



Countdown to the 2017 Games: One Year To Go Celebration

Entertainment lineup and sponsorship announcement for the 2017 Canada Summer Games One Year To Go event

WINNIPEG (June 15, 2016) - The 2017 Canada Summer Games Host Society is pleased to announce the entertainment lineup for the 2017 Canada Summer Games Countdown to the Games: One Year To Go event, an evening we are excited to host alongside our sponsor Payworks. This free event will take place 4PM – 9PM on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at The Plaza at The Forks and will feature some of Manitoba’s most celebrated musical talent.

“At Payworks, corporate community giving takes many forms, including local sponsorship and we are thrilled to be a part of the Countdown to the Games: One Year To Go Celebration,” said JP Perron, President of Payworks. “This will be the largest event until the Games kickoff in 2017 and we’re pleased to help bring our community together for this celebration.”

Headlining acts include JP Hoe, Leonard Sumner, Kelly Badu, and Dirty Catfish Brass Band. DJ Mama Cutsworth will open and close the event.

Fourteen of the sixteen Canada Summer Games sports will be represented on-site, each hosting interactive activities throughout the evening. Patrons will be able to test the speed of their pitch, perfect their rowing technique, and vie for soccer’s hardest kick among other games. In addition to sport activations, patrons can catch the spirit of the Games at the official 2017 Canada Summer Games Gear merchandise tent and play games and take selfies with Niibin (the Games’ mascot).

“We are very pleased to have Payworks’ support for the Games,” said Hubert Mesman, Co-Chair of the 2017 Canada Summer Games Host Society. “These Games represent another great opportunity to showcase our city and province to the rest of the country and this lineup is an exciting preview into what the 2017 Canada Summer Games festival has in store.”

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About the 2017 Canada Summer Games:

Winnipeg, Manitoba will host the Canada Summer Games July 28 – August 13, 2017. Featuring 16 sports, over 250 events and a major cultural festival, the 2017 Canada Games will welcome over 4,000 athletes and coaches and more than 20,000 visitors. Celebrating the Games’ 50th anniversary and Canada’s 150th birthday, the Canada Games are this country’s largest multi-sport event for young athletes. They will leave a lasting legacy of new and enhanced sport facilities, volunteer and leadership development that will benefit athletes and the broader community for years to come.

About Payworks:

Payworks is a national leader in the field of total workforce management solutions and provides online solutions for payroll, human resources, and employee time management to more than 14,000 businesses across Canada. Payworks has been a Canada's Best Managed Companies winner since 2012, and is proud to be a Gold Standard winner in 2015. For more information, visit payworks.ca.

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