



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

# Augusto!

CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

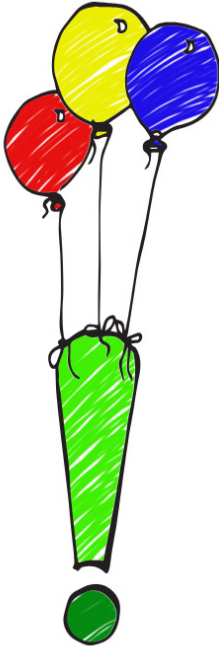


August 9-11, 2019

St. Elias Convention Centre  
Haines Junction, Yukon



# WELCOME!



Dazhāw and welcome to the third annual Augusto! Children's Festival!!! We acknowledge that this activity is on the land of the Champagne and Aishihik First Nations and thank them for allowing us to hold this event in their traditional territory. We are proud and excited to be presenting Yukon's first dedicated art and music festival for children. Whether you are a child, family, volunteer or presenter, there will be much to entertain you throughout the weekend!

Our theme this year will be fantastic tails - a fun way to explore familiar animals, Yukon wildlife, imaginary creatures, magical animals and storytelling!

Children must be accompanied by an adult. 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 Sunday morning, with space for parents and kids to have lunch both days, 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!

Check out [www.augustokids.ca](http://www.augustokids.ca) for festival updates and information on how to purchase weekend passes. We recommend signing up for workshops at the same time!

**Weekend passes are \$30 for ages 5-12 and include the following:**

- Friday night dance with Soir de Semaine
- Saturday night feature performance Fana Soro opening for the Kamikaze Fireflies
- Up to six one hour workshops Saturday daytime and Sunday morning
- Plus a \$5.00 credit at the Kid's Café in the Atrium

**Weekend passes are \$20 for ages 2-4 and include the following:**

- Friday night dance with Soir de Semaine
- Saturday night feature performance Fana Soro opening for the Kamikaze Fireflies
- Access to Toddler Town – Saturday daytime and Sunday morning - structured activities, snacks, roving performers, short concerts and the amazing cardboard village!



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## Organization Information

Our first festival in 2017 exceeded almost all our expectations and the feedback received has confirmed that we have built something special! All festival activities will take place in the St.

Elias Convention Centre and the Bill Brewster Arena Lobby and Mezzanine.

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.

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

*Martha Ritchie, President*

*Yvonne Eleniak, Vice President*

*Karina Howard, Secretary*

*Darlene Sillery, Treasurer*

*Cathy Mackinnon, Director*

We will be soliciting feedback throughout the weekend about the festival. 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 AND 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 20 years. This inclusive group of dancers ranging in age from 2 years to adult, keeps Southern Tutchone culture alive and vibrant by continuing to pass traditions down from generation to generation. The Dakwākāda Dancers will open the festival on Friday afternoon and will present a workshop during the festival on Southern Tutchone dance and song.

### **Physical Activity & Music OR Music Exploration with Soir de Semaine**

We are very pleased to be bringing Soir de Semaine for our Friday night family dance, with their special blend of Franco-rock, ska, reggae, folk and funk. Lively, rousing and dynamic with colourful costumes, painted faces and highly interactive French music, they promise to be a great start to the weekend! The beat continues on Saturday when Soir de Semaine will offer two different workshops. Can't stop bopping? Sign

up for the Physical Activity and Music workshop. Activate your brain and body while playing different games through movement and music, sure to get you waggin' your tail and howlin'. Or, if it's music that makes your heart sing, sign up for Music Exploration – a chance to experience different instruments and create a composition!

### **Seize the Stage with the Kamikaze Fireflies**

Be sure to join us on Saturday night for our feature performance – the Kamikaze Fireflies - a one hour mix of comedy and circus for all ages. Described as beyond hilarious outstanding family entertainment, the show is a constantly changing series of routines, patter, physical impossibilities, unbelievable situations and audience interactions! Bring out your inner performer with the Kamikaze Fireflies! Two workshops on Saturday will focus on stage presence – learn how to project strength and confidence and “own it” when you walk onto the stage. These basic theatrical skills are applicable to a multitude of experiences – an oral school report, singing for your community, a spelling bee or whatever – learn from professional performers how to be a rock star every time!





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### **West African Dance with Fana Soro**

Yamo! Yamo! (Hello, how are you doing!) from the charismatic ambassador of West African culture! Since 1997, Fana has engaged students at dozens of Canadian schools, connecting with audiences in both English and French. Opening for the Kamikaze Fireflies on Saturday night, Fana Soro is a hereditary master musician who will share musical traditions of the Ivory Coast to showcase the soaring melodies, driving rhythms and spirited dances of West African performing arts. Fana Soro will offer two West African dance workshops over the weekend – a great opportunity to brush up on your West African dance skills and burn off some energy at the same time.

