



# REGISTRATION GUIDE

2024





Hello wonderful teachers!

We're super pumped to invite you and your students to join the fun at the 2024 Children's Festival of Saskatchewan on June 6th and 7th, 2024 at Kinsmen Park in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan!

We're looking forward to having you join us for the good times and great learning, with awe-inspiring performances, hands-on workshops, and lots of activities that'll blow your students' minds. We've cooked up a mix of shows and workshops that sneak in some learning while your students are having a blast. This festival celebrates different cultures in a variety of amazing performances. Your students will get a taste of the dynamic diversity in our community.

To make things easy, we've developed this registration guide that is available to you before our registration opens. In here you'll find all the details that outline your attendance at the festival, as well as a sneak peek of the amazing performances to look forward to this year!

Check out all the details on our website <https://childrensfestsk.ca> or message Olivia Johnston, our Classroom and Community Coordinator, at [schools@childrensfestsk.ca](mailto:schools@childrensfestsk.ca).

Thanks for being awesome, educators! We can't wait to see you and your crew at the 2024 Children's Festival of Saskatchewan for days packed with learning and laughs.

Keep playing,

*Kayla Rouke*

**CHILDREN'S  
FESTIVAL  
OF SASKATCHEWAN**

# GENERAL INFORMATION

The Children's Festival of Saskatchewan is back June 6th to 9th, 2024! That means classrooms will be able to book their favourite field trip of the year for Thursday, June 6th or Friday, June 7th, 2024! Classroom registration begins March 11th, 2024 and will remain open until April 30th, 2024. Completing the Registration Form reserves a space for your chosen performances, but please keep in mind that some performances and workshops have limited space, so please complete the form early to ensure your spot! The link to this Registration Form will be emailed, and available on our website.



Registering is the first step to receiving your tickets. Given the limited space in the Big Top Tent, reservations for scheduled performances and activities are given on a first-come, first-served basis. Therefore, it is advisable for all teachers to complete the Registration Form as soon as possible to ensure they secure their desired slots.

Completing the form should take around 10 minutes, and reading this guide in advance should help streamline the registration process. You will need to provide necessary information about your class and school, class size and number of chaperones. As well, you will indicate your preferred performances along with dates and times you would like to attend the Festival.

Once the Registration Form is successfully submitted, you will receive your ticket and payment instructions via email within 3 business days. It's important to keep an eye on your inbox following registration completion, as these instructions will allow you to secure your tickets. For any inquiries or assistance regarding the registration process, please feel free to reach out to the Classroom Coordinator via email at [schools@childrensfestsk.ca](mailto:schools@childrensfestsk.ca).

# DAILY SCHEDULE & BUS INFO

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School-day performances will run from 10:00 am to 2:45 pm Thursday, June 6th and Friday, June 7th.

Classes are advised to plan their arrival 15 to 30 minutes before their first scheduled performance to ensure ample time for settling in. It's important to note on the Registration Form if your group will be arriving outside of the suggested window of 9:30 am or departing after 2:45 pm, as this helps organizers accommodate varying arrival and departure times.



In terms of transportation, classes will receive detailed information in May regarding bus schedules and booking procedures. We will provide staggered times for arrival and departure which should be communicated when booking a bus. This ensures a smooth arrival and departure for everyone. Teachers are in charge of booking their own buses and providing this information to the Classroom Coordinator. Stay tuned for your scheduled time and more information about booking buses.

Alternatively, classes have the option to utilize city transit, bike, or walk to the festival venue, which you can indicate on the form.

For classrooms in Saskatoon, please see details regarding City of Saskatoon Transit options: <https://transit.saskatoon.ca/class-trips>

# TICKET & PAYMENT INFORMATION

Tickets are priced at \$10 per person - including all students, teachers, and chaperones. The Children's Festival offers two complimentary adult chaperone tickets for adult use only. These adult chaperone tickets cannot be used as student tickets. It's important to note that all attendees, including teachers and any chaperones accompanying the class, must purchase a ticket for entry. When entering ticket numbers into the form, include all totals, including the tickets needed for the two provided chaperone tickets. The payment amount will compensate for the two complimentary adult chaperone tickets.

Payment can be made via credit card, e-transfer, or cheque. Instructions for paying for tickets will be provided via email after completing the Registration Form. After completing the Registration Form please keep an eye on your emails for purchasing instructions to secure your tickets. Payment must be made by May 15th, 2024. We will not finalize reservations until payment has been successfully processed. This payment deadline ensures that arrangements can be made efficiently and accurately, guaranteeing a smooth experience for all attendees at the festival.



# SCHOOL OUTREACH PROGRAM

The Children's Festival of Saskatchewan is committed to ensuring accessibility for all students. To facilitate this, we offer a School Outreach Program designed to support classrooms who might face barriers to participation. Through this program, eligible classes may receive sponsored tickets and/or a bus subsidy to assist with transportation costs. We understand the importance of providing equal opportunities for all students to engage in enriching cultural experiences, and our outreach program aims to make this possible.

While we strive to accommodate all schools in need through our School Outreach Program, we may not have the resources to provide full support to all classes who may request support. Our team works diligently to allocate resources effectively in a fair manner, but additional tickets may need to be purchased depending on demand and available resources. We encourage classrooms facing financial challenges to reach out and apply for assistance using the Registration Form.

