

## *JENN'S LIST OF LIVE MUSIC FOR JUNE 2026*

A reminder that you should always check event websites because human error or typos are very real possibilities. There is a disgusting amount of tribute acts coming our way. None of them are on this list.

### **QUICK REFERENCE**

June 1 and 2 at 7:30pm: Colin James at Tidemark  
June 1 at 8pm: Bob Log III at Byron's Basement near Campbell River  
June 4 at 7pm: John Lee Trio at 40Knots\*  
June 5 at 9pm: Wintersleep and the Boojums at the Wave\*  
June 10 at 5pm: Devin and Mariya at 40Knots  
June 11 at 7pm: Maria Dunn at Weird Church\*  
June 11 at 9pm: Malinowski at Waverley\*  
June 12 at 8pm ish: BA JOHNSTON at the Masonic Hall\*\*\*\*\*  
June 12 at 7pm: Songs of the Workers at Cumberland Cultural Centre  
June 13 at 1pm: Alfie Zappacosta at Florence Filberg Centre  
June 13 at 7:30pm: Es:mo at River City Stage in Campbell River\*  
June 13 at 8pm: Schall and Rausch 002: Nancy Dru at Masonic Hall  
June 13 at 9:30: Oktiv 6 and Sirreal at the Waverley  
June 17 at 7:30pm: The Barrel Boys at the Masonic Hall  
June 18 at 7pm: Jon Miller Trio at 40Knots\*  
June 19 at 6pm: Amber Webber and Stephen McBean (Black Mountain) at Curling Club\*  
June 19 at 7pm: Knife Manual and Class of 1984 at Masonic Hall  
June 20 at 1pm: National Indigenous People's Day Celebration at CVEX\*  
June 20 at 7:30pm: David Vest at Regier Theatre  
June 20 at 9pm: Want Jungle at the Waverley  
June 22-26: Quadra Island Festival of Chamber Music  
June 24 at 5pm: The James Vicker's Band at 40Knots  
June 25 at 6pm: Jazz Jam at the Mex  
June 26 at 5pm: Pulse in the Plaza at CVAG\*  
June 26 at 9pm: Mark Woodyard and friends at Joe King Park on Hornby  
June 27 at 7:30: Pride at the Tide at the Tidemark  
++Every Tuesday (June, July and August) at 12pm "Concert in the Square" at Spirit Square in Campbell River  
++Nearly Every Friday at 7pm "River Concerts" at Spirit Square in Campbell River

\*Events Jenn is definitely planning on attending and happy to have company

## FULL COMMENTARY

*June 1 and 2 at 7:30pm: Colin James at Tidemark*

Colin James has won 6 Junos, multiple Maple Blues Awards and has been on the scene for over 30 years. High-energy blues. [tidemarktheatre.com](http://tidemarktheatre.com)

*June 1 at 8pm: Bob Log III at Byron's Basement in Campbell River*

I know nothing- except that it's listed on Bob Log III's tour page. Like a whisper on the wind I am tuning my ears to find out more but mostly it's just silence. But if you get a chance, a Bob Log III concert is one of a kind.

*June 4 at 7pm: John Lee Trio at 40Knots*

Raised in Nanaimo, a Berklee School of music Graduate, and recently played at some of the most prestigious jazz clubs in the U.S. John Lee's jazz and organ playing is both gritty and soulful. This is part of the Georgia Straight Jazz Society (GSJS) Summer series. [georgiastraightjazz.com](http://georgiastraightjazz.com)

*June 5 at 9pm: Wintersleep and the Boojums at the Waverley*

Before moving to Vancouver Island I actually followed Wintersleep as they toured Ontario. That was in 2007. Nearly 20 years later I am stoked to see them play again. I'm also enjoying the music of the openers, The Boojums. [gotpopconcerts.com](http://gotpopconcerts.com)

*June 10 at 5pm: Devin and Mariya at 40Knots*

Most Wednesdays 40 Knots has a series called "Wine Wednesday". I don't quite know the set up or whether there is dinner available but shows appear to start at 5pm. Most are local cover acts but this night includes Devin Cooper and Mariya Stokes, a country-rock couple who have won various country awards in Alberta. I am intrigued—any country fans want to join me? [40knotswinery.com/visit-us/calendar/](http://40knotswinery.com/visit-us/calendar/)

*June 11 at 7:30pm: Maria Dunn at Weird Church*

As a part of the Miner's Memorial Weekend come listen to some classic folk and storytelling. I have a free extra ticket. Email me if you're interested. [minersmemorial.ca](http://minersmemorial.ca)

*June 11 at 9pm: Malinowski at Waverley*

Frontman to Bedouin Soundclash, recently remixed by Diplo (!), and collaborator with Coeur de Pirate, Jay Malinowski is one of the many quiet legends of the Canadian music scene. He has great stories. Hopefully the crowd at the Wave will allow us the opportunity to hear them.