### **Squeakers and Kazoos with Silly of the Valley**

Watch out for Trixie the Clown and Mr. Brown Knows throughout the weekend! They magically appear at festivals around Canada and entertain children wherever they go! Clowning, balloon twisting, wandering minstrels, improvised play, or general buffoonery and playfulness, this colourful duo is sure to please all ages. Silly of the Valley will offer two workshops during the weekend – come have fun with Squeakers and Kazoos! Children will learn to play the Kazoo and to use the squeaker to bring inanimate objects to life!

# AUGUSTO! schedule of events

Friday, August 9, 2019						
Time (PM)	Grand Hall	Display Area	Council Chambers	Foyer	Downstairs Office	Council Chambers

**Dakwākāda Dancers**  
Festival Opening

5:30-6:00

**Soir de Semaine**  
Family Dance

6:00-7:00

Saturday, August 10, 2019						
Time	Grand Hall	Display Area	Foyer	Downstairs Office	Council Chambers	Arena Lobby
10:00-11:00	Seize the Stage! (ages 5-7) Kamikaze Fireflies		Colourful Long Tailed Creatures Kim Henkel	Fancy, Fluffy, Feather Finery (ages 8-12) Christa Egli	Squeakers & Kazoos Silly of the Valley	Workshops are for ages 5-12
11:30-12:30	Physical Activity & Music Soir de Semaine	Treasure Boxes (ages 8-12) Monika Steputh	Mad Hatters (ages 8-12) Megan Melanson	Needle Felting Magic Characters (ages 5-7) Cai Krikorian	Music Exploration Soir de Semaine	
12:30-2:00	Lunch and Play Break					
2:00-3:00	Seize the Stage! (ages 8-12) Kamikaze Fireflies	Story Buckets (ages 5-7) Monika Steputh	Doggie Zipper Pulls Lara Melnik	Needle Felting Magic Characters (ages 8-12) Cai Krikorian	Wire Sculpture Creatures Meshell Melvin	Electronics (ages 5-7) Andrew Lawrence
3:30-4:30	Yamo! Yamo! West African Dance (ages 5-7) Fana Soro	Monoprinting with Acrylic Paint Meshell Melvin	Doggie Zipper Pulls Lara Melnik		Storytelling Khâsha Stephen Reid	Electronics (ages 8-12) Andrew Lawrence
4:30-6:00	Afternoon Break					

**TICKETS & REGISTRATION**  
in the foyer!

**Healthy snacks at the KIDS**

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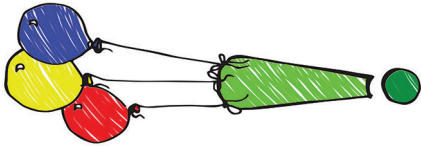
CAFE!

4:30-6:00	Afternoon Break	
6:00-7:30	Kamikaze Fireflies with opening act Fana Soro	

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

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 11, 2019					
Time	Grand Hall	Display Area	Foyer	Downstairs Office	Arena Lobby
10:00-11:00	Southern Tutchohne Dance & Song Dakwākāda Dancers	Wire Sculpture Creatures Meshell Melvin	Mad Hatters (ages 5-7) Megan Melanson	Are Those Ears Fur Real? (ages 5-7) Christa Egli	Squeakers & Kazoos Silly of the Valley
11:30-12:30	Yamo! Yamo! West African Dance (ages 8-12) Fana Soro	Monoprinting with Acrylic Paint Meshell Melvin	Colourful Long Tailed Creatures Kim Henkel		Storytelling Khāsha Stephen Reid
1:00	Augusto! Kids Festival Finale	Augusto! Kids will showcase the skills picked up by the kids over the weekend			



TODDLER TOWN

in the mezzanine!

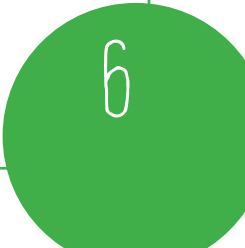






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## VISUAL ART WORKSHOPS

### **Doggie Zipper Pulls with Lara Melnik**

Get your fingers wagglin' and your creativity jumpin' as you blend polymer clays to create your own doggie zipper pull! Afterwards, you will have a terrific festival tale to tell! Lara Melnik will use her more than 20 years of artistic experience to lead you through this finger fun workshop. Without a doubt, you will have seen Lara's playful designs at festivals, craft shows and galleries throughout the Yukon. Take this opportunity to learn from Lara and sign up for one of her workshops!

