

Yukon's first dedicated art & music festival for children!

Augusto!

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

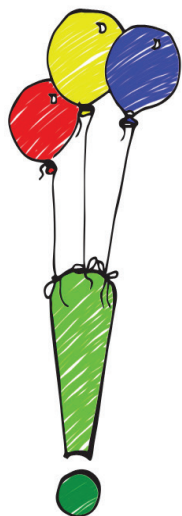


August 7 - 9, 2026

St. Elias Convention Centre
Haines Junction, Yukon



WELCOME!



Dazhāw and welcome to the seventh annual Augusto! Children's Festival!!! We acknowledge that this activity is on the land of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and we are grateful to be holding this event in their traditional territory. Whether you are a child, family, volunteer or presenter, we have a full slate of activities planned and hope you have a great weekend!

Plan to eat at the festival - there will be a nut free Kid's Café with healthy snacks and lunch operating in the Atrium throughout the day Saturday and until 1 p.m. on Sunday, with space for parents and kids to have lunch, grab a drink and relax. The café is part of Augusto! fundraising and helps us to keep ticket prices low! The Augusto! Children's Festival strives to be a zero waste event with stations for compost and recycling. No bottled water or other bottled products will be sold on site so be sure to bring your own water bottle! And remember – all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Check out www.augustokids.ca for festival updates and information on how to purchase weekend passes. Be sure to sign up for workshops at the same time, as workshop spaces are limited!

Weekend passes are \$40 for ages 5-12 and include the following:

- Friday night dance with Bingo Bongo Boogie Band
- Saturday night show with Kellie Haines Ventriloquist opening for Luminarium
- Up to six one hour workshops Saturday daytime and Sunday morning
- Sunday Festival Finale Show – Kellie Haines Ventriloquist
- Plus a \$5.00 credit at the Kid's Cafe in the Atrium

Weekend passes are \$25 for ages 2-4 and include the following:

- Friday night dance with Bingo Bongo Boogie Band
- Saturday night show with Kellie Haines Ventriloquist opening for Luminarium
- Access to Toddler Town – Saturday daytime and Sunday morning - structured activities, snacks, roving performers, short concerts and the amazing cardboard village!
- Sunday Festival Finale Show – Kellie Haines Ventriloquist

Tickets for the Saturday night show for youth and adults will be available at the festival. Tickets for ages 13 plus are \$15, cash or etransfer only.



Organization Information

The mandate of the Augusto! Children's Festival Society is to create an art and music festival that celebrates children while providing a community event that fosters, expands and promotes an interest in art and music. It is an opportunity for children 12 and under and their adults to experience a variety of art and music activities, through shows and workshops led by professional artists. All festival activities will take place in the St. Elias Convention Centre and the Bill Brewster Arena Lobby and Mezzanine.

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Your comments and suggestions for future festivals are welcome and essential – please feel free to approach any of our board members over the weekend or email us at **augustofestival@gmail.com**

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PERFORMING ARTS - SHOWS & WORKSHOPS

Southern Tutchone Song and Dance with the Dakwākāda Dancers

Based in Haines Junction, the Dakwākāda Dancers have been teaching young people in Southern Tutchone and Tlingit cultures through the tradition of song and dance for more than 30 years. This inclusive group of dancers ranging in age from very young to adult, keep Southern Tutchone culture alive and vibrant by continuing to pass traditions down from generation to generation. Each song is introduced with its origin and story, giving context to what is being shared. The Dakwākāda Dancers will open the festival on Friday afternoon.

