

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

# Augusto!

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

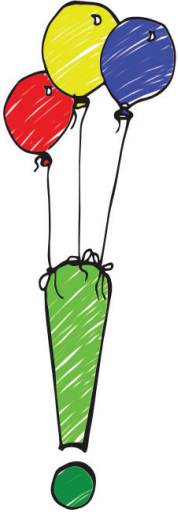


August 8-10, 2025

St. Elias Convention Centre  
Haines Junction, Yukon



# WELCOME!



Dazhāw and welcome to the sixth 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!

All children must be accompanied by an adult. You can 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 cafe 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!

Check out [www.augustokids.ca](http://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 Claire the Clown Dance Band
- Saturday night show with Magician Travis Bernhardt opening for the Great Balanzo
- Up to six one hour workshops Saturday daytime and Sunday morning
- Sunday Festival Finale Show – Magician Travis Bernhardt
- 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 Claire the Clown Dance Band
- Saturday night show with Magician Travis Bernhardt opening for the Great Balanzo
- 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 – Magician Travis Bernhardt

**Tickets for the Saturday night show for youth and adults are available at the festival.**

**Tickets for ages 13 plus are \$15, cash or etransfer only.**



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## 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.

### **Our current volunteer board members are:**

*Trisha Anderson, President*  
*Kat Simon, Vice President*  
*Darlene Sillery, Secretary/Treasurer*  
*Libby Anderson, Director*  
*Chelsea Hamilton, Director*  
*Gwen Watson, Director*  
*Susan Smith, Director*

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](mailto:augustofestival@gmail.com)



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## PERFORMING ARTS - SHOWS & WORKSHOPS

### **Southern Tutchone Dance and Song 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.

### **Circus Fun with Aytahn Ross aka the Great Balanzo!**

Be sure to join us Saturday night when the Great Balanzo will turn the everyday into an adventure with a circus & comedy show for all ages. He is the last surviving member of the Balanzo family who performed circus for over 300 years. Now there is only one Balanzo left and his shows include the best routines from throughout the centuries including big balances, amazing juggling, physical comedy, and more! Be sure to join us for a circus workshop and have some Circus Fun! Aytahn will present two workshops (ages 5-7 and ages 8-12) focusing on 4 different skills including feather balancing, plate spinning, scarf juggling and ball juggling. Aytahn has been seen live by more than one million people in 13 countries around the world, so this is a great opportunity to learn from a circus pro!



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### **Learn Magic with Travis Bernhardt**

Travis got his start as a street performer, learning to conjure a crowd from nothing and hold them until the end. He took those lessons indoors, earning the respect of some of Canada's toughest theatre critics while selling out runs and winning awards at festivals across Canada. From thousand-seat theatres to noisy pubs, from living rooms to corporate events, Travis will win over the audience no matter the venue! Travis will be our opening act Saturday night and will close out the festival with a 45 minute show just after lunch on Sunday. With a calm, comedic personality and unfathomable magic tricks, Travis is described as engaging, fun, talented and great with children! Travis will also present two Magic Workshops (all ages) where you will be sure to learn a magic trick or two!

### **Friday Night Dance with Claire the Clown Dance Band and Musical Fun Time**

We are delighted to welcome Claire

Ness back to Augusto! Claire makes her living as a singer/songwriter, actor, clown, vaudevillian, circus teacher, cabaret performer and puppeteer! Claire will be our Friday night dance band – rocking and jazzing it up at the St. Elias Convention Centre. Join a Musical Fun Time Workshop (ages 5-7 and ages 8-12) with Claire the Clown – music, movement, circus, dance, games, puppets – come participate in all the things that make Claire's heart sing! A couple visits to Toddler Town round out Claire's inside performances!

### **Introduction to Harp with Elayne Sayney**

We are very pleased to welcome Elayne back to Augusto! for this wonderful opportunity to try your hand with a harp! With just 4 students per workshop, you will learn about the instrument, its history, the strings and hopefully a short piece. This workshop will be offered 4 times - three workshops for ages 7-9 and one workshop for ages 10-12. Also – short nails are mandatory!

