: acknowledge participation and effort

## OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

- Location: Toronto Music Garden, 479 Queens Quay West, Harbourfront Centre
- Seating: lawn, limited benches—bring your own blanket or low chair
- Fully accessible, with reserved spots for wheelchair users, public transit access (509/510 streetcar), and washrooms
- Event schedule is for 2025
  - Future years may have different dates, times and performances