

CULTURE DAYS

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Background

- Culture Days is a national celebration of arts and culture
- For three weeks starting near the end of each September, people attend free participatory arts and culture events across the country both in-person and online
- Programs invite the public to get hands-on and behind-the-scenes to highlight the importance of arts and culture in our communities.

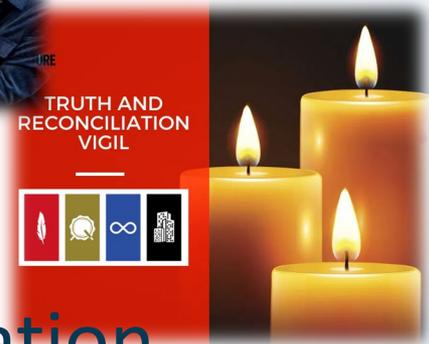
Culture Days 2025

- September 19 - October 12
- The national mission is to:
 - SPARK creativity.
 - BUILD community.
 - CELEBRATE nationally.
- National and Provincial Culture Days organizations lead marketing campaigns and promote eligible events
- Eligible events are:
 - Participatory
 - Take place between Sept 19 & Oct 12
 - Free
 - Hosted by a Canadian-based organization or individual



Annual Programming

- Flag raising September 19 @ 1 PM
- Culture Night Out
- Walking Tours
- The Steel Spirit Gallery
- Calls for programming
- National Day for Truth and Reconciliation



Previous/Annual Partners

- Barrie Public Library
- MacLaren Art Centre
- Barrie Farmers Market
- Barrie Public Art Committee
- Downtown Barrie
- Tourism Barrie
- UPLift Black
- Talk is Free Theatre



What to Expect This Year

- Dozens of events and activities over three weeks
- Collaborations between businesses and artists
- Networking event – Culture Night Out
- New: Doors Open Barrie on September 27
- Partner programming

How you can help

- Help promote the call for activity providers once it goes live
- Suggest ideas for programming and partners
- Attend the Culture Night Out – date TBD
 - Recommend venues/artists for that event
- New: Doors Open Barrie on September 27
 - Recommend sites

Thank you!

Discussion