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JUNE 29 - JULY 6
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CHICAGO WHEEL JAM BY CIRQUES EXPERIENCE (USA)

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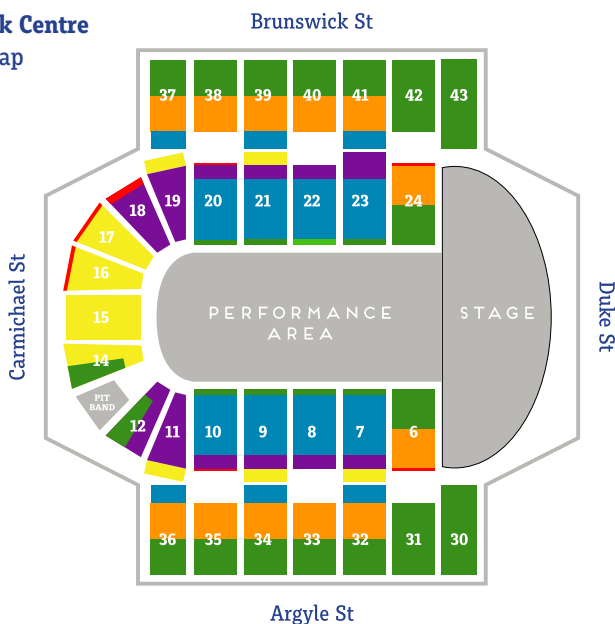


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Letter from the **MANAGING DIRECTOR**

The Tattoo is Halifax's summer kick-off. It's the best show of its kind anywhere in the world, and it's in our own backyard. We're thrilled to have you here as we celebrate our history, our future, our people, and the POWER OF PEACE.

With just under three weeks to go before the 2019 Tattoo begins, I want to encourage you to buy your tickets if you haven't already. We're welcoming friends, both new and old, from Australia, Estonia, Ethiopia, Germany, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States, and of course, Canada, who are coming to dazzle you. You won't want to miss this one.

It's been my genuine pleasure to have joined the team that puts together a show as monumental as the Tattoo. I'd like to thank everyone who has a part in the production, from the staff, to the cast and crew, our board of directors, our partners, funders, and donors – and our friends within the Canadian Armed Forces – for their tireless support of the Tattoo this year.

Moving forward, the Tattoo Times will be rebranded to the Tattoo Insiders Club. Make sure you sign up (www.nstatattoo.ca) to stay updated on the latest Tattoo news, contests, and more. And watch out for the Tattoo Street Team who'll be out and about in Halifax in the lead-up to the show – you might score some exclusive Tattoo swag.

See you then!

Scott Long
Managing Director & Executive Producer
Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo



Last Post Fund Funeral and Burial Program

As we commemorate the 75th Anniversary of D-Day, are you also aware of Veterans Affairs Canada's (VAC) Funeral and Burial Program? This program ensures that no Veteran is deprived of a dignified funeral, burial or headstone for lack of financial resources. The program is delivered by the Last Post Fund, a national non-profit organization, on behalf of VAC. Under the Program, Veterans who meet service and financial criteria could have their funeral, burial and grave marking costs covered. In addition, the Last Post Fund will provide a military style marker for Veterans who are currently located in an unmarked grave.

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Get ready for a family-friendly, side-splitting, breath-holding, death-defying **Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo**. We've got your summer kickoff all planned. Read on to find out who's coming!

Black Diamond DrillDance Team – This Australian drill dance team made it all the way to the semi-finals of Australia's Got Talent and now they're bringing their feathery, frilly, frolicking – and Freddie Mercury-inspired – routine to the Tattoo!

Chicago Wheel JAM by Cirque Experience – This Chicago-based troupe is bringing a splash of the circus to Halifax. The group's leader, Wolfgang Bientzle, has won several World Champion, European and German National titles, and has appeared with Cirque du Soleil, Disney, the NBA, the NFL, the NHL, and Holiday on Ice!

Club Piruett – The elite Estonian gymnastic group returns to the Tattoo with its junior school performers who will bring flair to the show with a beautiful ribbon routine.

German Air Force Band Erfurt – Based out of central Germany, this 56-person band has represented the German Air Force throughout Europe and North America and comes to Halifax this summer to continue the strong friendship between the Tattoo and Germany.

Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Band – Tokyo – Formed in 1952, this band is one of the most lauded military bands in the world and adds Halifax to a roster of Tattoos that also includes appearances in Oslo and Basel.