# AUGUSTO! SCHEDULE OF EVENTS



Friday, August 8, 2025								
Time (PM)	Grand Hall	Display Area	Council Chambers	Foyer	Downstairs Office	Council Chambers	Arena Lobby	
5:30-6:00	<b>Dakwākāda Dancers</b> Festival Opening							
6:00-7:00	Claire The Clown Dance Band Family Dance							
<b>Saturday, August 9, 2025</b>								
		<b>Time</b>	<b>Grand Hall</b>	<b>Display Area</b>	<b>Foyer</b>	<b>Downstairs Office</b>	<b>Council Chambers</b>	<b>Arena Lobby</b>
		10:00-11:00	<b>Musical Fun Time</b> Claire Ness <b>Ages 8-12</b>	<b>Making Rain!</b> Janet Patterson <b>All Ages</b>	<b>Monster Parade</b> Nicole Bauberger <b>All Ages</b>	<b>Intro to Harp</b> Elayne Sayney <b>Ages 7-9</b>	<b>Learn Magic!</b> Travis Bernhardt <b>All Ages</b>	
		11:30-12:30	<b>Circus Fun</b> Aytahn Ross aka The Great Balanzo <b>Ages 5-7</b>	<b>Making Rain!</b> Janet Patterson <b>All Ages</b>	<b>Monster Parade</b> Nicole Bauberger <b>All Ages</b>	<b>Intro to Harp</b> Elayne Sayney <b>Ages 7-9</b>	<b>Learn Magic!</b> Travis Bernhardt <b>All Ages</b>	
		12:30-2:00	Lunch and Play Break - Watch for Monster Parade at 1:30 pm					
		2:00-3:00	<b>Circus Fun</b> Aytahn Ross aka The Great Balanzo <b>Ages 8-12</b>	<b>Miniature Mushrooms</b> Lara Melnik <b>All Ages</b>	<b>Needle Felted Cards</b> Shiela Alexandrovich <b>Ages 5-7</b>	<b>Handpan Drum</b> Dagmar Jungbluth <b>Ages 8-12</b>	<b>Forest Scientists The Sequel</b> Nicole Humeniuk <b>All Ages</b>	<b>Robo Rescue Mission</b> Robotics Yukon <b>Ages 5-7</b>
		3:30-4:30	<b>Musical Fun Time</b> Claire Ness <b>Ages 5-7</b>	<b>Miniature Mushrooms</b> Lara Melnik <b>All Ages</b>	<b>Needle Felted Cards</b> Shiela Alexandrovich <b>Ages 8-12</b>	<b>Handpan Drum</b> Dagmar Jungbluth <b>Ages 8-12</b>	<b>Forest Scientists: The Sequel</b> Nicole Humeniuk <b>All Ages</b>	<b>Medieval Times</b> Robotics Yukon <b>Ages 8-12</b>

Workshops are for ages 5-12

Check In & Registration In the Foyer!

HEALTHY SNACKS

AT THE  
**KID'S**  
**CAFE!**

4:30-6:30

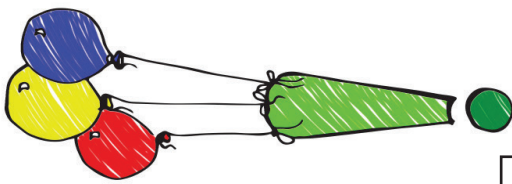
Afternoon Break

**The Great Balanzo**  
 with opening act  
**Magician**  
**Travis Bernhardt**

6:30-8:00

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+

Saturday night's feature performance is open to the whole community!



**Sunday, August 10, 2025**

Time	Grand Hall	Display Area	Foyer	Downstairs Office	Council Chambers	Arena Lobby
10:00-11:00	<b>Singing</b> Barb Chamberlin and Ute Schafer All Ages	<b>Paint Like You Are Beading</b> Rhoda Merkel All Ages	<b>Botanical Bath Bombs</b> Raven Padmos Ages 5-7	<b>Intro to Harp</b> Elayne Sayney Ages 10-12	<b>Feather Hair Extension Clips</b> Christa Egli Ages 7-12	<b>Robo Rescue Mission</b> Robotics North Ages 5-7
11:30-12:30	<b>Percussion</b> Gabi Leyendecker Dagmar Jungbuth All Ages	<b>Paint Like You Are Beading</b> Rhoda Merkel All Ages	<b>Botanical Bath Bombs</b> Raven Padmos Ages 8-12	<b>Intro to Harp</b> Elayne Sayney Ages 7-9	<b>Feather Hair Extension Clips</b> Christa Egli Ages 7-12	<b>Catapult Kingdom Build &amp; Conquer</b> Robotics North Ages 5-7
1:15-2:00	<b>Magician</b> Travis Bernhardt <b>Festival Finale</b>					

**TODDLER TOWN**  
 in the mezzanine!



### **Singing with Barbara Chamberlin and Ute Schäfer**

Do you like to sing? Come to this harmony workshop and find out ways to not only sing the melody, but to find a first note for your harmony and what to do with it! In this workshop, we will sing simple songs that most people know and you can do either a lower harmony or upper harmony that will suit your voice. Barbara and Ute will be your guides and give you trade secrets so that you can apply them to your favourite songs or to any song that you end up singing! This workshop is for all ages.