Luminarium by Cause and Effect Theatre

Developed for the 2025 Vancouver International Children's Festival, Luminarium is a visually striking, wordless circus theatre experience blending juggling, physical comedy, and inventive stagecraft. Set in a hopeful solarpunk future, two workers arrive to restore a forgotten facility—but their mission unravels into play, discovery, and unexpected transformation. As systems fail, imagination takes over, leading to the discovery of a new kind of energy born from curiosity and connection. Playful, poetic, and accessible to all ages, Luminarium invites audiences into a luminous world where the future isn't fixed—



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it's something we can reimagine together. Take this opportunity to learn from true professionals and sign up for a Balancing Objects Workshop! Can you balance the impossible? In this fun and interactive workshop, you will learn how to balance objects through games, challenges, and circus-inspired activities. Participants will build focus, coordination, patience, and confidence while discovering the science and magic behind balance. This playful workshop encourages creativity, problem-solving, and plenty of moments of success. www.causeeffectcircus.ca

Puppet Making with Kellie Haines Ventriloquist

We are very pleased to welcome Kellie Haines Ventriloquist back to Haines Junction. Kellie started talking to her stuffed animals at an early age and when she was 8 years old they started talking back! A multi-talented entertainer with a background in theatre, clowning and singing, Kellie's shows are hilarious and her technical skills invite audiences to experience storytelling in a unique and magical way. Kellie will be our opening act on Saturday night and on Sunday, we will close out the festival with her 45 minute show *A Birdy Told Me So!* Kellie will also offer two one hour Puppet Making Workshops on Saturday – a chance to create your very own puppet but be careful – it might even talk back! www.kelliehaines.com



AUGUSTO! SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 7, 2026						
Time (PM)	Grand Hall	Display Area	Council Chambers	Foyer	Downstairs Office	Arena Lobby
5:30-6:00	Dakwākāda Dancers Festival Opening					
6:00-7:00	Bingo Bongo Boogie Band Family Dance					
Saturday, August 8, 2026						
Time	Grand Hall	Display Area	Foyer	Downstairs Office	Council Chambers	Arena Lobby
10:00-11:00	Balancing Objects Cause and Effect Circus Ages 8-12	Hanging Around Martha Ritchie All Ages	Stories in a Can Janet Patterson All Ages		Puppet Making Kellie Haines Ventriloquist Ages 5-7	
11:30-12:30	Balancing Objects Cause and Effect Circus Ages 5-7	Hanging Around Martha Ritchie All Ages	Stories in a Can Janet Patterson All Ages	Ice Worms Karrie Brown All Ages	Fine Feather Crafts Christa Egli Ages 10-12	
12:30-2:00	Lunch and Play Break					
2:00-3:00	Splash of Imagination Mural Katherine LeBlanc All Ages	Owl Zipper Pulls Lara Melnik All Ages	Needle Felted Cards Shiela Alexandrovich Ages 5-7		Puppet Making Kellie Haines Ventriloquist Ages 8-12	Robo Rescue Mission Robotics North Ages 5-7
3:30-4:30	Splash of Imagination Mural Katherine LeBlanc All Ages	Owl Zipper Pulls Lara Melnik All Ages	Needle Felted Cards Shiela Alexandrovich Ages 8-12	Ice Worms Karrie Brown All Ages	Fine Feather Crafts Christa Egli Ages 7-9	Medieval Times Robotics North Ages 8-12

Check In &
Registration
In the Foyer!

Workshops
are for ages
5-12

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SNACKS

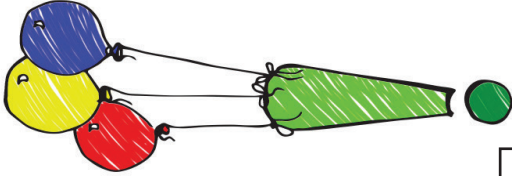
AT THE

KID'S

CAFE!