Black Diamond DrillDance Team, the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Band, German Air Force Band Erfurt, and Club Piruett





*Valley Forge Military Academy and College Regimental Band, Canadian Cadets,
Canadian Army Jiffy Jeep Team Championships, and Wachbataillon*

North American Brass Band Summer School – Combining the world’s best brass instrumentalists, and led by the top brass instructors, the North American Brass Band Summer School musicians return to the Tattoo for their sixth year.

P03 Mariko Nakagawa – P03 Mariko Nakagawa performs with the Japanese Maritime Self-Defense Force Band and is renowned for her rich vocals and excellent pitch.

United States Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team – This crowd favourite, based out of Washington, D.C., mixes show-stopping weapon maneuvers with pin-drop silence to create a thrilling routine that will leave you holding your breath.

Valley Forge Military Academy and College Regimental Band – Members of the Valley Forge Regimental Band will join the Massed Bands this summer. These cadet musicians have performed at inaugural parades for U.S. Presidents, Virginia Governors, as well as the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.

Wachbataillon – An elite drill unit from Germany that excels in both protocol and infantry missions around the world.

Canadian Cadets – The Canadian Cadet Organization has designated the Tattoo as one of its National Directed Activities for Cadet musicians and is committing to sending 70 young pipers and drummers, and brass and reed musicians, to perform in the show. In future years, this partnership will grow to include over 100 youth performers.

Canadian Army Jiffy Jeep Team Championships – Watch as members of the Corps of Royal Canadian Electricians and Mechanical Engineers race to take apart a Jeep and put it back together again! Which team will you root for? Pick your side!

Diaga Irish Dance – This troupe of young Irish dancers weaves Celtic choreography into their routines and are actively involved in promoting Celtic culture to the community.

Jon-Paul Decosse – This Dartmouth dweller possesses a “powerful, full-throated bass-baritone,” according to Opera Canada, and makes his Tattoo debut this summer after a career spent performing some of the most renowned operas across the country.

Nova Scotia Irish Dancers – This provincially selected group of Irish dancers is assembled especially for the Tattoo by former Riverdance performer Zeph Caissie and adds a bit of Celtic flair to the show.

Scotia Suzuki School of Music – These young local musicians and dancers blend classical music styles with many types of Maritime music and dance including Celtic, French Acadian, Indigenous, Lebanese, and African styles.

And featuring Canadian military and civilian favourites like the ***36 Canadian Brigade Group (NS) Band***, ***Fanfare Trumpeters***, ***Halifax Regional Police***, ***Halifax Regional Fire & Emergency***, the ***Massed Pipes & Drums***, the ***National Band of the Naval Reserve***, the ***Stadacona Band of the Royal Canadian Navy*** and ***P02 Brad Davidge***, the ***Tattoo Choir*** and ***Tattoo Children's Chorus***, ***Tattoo Extras***, and the ***Tattoo International Highland Dance Team***!

Diaga Irish Dance, Nova Scotia Irish Dancers, Jon-Paul Decosse, and the United States Air Force Honor Guard Drill Team



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Your donations directly support the ongoing operation of the Tattoo and programs such as Youth Pipes and Drums and Tickets for Youth.

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For more information about supporting the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Foundation, please contact: Kathryn Levandier – Director of Development at klevandier@nstatattoo.ca or call 902-420-4622.

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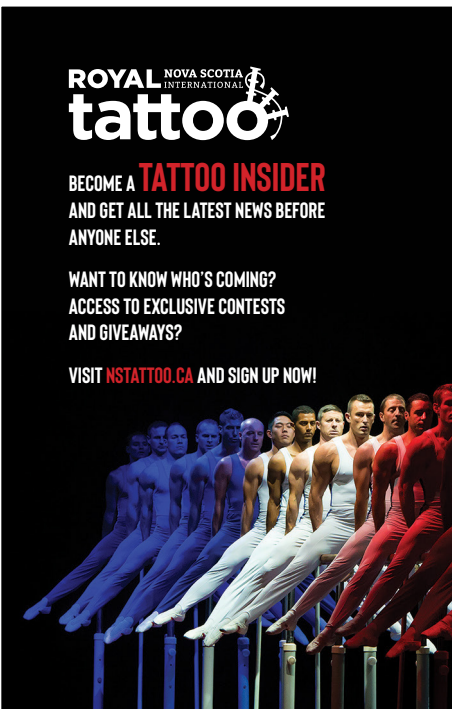
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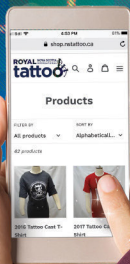
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This year, **70 Cadet musicians** will join the Tattoo's Massed Pipes & Drums and Brass & Reed band, as well as appearing in the Assembly and Finale. In the future, this partnership will grow to feature over 100 Cadets in the show!

We're excited to grow this partnership and teach the next generation of Tattoo performers!



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