To aid us in raising the required funds for our School Outreach Program, please consider sharing our Fund-a-Class Donation page!  
<https://bit.ly/fund-a-class-2024>



# BLUE SKY STAGE

## KARIMA ESSA: BOLLYWOOD STAR

Thursday and Friday  
English  
Ideal Grades: Any

In her trademark charming and humorous style, award-winning Bollywood dancer and choreographer Karima Essa showcases Bollywood dance as a fun cultural art form by opening with an electrifying dance in full regalia. She'll then lead a fun and engaging dance workshop to inspire people of all ages and abilities to get up and dance along with her. You'll learn the basic elements of Bollywood dance, including signature neck and head movements, facial expressions and foot and hand movements, to current Bollywood hits, while using props such as scarves or dandiya sticks.



## MAHIHKANAK DANCE TROUPE

Thursday and Friday  
English  
Ideal Grades: Any

mahihkanak Dance Troupe, from Saskatoon's own St. Frances Cree Bilingual School, is a celebration of Indigenous youth and culture. Students from grades 6 to 9 bring their cultural form of expression in various categories: traditional, grass dance, jingle dress, fancy bustle, fancy shawl and chicken dance.

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## CIRCUS ARTS SHOW: TBA



# BLUE SKY STAGE

## BOW TIE GUY & MZ. MUZIK

Thursday Only  
English  
Ideal Grades: Pre-K to 2

This engaging musical activity show is a vibrant family-friendly event! Hosted by BOW TIE GUY, or both BOW TIE GUY and Mz. Muzik the show uses songs from Ty the T-REX, as well as familiar traditional songs which engages children ages 3-7. Families find the show amusing, fun and tuneful.



## ROBIN LAYNE: JOURNEY INTO RHYTHM

Friday Only  
English  
Ideal Grades: Any

Journey into Rhythm is an interactive musical show designed for young audiences where the students get to join the band and learn how to keep a beat by making music on marimbas and percussion. Robin Layne is a world-renowned performing artist and educator and brings his passion for rhythm and young folks to bear in this high-energy show. The performance features the marimba, the big cousin to the xylophone, and takes kids on a journey around the globe, as it follows Robin on his travels to Cuba, West Africa, Mexico and Colombia.





# BIG TOP TENT

## WILL ET SEEKA: FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE

Thursday and Friday  
English and French (bilingual)  
Ideal Grades: Pre-K to 3



JUNO-nominated Will's Jams and WCMA-nominated Seeka Sings – are nationally recognized musicians and educators who both have a passion for music, languages, and childhood education. During the pandemic they collaborated to produce two albums, "Will et Seeka: Amis avec tout le monde" released in 2022, and the English version, "Will and Seeka: Friends with Everyone," to be released this February! Through sing-along choruses in English and French, actions and movement, their musical show is guaranteed to entertain and engage young kids and their families. Will and Seeka are accompanied by a talented band in this energetic and educational show, which features songs about colours, days of the week, weather, food, animals, family and friends, the alphabet and movement. Kids will leave the show with these joyous songs in their hearts and a skip in their step.

## YASSAMA AND THE BEADED CALABASH

Thursday: French, Friday: English  
Ideal Grades: Pre-K to 4

Yassama and the Beaded Calabash is the story of a young girl who, with the help of the old Baobab tree, saves her village from drought and delivers a powerful lesson about the importance of respecting and honouring Mother Earth. Acclaimed artist Lua Shayenne weaves vibrant dance and music with engaging storytelling in an interactive performance created especially for young children. Developed with the support of the WeeFestival of Arts and Culture for Early Years and Theatre francais de Toronto.



# WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

The Children's Festival of Saskatchewan has a variety of interactive on-site activities that classes can attend on a drop-in basis, including Hedge Maze, Childhood Around the World Stage, MuseumLand, and much much more! Check out our website for more info as it is updated. We will send a map with all venue locations closer to the Festival.

In order to reduce time waiting in lines, some activities can be scheduled in your Registration Form. Your performance schedule will include your chosen activity times as well. Below is a description of the activities that require pre-registration.



## Music Workshops

### **Thursday: Kazoo Workshop with BowTie Guy & Mz. Muzik**

Join BOW TIE GUY and Mz. Muzik for a playful session where children can learn to create fun tunes with this unique instrument. No experience needed just bring your enthusiasm and get ready to hum, buzz, and create lasting musical memories together!

### **Friday: Marimba Workshop with Robin Layne**

Robin Layne is a world-renowned performing artist and educator and brings his passion for rhythm and young folks to this very special workshop. Get mega musical in this marimba moment!

# WORKSHOPS & ACTIVITIES

## ASL with Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

Thursday & Friday

Join SDHHS and learn some American Sign Language (ASL)! Learn some basics of communicating without verbal speech!



## Nutrien Fossil Find

Thursday & Friday

Dig through time with this festival fan-favourite! Find real fossils and shark's teeth that are millions of years old in this exploration adventure!

## Seed Survivor

Thursday & Friday

Get growing with Seed Survivor! Seed Survivor is a free curriculum-based program that teaches elementary children about plants and the importance of agriculture. Take home your very own plant at the end!



## SEED SURVIVOR



## DANCELAND

## DanceLand Workshops

Thursday & Friday

Move to the music in Dance Land! Get grooving with talented dancers and make your festival time, dance party time!