4:30-6:30	Afternoon Break	
6:30-8:00	Luminarium by Cause & Effect Circus with opening act Kellie Haines Ventriloquist	Saturday night's feature performance is open to the whole community! Saturday's show is free with festival pass. Advance purchase on Saturday or at the door, it's \$5 for kids or \$15 for ages 13+

Sunday, August 9, 2026						
Time	Grand Hall	Display Area	Foyer	Downstairs Office	Council Chambers	Arena Lobby
10:00-11:00		Put your Stamp On It Martha Ritchie All Ages	Botanical Bath Bombs Raven Padmos Ages 5-7	Ice Worms Karrie Brown All Ages	Fine Feather Crafts Christa Egli Ages 10-12	Robo Rescue Mission Robotics North Ages 5-7
11:30-12:30		Put your Stamp On It Martha Ritchie All Ages	Botanical Bath Bombs Raven Padmos Ages 8-12	Ice Worms Karrie Bown All Ages	Fine Feather Crafts Christa Egli Ages 7-9	Catapult Kingdom Build & Conquer Robotics North Ages 5-7
1:15-2:00	Kellie Haines Ventriloquist A Birdie Told Me So Theatre Show					



TODDLER TOWN

in the mezzanine!



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Friday Night Dance with the Bingo Bongo Boogie Band

The Bingo Bongo Boogie Band is the Yukon's ultimate children's and family friendly band. The band plays original children's music and kids' favourites, original pop and rock as well as classic pop, country and rock covers that appeal to all ages. Lead singer Michael Brooks and the versatile musicians in the Bingo Bongo Boogie Band do it all with style and flair. Lots of children's participation in the show as the children are called to play rhythm instruments and act out dramatic roles during the show. Songs like the Polar Bear Polka, Greta the Grouch and Buffalo Bob's Big Beef Burgers on a Bun have delighted children and parents in the Yukon and across Canada for more than twenty years.

VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOPS

HangingAround! with Martha Ritchie

Do you love keeping company with fairies? Yes?! Then join Marty Ritchie as she leads participants in bending, twisting, sticking, stitching and imagining. We will transform wire, curtain rings, beads, brightly coloured string, and textile scraps into tiny imps with huge personalities. When we wrap it all up, you will have a fairy good companion to hang around with on your next adventure. This project focusses on fine motor skills. Ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Stories In A Can with Janet Patterson

Curious about how to use tiny found objects to tell a story? Join Janet for a fun workshop where you will choose up to five small objects from her collection to create a special scene inside a sardine tin. What story will you choose to tell? The sky's the limit! Ages 5-6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Furry, Beady Ice Worms with Karrie Brown

Just imagine a world of snow and ice worms. You can create your own furry pet Ice Worm to keep you company on any adventures you might have in winter or summer. Karrie Brown will use her superb traditional beading and sewing knowledge to help you make a wiggly companion to tuck in your pocket, tickle your arm or just enjoy petting.

Fine Feather Crafts with Christa Egli

Create a fancy hair extension with your choice of plumage! Christa will guide young creators through the process of assembling their own original, wearable art piece. This project, for slightly older kids, requires some fine motor skills. Workshops are for ages 7 – 9 and ages 10 – 12 and ages 7-9 must be accompanied by an adult.

Splash of Imagination Mural with Katherine Leblanc

Children are invited to help create a vibrant community mural that celebrates creativity, imagination, and diversity. Using recycled paints, collage materials, markers and crayons, participants will decorate individual mosaic-style tiles that come together on a large shared canvas, resulting in a colourful artwork that can be enjoyed at future festivals.

Owl Zipper Pulls with Lara Melnik

Lara needs no introduction – back by popular demand, with workshops that are always the first to sell out! If you have a passion for making little owl things, you will love this workshop. Lara shares her zest for life and her love of creating with polymer clay

to inspire your imagination and bring out the playful artist within you. Be prepared to pinch, roll, poke and sculpt in miniature to create Owl Zipper Pulls – this workshop is for all ages!

Needle Felted Cards with Shiela Alexandrovich

Create a soft piece of fibre art with Shiela! Warm fuzzy fun with 95% recovered wool, thrift store materials for the background and wool from Shiela's very own sheep! You will needle felt on a 4"x6" background and then mount your masterpiece on a quality card with envelope. It can be mailed off to a friend or grandparent or taken home as is to be framed! There will be one workshop for ages 5-7 and one for ages 8-12.

