



# ROYAL NOVA SCOTIA INTERNATIONAL tattoo

## Special Scenes of 250<sup>TH</sup> & 100<sup>TH</sup> Anniversaries

The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo is back June 30th to July 3rd at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax! Fun family entertainment awaits—kids 18 and under get in free with the purchase of adult/senior tickets.

The Tattoo's theme, OCEANS, celebrates the province's deep connection to the sea and how our stories and traditions are defined by maritime history. Special scenes include tributes to the 250th anniversary of the Ship Hector and the 100th anniversary of the Naval Reserve.

The Tattoo is welcoming performing groups from around the world to this year's show: Australia, Germany, South Korea, Switzerland, the United Kingdom and the United States are all appearing in the 2023 Tattoo.

These include fan favourite performers like Top Secret Drum Corps from Switzerland and the United States Air Force Honor Guard drill team.

Last in Halifax in 2014, Top Secret Drum Corps nearly blew the roof off the Scotiabank Centre with their quick, explosive, and entertaining drum medleys. Based in Basel, Switzerland, this drum corps have delighted audiences around the world—and, since coming back from the pan-

dem, have performed at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo, the Basel Tattoo, and Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee celebrations at Windsor Castle.

The United States Air Force Honor Guard are returning to Halifax with their precise and astonishing drill routine! The USAF Honor Guard is the premier drill team in America, and their work at Arlington National Cemetery includes performing military honors for over 1,000 funerals each year; in addition to the 2,000 ceremonial events they support each year.

One of the world's top military bands, the Band of His Majesty's Royal Marines, Collingwood, from the United Kingdom is also returning. This top band was last here in 1997, and performs around the world, and frequently performs for royalty and other high-profile guests. Their music has millions of streams on popular music streaming services. As members of the Royal Marines, they also undertake operational military duties when not performing.

South Korea is represented at the Tattoo this year by the Republic of Korea Navy Band. The Band serves as a channel, utilizing the power of music to connect between individuals and the Navy, as well as between the Republic of Korea and the global community. Their scene features tradi-

tional Korean music and their brass band to celebrate the enduring friendship between Canada and Korea. The band was formed 77 years ago and makes their Tattoo debut this summer!

From down under, the Brisbane Boys' College Pipe Band from Australia makes their Nova Scotia Tattoo debut this summer. They performed at the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo in 2022. The Pipe Band dates back to 1940 and its members perform at campus events and in the wider community. The Pipe Band members sport the Ancient Hunting MacLean, incorporating the College colours green, white and black.

Canadian performers include Alan Syliboy & The Thundermakers, headlined by one of the most famous indigenous artists in the world, and Serpentine Studios Entertainment.

Alan Syliboy & The Thundermakers have performed with Symphony Nova Scotia multiple times as part of its Fusion and Pjila's Sessions, and frequently blends music with art, storytelling, spoken word and indigenous dancers to deliver mesmerizing live performances around the Maritimes.

Syliboy has been short-listed for the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia Masterworks Arts Award several times, received the Queens Golden Jubilee Medal,

and was the Halifax Public Libraries' Artist & Innovator in Residence, Fall 2022. He has worked with the Vancouver 2010 Olympics among other high-profile organizations.

Serpentine Studios Entertainment creates dazzling entertainment for events; showcasing the talent of a wide network of local performing artists since 2007. Under the direction of Laura Selenzi, Serpentine Studios is a prominent force in the arts community known for visually stunning work in circus arts, dance, and specialty entertainment.

And of course, favourites like the Tattoo Massed Pipes & Drums, the Tattoo Highland Dance Team, the Tattoo Choir—celebrating its 40th anniversary this year—and many more standards will be a part of this year's show.

In addition to its show programming, the Tattoo will also welcome the Canadian Forces Snowbirds as part of its Canada Day showcase. The CF Snowbirds will soar over the skies of the Halifax Harbour at noon on July 1st, making their first Nova Scotian appearance in three years.

The Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo is the world's largest annual indoor show, and it returns June 30-July 3, 2023, at the Scotiabank Centre in Halifax, celebrating OCEANS.

Tickets are available exclusively through the Ticket Atlantic Box Office online, and more information can be found on the Tattoo's website. Kids 18 and under are free!

The Tattoo is proudly supported by the Canadian Armed Forces, the Province of Nova Scotia, the Government of Canada, Halifax Regional Municipality, and corporate partners.



The Art of the Craft Market held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Truro, on Saturday June 24, attracted a large crowd and featured quality, unique work by local Artisans. Belmont Wild, a local artisan group participated. Pictured are the ladies from Belmont Wild, Sara Densmore, (L); Carrie Densmore and Brooke Densmore, (R). The ladies design and create jewelry, pottery and seasonal flowers. (D Brown Photo)

## Government Supports Public Transportation Across Province

By Maurice Rees

Colchester and Cumberland public transportation services have been awarded \$380,103 out of a total of \$5.1-Million being invested by the province to help municipalities and community organizations purchase vehicles, support operations and planning and make transportation more accessible. Twenty-nine municipalities and community organizations across the province will receive funding this fiscal year.

Under the Community Transportation Assistance Program, Colchester Transportation Co-operative Ltd., received \$172,492, while Cumberland County Transportation Society receives \$146,360. Nearby East Hants Community Rider received \$105,365.

Colchester Transportation Co-operative Ltd., is \$46,251 richer through the Accessible

Transportation Assistance Program. Town of Stewiacke will receive \$15,000 through the Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program.

The Community Transportation Assistance Program is providing almost \$2 million in operating funding to 21 door-to-door community transportation services. The Public Transit Assistance Program is providing \$2.9 million to nine municipalities and community organizations providing fixed-route transit services; the funding is for capital purchases such as new buses.

The Accessible Transportation Assistance Program is providing nearly \$200,000 to buy or modify accessible vehicles. The Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program is providing more than \$68,000 to help assess the need for, and develop, transit services in rural areas and underserved urban areas.

# CANADA DAY

*FREE Concert in Civic Square*  
with Farewell Town

4:00PM - 5:00PM <b>BRIGID TRIO</b>	7:00PM - 8:30PM <b>FAREWELL TOWN</b>
5:00PM - 6:15PM <b>HEIGHT REQUIREMENTS</b>	8:35PM - 9:10PM <b>SUNRISE SCOUTS - FIRST NATIONS</b>
6:15PM - 6:55PM <b>OPENING REMARKS</b>	9:10PM - 9:30PM <b>THE MACREADY BROTHERS - AFRICAN NOVA SCOTIAN</b>
6:55PM <b>O'CANADA BY TRURO YOUTH SINGERS</b>	10:00PM <b>FIREWORKS FROM COLCHESTER LEGION STADIUM</b>

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