### **Wire Sculpture Creatures with Meshell Melvin**

Wired, weird and wacky animals! Bend your ideas and twist your story as you sculpt your creation from wire. Meshell Melvin has been sharing her enthusiasm and passion for art with Yukon kids for over 15 years. She'll have you wrapped up in your own art and the result will be a unique sculpture and a tale worth telling! Ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Needle Felting Magical Characters with Cai Krikorian**

Let your finished needle felted image tell the story! Cai will really get you poking your imagination as you create your own magical character in felt. Cai inspires young artists as they use needle felting to create spectacular, wearable fleece art. You can bring your own favourite piece of fleece clothing or use pieces of fleece that will be provided at the festival. Ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Monoprinting with Acrylic Paint with Meshell Melvin**

Splash, dab, swab, brush, rub, lift, repeat. Curious? You will have to check out Meshell's monoprinting workshop to know the real story! For sure, your inner artist will be ready to go to print! Ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Colourful Long Tailed Creatures with Kim Henkel**

Snakes and snails and puppy dog tails – that's what this workshop is made of! If you attended last year's festival, you are sure to remember what fun it is to make wild and colourful creations from paper. This year Kim will share her love of paper as you build your own colourful long tailed creature. Ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Story Buckets and Treasure Boxes with Monika Steputh**

It is all about fantastic tails! Join local potter Monika Steputh as she shares her love and knowledge of clay with youngsters and adults alike, with an opportunity to experience creating with clay. Monika will offer two workshops in which YOU will transform a simple lump of clay into a special treasure or a treasure box. For ages 5-7, a story bucket with a tail will be provided to hold the treasures you create! Ages 8-12 will learn to carve and build their own small treasure box with a lid! Ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Mad Hatters with Megan Melanson**

Does the hat make the storyteller or does the storyteller make the hat? Let Megan inspire you to create your own hat madness that tells the world the tale of just who you are. Megan is Haines Junction's own mad hatter. She'll help you to unquify your own cardboard hat using a dazzling array of recycled materials. Ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Are Those Ears Fur Real OR Fancy, Fluffy, Feather Finery with Christa Egli**

Hey, have you heard? Local artisan Christa will guide young crafters aged 5-7 as they create their own wearable animal ears from fur. Friends are sure to ask "Are Those Ears Fur Real?!" You can make up your own story about that! Older kids aged 8-12 can join Christa for Fancy, Fluffy, Feather Finery. Create a fancy hair tail 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. Ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.

### **Storytelling with Khâsha Stephen Reid**

And yet more fantastic tales! Did you know that you are surrounded by stories? Discover the magic that exists amongst the mountains, trees and creatures of the Southern Tutchone territory. Champagne storyteller Khâsha will transport you with a selection of traditional tales of the area that will leave you eager to learn about the oral tradition of storytelling.

## **OTHER WORKSHOPS**

### **Electronics Workshop with Andrew Lawrence**

Ever look in your recycling bin and want to make a creature? How about one that moves! Join us for our Electronics Workshops! For ages 5-7, build a Wobble Bot – a colourful, geometric work of art. For ages 8-12, build a Race Car fuelled by propellers or rubber band transmissions. Recycled materials, small electric motors and lots of customized decoration will result in a great takeaway from the festival. Ages 5 and 6 must be accompanied by an adult.



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## 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 short concerts, structured craft activities, colouring stations, storytelling corners and the amazing cardboard village to explore. Add a few snacks and lemonade, and this 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 25 years. Sally will join the festival again this year, where she will offer a drop in art activity in the Convention Centre Foyer! This year, kids will have the opportunity to silk screen their own Augusto! cloth bag – a great memento from this year's festival and for use in future years! Sally will be onsite throughout the day Saturday and half day Sunday!

### 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!



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SATURDAY		SUNDAY
10:00 AM	Storybook Corner	Storybook Corner
10:30 AM	Performance: Soir de Semaine	Performance: Fana Soro
11:00 AM	Craft: Tail Books	Craft: Fancy Dancing Jellyfish
11:30 AM	Performance: Kamikaze Fireflies	Performance: Silly of the Valley
12:00 PM	Craft: Arctic Foxes	Craft: Small Hands on Clay
12:30 PM	Lunch and play break	Colouring, Crafts and Free Play
1:00 PM	Lunch and play break	Festival Finale
1:30 PM	Craft: Animal Stamper Stompers	<b>Other Activities:</b> All sorts of extra activities are open to Toddler Town participants! Try going over to the Convention Centre while workshops are in session to avoid line-ups.  <b>Plus:</b> <u>Face-Painting, Drop-in Art &amp; Kids Cafe-</u> Saturday and Sunday in the Convention Centre foyer <u>Playground-</u> Need to run and jump? Check out the playground behind the Convention Centre!  * Bring your own grown-up. Schedule may be subject to change but only to become <i>more</i> awesome!
2:00 PM	Performance: Fana Soro	
2:30 PM	Craft: Flying Fish	
3:00 PM	Free Play	
3:30 PM	Performance: Silly of the Valley	
4:00 PM	Craft: Felt Tails	
4:30 PM	Clean-up and Closing	

**Snacks Provided!**



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