

C.A.F.E. Convention 2009

Showcase Entertainment

Ian Stewart "The Hypnotist"

For over a decade Ian Stewart has used his rapid induction methods and comedic ability to be recognized as one of Canada's Top Hypnotists! Your audience will be amazed, while laughing the whole time!

Appearances include David Letterman, Jay Leno and even Ripley's Believe it Or Not!

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Paradox the Robot

Andre's awesome versatility allows him to perform anywhere on the grounds. There goes Charlie Chaplin, Bolt the Robot and Mr. Soup entertaining a line-up, making everyone laugh at the food court and dazzling the audience on stage. Paradox the Robot's hilarious characters and impressive robotic moves make him a guaranteed crowd pleaser.

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The Human Statue

Kate Mior

From informal street corners to world-class festivals, Kate has performed her unique living statue installations and hilarious slapstick mime acts across Canada, the US, Europe and Asia, picking up an impressive array of variety skills along the way: from follow mime to juggling machetes, Kate is a highly skilled character artist who creates unique shows from poignant and contemplative to downright hilarious.

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The Cowguys

The Cowguys deliver with 15 years of experience at over 200 various festivals, corporate, school and special events. Trained by instructors from Ringling Brothers Clown College he delivers hilarious, fast paced, family oriented shows.

“Perfect blend of comedy, showmanship, and yo-yo mastery: the children were riveted!” (*Sam Caldicott, Canadian Children’s Museum*)

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Maritime Marionettes

Internationally recognized for their artistic excellence and high quality family entertainment, Heather and Darryll Taylor create their productions from concept to finished performance. The visuals of the show are performed with eloquent shadow puppets and exquisitely made marionettes.

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Sidney York

“Sidney York”, the creative alter ego of Brandi Sidoryk, York has grabbed the Canadian music industry by its collective ear with the recent release of her debut album.

Since its release, the album has made a marked appearance on the Maple Music Top Sellers List and the national campus radio charts. Best Newcomer, Calgary Folkfest ‘08 Best Song, South Country Fair ‘09

Sidney York - “An artist and an album to be reckoned with.”

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Jimmy Rankin

Jimmy Rankin is an award-winning solo artist and a lead singer, guitarist and songwriting lynchpin behind Celtic-pop heroes, The Rankin Family. Jimmy's eclectic songwriting style fuses elements of roots, Celtic and pop music with the story-telling tradition of his native Cape Breton. Awards include: 5 Junos, 25 ECMAs, 6 SOCAN Awards, 4 CCMAs, 2 CRMAs

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The Grass Mountain Hobos

The Hobos' swing, bluegrass, blues, and folk infusion make for a carousing performance with music full of humour and musicality. This old-time string band has received a standing ovation from every festival crowd to which they have played. The Hobos engage audiences both young and old. Their music drives and swings while they stomp - the crowd smiles and joins in.

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Grand Dérangement

Grand Dérangement is a French Acadian music group from Baie Sainte Marie, Nova Scotia. It is a mix of French traditional music, Celtic, rock and Louisiana rhythms. Started in 1998, this group has been touring extensively in Canada, the US, and Europe, bringing the house down with stepdance guitar, fiddle, percussion and talented vocals.

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The Keats

The Keats released their debut album "Good to be Home." a mix of roots, county, and pop with some undeniable sibling harmony that has long been a favorite in country music. The twin sisters, Jolene and Sharlene Keats, have given notice that they have arrived. The Keats cut their teeth on good ol'

Newfoundland foot stompin, mandolin and fiddles tunes, story telling, cry in your beer, sittin around the table kind of music. The Keats leave audiences wanting more.

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J.D. Clarke

With five nationally-charted singles on country radio, JD Clarke is one of country's newest up-and-coming singer/songwriters. JD grew up in the rural community of West Gore, nestled in the Rawdon Hills of Nova Scotia. His music touches the heart and his performances always feature audience participation.

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Mystic Drumz

Unique, multi-media, rhythm and sound programs specialize in World Music and focus on the Environment. Hands-on interactive performances showcase eclectic international percussion instruments from around the world, linking Geography to sounds, rhythms to Science, and laughter to learning.

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The Puppet Tamer

Through Cheap Trickery and Genuine Magic the Puppet Tamer (Master ventriloquist Tim Holland) convinces the audience of the dangers inherent in the taming of ferocious and uncooperative puppets. And that's not all!...Unicycling, death defying stunts and snazzy costuming are all part of this show for all ages.

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Everything Fitz

Everything Fitz is a family band featuring the high-energy fiddling and percussive step dancing of four of Canada's finest young musicians. Their unique stage show combines a variety of musical styles- everything

from Celtic, bluegrass, western swing, to entertaining novelty tunes and choreographed step dance routines. Julie (19), Kerry (18), and Tom (15) are all champion fiddlers and provide intricate 3-part fiddle harmonies as well as solo improvisations on fiddle and mandolin. Additional instrumentation includes Pat (20) on percussion along with parents Pam and Paddy providing accompaniment on piano and bass guitar.

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