Put Your Stamp On It! with Martha Ritchie

Show your style and save the planet, one nose at a time! This workshop is nothing to sneeze at, so don't let it blow past. In a fun-filled creative hour, you can carve your own simple stamp and print it onto a cotton hankie. Combine your printing block with other pre-carved stamps or share it with the group to create a unique and colourful piece of art that is an eco-friendly substitute for paper tissues. Be sure to carve out time for this workshop! Suitable for all ages.

Botanical Bath Bombs with Raven Padmos

Join Raven and learn how to make bath bombs with wild flowers from the boreal forest and garden. The bath bombs are made with sodium bicarbonate, citric acid and natural essential oils. Have fun customizing your bath bombs with different flowers and essential oils and end up with another great take away from the festival! One workshop is for ages 5-7 and one for ages 8-12 - ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

Robo Rescue Mission with Robotics North

Rescue mini-figs, avoid the lava pools, save the day using LEGO Spike Essential Robots! This workshop is for ages 5-7 only

Catapult Kingdom: Build. Launch. Conquer. With Robotics North

Build a robot to breach castle walls (knock over cup towers)! Kids will experiment with speed and aim using LEGO Spike Essential Robots. This workshop is for ages 5-7 only.

Medieval Times: Catapults, Jousting and Bob to Bot Combat with Robotics North

Defend your kingdom by creating attachments and coding LEGO Spike Prime Robots. Experiment with speed, accuracy and line following sensors. This workshop is for ages 8-12 only.

Face Painting

Make sure to look your best at the fest! Face painting will be ongoing in the Convention Centre Foyer Saturday daytime 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Sunday daytime 10:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Kid's Cafe

There will be a nut free Kids' Café operating in the Atrium Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with space for parents and kids to eat healthy snacks and lunch, grab a drink and relax. And remember - weekend passes for ages 5 – 12 include a \$5.00 credit at the Kid's Café so be sure to check it out

Watch out for special visitors during the lunch break on Saturday and the Sunday morning coffee break!

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Toddler Town

For children 4 and under, Toddler Town will operate in the Arena Mezzanine from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Sunday. Toddler Town is a mini festival in itself with a full schedule of structured craft activities, roving performers, short concerts, and the amazing cardboard village to explore. Add a few snacks and lemonade, and the younger set will be totally entertained!

Sally Wright Silkscreen Art

Sally's brightly coloured silkscreen art is unique and her bright art and sunny smile have been a regular part of Yukon festivals for over 30 years. Sally will join the festival again this year in the Convention Centre Foyer, where she will offer children the opportunity to paint their very own silk screened notebook cover. Sally will be onsite throughout the day Saturday and half day Sunday for this free drop in art activity!

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TODDLER TOWN ACTIVITIES

FUN FOR AGES 2-4!

SATURDAY

10:00 AM	Play Time
10:30 AM	Parks Canada Craft Activity
11:00 AM	Play Time
11:30 AM	Kellie Haines Ventriloquist
12:00 PM	Play Time
12:30 PM	Lunch and Play Break
1:00 PM	Lunch and Play Break
2:00 PM	Play Time
2:30 PM	Craft Activity
3:00 PM	Play Time
3:30 PM	Kellie Haines Ventriloquist
4:00 PM	Craft Activity
4:30 PM	Clean Up and Closing

SUNDAY

Play Time
Cause & Effect Circus
Craft Activity
Cause & Effect Circus
Play Time
Lunch and Play Break
Kellie Haines Ventriloquist
Closing Show in the Grand Hall 1:15 - 2:00 PM

Other Activities:

Drop in face painting and a silk screen book cover activity will be ongoing in the Convention Centre Foyer and open to Toddler Town participants. Try going over to the Convention Centre while workshops are in session to avoid the line ups.

The Kid's Cafe will also be operating through the day Saturday and half day Sunday for snacks and lunch will be served on both Saturday and Sunday. Need to run and jump? Check out the playground behind the Convention Centre.

**Snacks Provided
for Toddlers!**

Remember to bring your own grownup! Schedule may be subject to change but only to become more awesome!

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