[cvw.ticket.ca](http://cvw.ticket.ca)

*June 12 at 8pm ish: BA JOHNSTON at the Masonic Hall*

Some of the very best people went to Westdale Secondary in Hamilton, ON. Martin Short, Eugene Levy, Jennifer Geddes and Christian (B.A.) Johnston. True friends would make the effort to see this bizarre and beautiful one-man show. At the very least you will most likely get some free Hawkins cheezies out of the deal. Opening for B.A. is Raddog from the Interior and local doom dream band, Nightmirrors. If cost is a barrier- talk to me- I'll hook you up. No word on pre-tix, likely \$20 at the door.

*June 12 at 7pm: Songs of the Workers at Cumberland Cultural Centre*

Part of the 40th Miner's Memorial Weekend, this is a community event that will bring you back to coffee house nights of the true folk era.

[minersmemorial.ca](http://minersmemorial.ca)

*June 13 at 1pm: Alfie Zappacosta at Florence Filberg Centre*

Alfie is a two-time Juno winner, jazz and classical guitarist. He will be joined by Tom Arntzen on keys. This is a fundraiser for the Evergreen Club. Apparently coffee/tea and cookies during intermission are included. Tickets are available at the centre's reception desk.

*June 13 at 7:30pm: Es:mo at River City Stage in Campbell River*

I don't really know what to expect of this show but I do know that Elizabeth Shepherd and Michael Occhipinti have 19 Juno Noms between them. I think this will be an eclectic night of jazz, afro-beats, hip hop and who knows what else. Please note that while the tickets are sold through the Tidemark, the show takes place and the delightfully intimate River City Stage. [tidemarktheatre.com/](http://tidemarktheatre.com/)

*June 13 at 8pm: Schall and Rausch 002: Nancy Dru at Masonic Hall*

This is the second installment of Schall and Rausch's series dedicated to sharing a passion for electronic music. I have it on good authority that Nancy Dru's esoteric sound is worth checking out. [schall-un-rausch.com](http://schall-un-rausch.com)

*June 13 at 9:30: Oktiv 6 and Sirreal at the Waverley*

While white-boii hip hop may not be everyone's jam I do appreciate how kind and hardworking these guys are. Both Oktiv 6 and Sirreal are working hard at improving the lives of others not only through music but through their volunteer work. [cvw.tickit.ca](http://cvw.tickit.ca)

*June 17 at 7:30pm: The Barrel Boys at the Masonic Hall*

This four piece band from Toronto gives banjo bluegrass with old-timey sound vibes. They have rich harmonies and toe-stomping melodies. [ccas.tickit.ca](http://ccas.tickit.ca)

*June 18 at 7pm: Jon Miller Trio at 40Knots*

I am told that this trio draws on 60s era organ-jazz with hints of funk and latin rhythms. Currently Jon Miller's album is getting a lot of campus radio play. Another one of GSJS' summer series. [georgiastraightjazz.com/](http://georgiastraightjazz.com/)

*June 19 at 6pm: Amber Webber & Stephen McBean (Black Mountain) at Curling Club*

I am a CVGBs devotee. They always bring memorable acts to the valley and last year's Black Mountain show was incredibly memorable. I am excited to see two of it's members return for another show. And supporting them are two other memorable acts, Small Pleasures and Electric Brains.

[cvgbs.tickit.ca](http://cvgbs.tickit.ca)

*June 19 at 7pm: Knife Manual and Class of 1984 at Masonic Hall*

Unfortunately I can't do it all on this particular night but Knife Manual and Class of 1984 are two of my favourite punk/post punk bands. I think tickets will be at the door.

*June 20 at 1pm: National Indigenous People's Day Celebration at CVEX*

While the line up for this event has not been released yet, if the past two years are any indication, I know that it will be a fantastic celebration of creative Indigenous artists. Come spend the day honouring the original and current keepers of this land. FREE!

*June 20 at 7:30pm: David Vest at Regier Theatre*

David Vest is a Blues piano player originally from Alabama but currently living in Victoria, BC. In the 1960s he opened for Roy Orbison but he has also shared the stage with Bo Diddley, Duke Ellington and Jimmy Dorsey. Get your boogie-woogie on. [oldchurch.ticket.ca](http://oldchurch.ticket.ca)

*June 20 at 9pm: Want Jungle? at the Waverley*

Five jungle djs from Montreal and Toronto will be on the decks at the Wave. These are some of the biggest up and coming DJs in the underground dance scene! Look for tickets on eventbrite.