### **Percussion with Gabi Leyendecker and Dagmar Jungbluth**

Grab your plastic bucket, spoons and whatever else that makes sounds and come to this percussion workshop! You can bring your own favourite noise makers or select from the recycled items provided. Kids and adults alike will love it! Gabi and Dagmar will

lead you through a workshop with some rhythms and a way to get the best sound out of it. It's instructive and fun for everyone! You can take all of this home and jam on whatever is available, now that you know the basics! This workshop is for all ages.

### **Handpan Drum with Dagmar Jungbluth**

We are very pleased to offer 2 handpan drum workshops this year with visiting German musician Dagmar Jungbluth. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn about and try your hand on a beautiful convex steel handpan drum. This relatively new instrument has a mesmerizing and ethereal sound that you are likely to remember long after the festival! This workshop is for ages 8-12.



# VISUAL ARTS WORKSHOPS

## **Making Rain! with Janet Patterson**

Do you love the sound of rain! Why not create your very own rain stick! You will fill your stick with everyday items to mimic the sound of rain and then the sky is the limit when it comes to decorating your rain stick! Paint, ribbons, yarn, stickers, magazine cut outs - you will leave with a soothing work of art. This workshop is for all ages - ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

## **Monster Parade with Nicole Baubauger**

Create the monster you always wanted to be! Join Nicole to create a most lovable monster from recycled cardboard. Draw, paint, add streamers and other embellishments, mount on a bamboo pole and you are ready to go. Better still, be sure to join the Monster Parade during the lunch break to show off your new friend! This workshop is for all ages - ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

## **Miniature Mushrooms 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 things, you will love this workshop. Lara will share her zest for life and her experience 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 – 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 grandparent or taken home as is to be framed! There will be one workshop for ages 5-7 and one for ages 8-12.

## **Forest Scientists – The Sequel with Nicole Humeniuk**

If you enjoyed Forest Scientists last year, you will love this sequel! Join Nicole for cyanotype sun art! One part science experiment and one part art project will transform to a beautiful cyan-blue piece of art. Once again – art and science can be the best of friends! This workshop is for all ages - ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

## **Paint Like You Are Beading with Rhoda Merkel**

Join Rhoda and learn First Nations ways of doing and knowing by painting beadwork. You will compare beadwork patterns, see a beading demonstration, and design your very own beadwork pattern to paint! Paint on a variety of options just like you were beading. And no beads necessary! This workshop is for all ages - ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

## **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.



### **Feather Hair Extension Clips 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 requires some fine motor skills and is for ages 7 – 12 only!

### **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.

## 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 t-shirt. Sally will be onsite throughout the day Saturday and half day Sunday for this free drop in art activity!

### **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 Sunday!**



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# TODDLER TOWN ACTIVITIES

FUN FOR 4 AND UNDER!\*

## SATURDAY

10:00 AM	Play Time
10:30 AM	Craft Activity
11:00 AM	Play Time
11:30 AM	Claire The Clown Musical Fun Time
12:00 PM	Play Time
12:30 PM	Lunch and Play Break
1:00 PM	Lunch and Play Break
1:30 PM	Monster Parade in the Grand Hall
1:15 PM	After Closing Show in the Grand Hall
2:00 PM	Play Time
2:30 PM	Craft Activity
3:00 PM	Play Time
3:30 PM	Aytahn Ross aka The Great Balanzo
4:00 PM	Craft Activity
4:30 PM	Clean Up and Closing

## SUNDAY

Play Time
Claire The Clown Musical Fun Time
Craft Activity
The Great Balanzo
Play Time
Lunch and Play Break
Magician Travis Bernhardt Closing Show in the Grand Hall 1:15 - 2:00 PM

### Other Activities:

Drop in face painting and a silk screen t'shirt 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!**

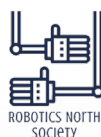
Remember to bring your own grownup! Schedule may be subject to change but only to become more awesome!

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