*June 22-26: Quadra Island Festival of Chamber Music*

I had a blast last year at this festival. While chamber music is typically classical in style, the real meaning of chamber music is simply a small ensemble that can play in a small room (a chamber). As a result you not only get the beautiful classical pieces but some pretty wacky contemporary stuff too. There are various nights with various performances. For the full schedule go to [quadrafestival.ca/](http://quadrafestival.ca/)

*June 24 at 5pm: The James Vickers Band at 40Knots*

This is another one of these Wine Wednesday events at 40 Knots. Gitxaala, Heiltsuk, Haida and UK artist James Vickers is 18 years old but he has been performing since he was 11 years old, including at the Blues Challenge in Memphis. [40knotswinery.com/visit-us/calendar/](http://40knotswinery.com/visit-us/calendar/)

*June 25 at 6pm: Jazz Jam at the Mex*

The Jazz Jams at the Mex are another great effort to showcase local talent. And we do have some amazing local talent. They now have a suggested donation of \$5-20 which I hope means that people who actually want to listen to music are showing up. Otherwise you will spend more time listening to the regulars chortle it up than the music.

*June 26 at 5pm: Pulse in the Plaza at CVAG*

CVAG hosts a fun gathering every last Friday of the month in June, July and August. Each one has a special theme. This one is K'omoks Fusion Festival. It will be a celebration of Indigenous culture, creativity and community. While it isn't strictly live music it will include music by Greg Wells and the aforementioned James Vickers. FREE![comoxvalleyartgallery.com](http://comoxvalleyartgallery.com)

*June 26 at 9pm: Mark Woodyard and friends at Joe King Park on Hornby Island*

Hornby Island is a great place to spend the weekend. Why not turn it into an EDM Hootenanny with Mark Woodyard, once described as a human jukebox. Sure he spins tunes but he also plays and loops along.  
[eventbrite.ca/e/1987648998661](http://eventbrite.ca/e/1987648998661)

*June 27 at 7:30: Pride at the Tide at the Tidemark*

Celebrate Pride with a multi-disciplinary show. Headlining the night is Queer as Funk! A Vancouver funk and soul collective.  
[tidemarktheatre.com/](http://tidemarktheatre.com/)

*\*Every Tuesday (June, July and August) at 12pm "Lunch in the Square" at Spirit Square in Campbell River*

The whole schedule hasn't been released yet but these "Lunch in the Square" concerts are a great way to spend an hour in Campbell River. In June some of the performers include Inclusion, Sean Hogan and Exit 30. FMI:[campbellriver.ca/government/news/2026-05-27-step-summer-free-downtown-fun-spirit-square](http://campbellriver.ca/government/news/2026-05-27-step-summer-free-downtown-fun-spirit-square) FREE

*\*Nearly Every Friday (June, July and August) at 7pm "River Concerts" at Spirit Square in Campbell River*

Also most Fridays there are free concerts at Spirit Square in Campbell River. Only the June line up has been released. It includes acts like Oktiv 6 and Bu Von Blum. FREE

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR JULY

July 1 All Day: Canada Day celebrations at Simms/Sid/Courtenay

July 1 at 8pm: Trooper at Ostler Park in Campbell River

July 4 at 7:30pm: Iron Kingdom and W.M.D. at the Waverley

July 8 at 5pm: What's Next at 40 Knots

July 9 at 1:30pm: Sarah Hagen Goldberg Variations at Denman Hall

July 14-18: CYMC Come From Away at Sid

July 22 at 5pm: Tidelines Jazz at 40 Knots

July 23 at 7pm: Sarah Hagen Of Water I Sing at Comox United

July 24 at 5pm: Pulse in the Plaza

July 29 at 7pm: Big Little Lions house concert in Cumberland

July 31- Aug 2: Filberg Festival

++Nearly every Wednesday (July and August) at 7pm Free Concert on Shopper's Row in Campbell River

++Rumoured nearly every Thursday (July and August) at 7pm Free Concert at Village Square in Cumberland

++Hopefully every Friday (July and August) at 7pm Free Concert at Comox Lake Picnic Shelter

## THE USUAL MONTHLY INFO AND REMINDERS:

- ❖ There are bound to be events that I've missed. I'm always happy to receive info from you all!
- ❖ There are a few open mic nights around town including my favourite Wednesdays at Gladstones.
- ❖ There are numerous bars/pubs that have house or local bands. Some really good ones are Roy's Towne Pub (Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays), Gladstone's (days vary) and Heritage House (days vary)
- ❖ As always you are welcome to use my Concert Prep Spotify playlist to listen to some of the acts I plan on seeing, but please, support artists by buying tickets to shows and buying their music directly. [Jenn's Concert Prep](#)