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It's Time to Turn Up the Fun at this Year's Queen City Ex presented by SaskTel

Regina, SK – The Regina Exhibition Association (REAL) is excited to unveil the full slate of entertainment, programming, and fun that's in store for everyone at this year's Queen City Ex (QCX) presented by SaskTel. Regina's annual exhibition takes place from August 3 – 7, 2022, at the REAL District.

Get your advanced tickets starting tomorrow, June 16, 2022, at 10 a.m. by visiting www.queencityex.com or any local Sherwood Co-op.

Advanced Passes

Daytripper \$50
Adult Admission - \$14
Senior/Child Admission - \$10
Fast Pass – \$20

At the Gate

Daytripper - \$68
Adult Admission - \$18
Senior/Child Admission - \$14
Fast Pass – \$25

REAL knows times are getting harder with such things as rising gas prices and groceries. To help ease that burden, all gate admissions, regardless of age, are going to be just \$5 for Wednesday, August 3, when purchased online in advance.

"We know that families and individuals are having to make hard choices about how to spend any discretionary income," said Tim Reid, President, and CEO of REAL. "There's something special about the exhibition. It's what summer is all about in Regina and we want to make it as accessible to as many people as possible by providing a reduced gate admission on Wednesday. We've got an incredible lineup of entertainment, rides, food, and fun to make amazing moments and memories with family and friends."

For anyone heading to the August 3 soccer friendly match between the Sunderland AFC U23s and Toronto FC II at Mosaic Stadium, admission to QCX on Wednesday night is included in the ticket price.

REAL appreciates its' partnership with Great Western Brewing. A complimentary QCX gate admission is included in select 24 packs of Original 16 Pale Ale.

Back again this year is the Original 16 Stage, located in Confederation Park, with a line-up of entertainment that is sure to be exciting.

Wednesday, August 3

Street Heart and the Head Pins presented by Sherwood Coop

Thursday, August 4

Jason Derulo presented by Prairie Mobile along with Teshar

Friday, August 5

Tim Hicks presented Brunswick Steel along with Kendra Kay

Saturday, August 6

Tenille Arts & Tebey presented by SaskTel

Sunday, August 7

Regina Symphony Orchestra & a fireworks display presented by SaskMilk

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Want a special seat for these shows? Consider purchasing a VIP Patio Table or Fan Zone Experience Pass. Either is only valid on a specific night chosen at purchase and includes gate admission. A VIP Patio table is \$240 and includes four people. You have access to a private bar and washroom, plus light appetizers. You also get a QCX collectible item and must be 19 +.

The Fan Zone pass is \$40 and includes gate admission for a specific night chosen at purchase. The Fan Zone is standing room only for general admission at the front of the stage. It's open to all ages but 12 and under and must be accompanied by an adult. Holders get a QCX collectible item.

The Confederation Park beer garden opens at 6 p.m. daily with the first acts hitting the stage at 8:30 p.m. One exception is the RSO which performs at 8 p.m. QCX is bringing back the VIP Patio Tables and Fan Zone experiences which are available to reserve online as well.

"The Original 16 Stage is an exciting opportunity to come together once again and reconnect with friends and family while listening to great music, and drinking great beer," said Michael Brennan President & CEO, Great Western Brewing Company. "We are proud of our partnership with REAL, and look forward to seeing everyone at the Ex."

Get ready to be tossed, turned, and flipped this year. Between the midway and kiddieland, there are almost 50 rides to thrill young and old. There's everything from the Mach 3 to a new ride called Raptor Run. The midway runs from noon to midnight daily.

Some new food to look forward to includes the Unicorn Rainbow Glazed Donut Stick, Oreo Rice, Spicy Fried Dill Pickle Chips, Jalapeno Cheesy Cauliflower Bites, Cajun Fried Cheese Curd Poutine, Maple Glazed Bacon Oreo Donut, Squid Ink Korean Corndog, Flamin' Cheeto Fries, and Mac and Cheese Soft Serve.

The SaskTel Extreme Zone features skateboarding, a pogo stunt show, and the Nerveless Nocks Thrill Show. Showtimes run throughout the day between 1 - 8 p.m.

There are family shows this year inside Hall A at the Viterra International Trade Centre (VITC). They run every day from 1 – 7 p.m., and feature Paw Patrol, Canine Circus, and Dale K the Hypnotist. Want to see the cute and fluffy at this year's QCX? The Farm (aka petting zoo) is being produced by our friends at the Canadian Western Agribition (CWA) and is located inside Hall C of the VITC.

Back this year is the marketplace inside the foyer of the VITC. There's something for everyone to pick up from over 25 vendors. It's open from Noon – 8:30 p.m.

REAL is excited about the addition of an Indigenous Village to the QCX lineup. It's being led by Saskatchewan's own World Champion Hoop Dance Terrence Littlelent. There we will be traditional teachings and performances throughout QCX.

Rodeo fans should save the date in their calendar. The Pile O' Bones Rodeo is back for two nights. Included with your QCX gate admission is the chance to see some of the best athletes in rodeo today. The professional rodeo runs Friday, August 5, and Saturday, August 6, inside the Brandt Centre starting at 6:30 p.m.

REAL is also excited to have back at QCX the Mechanical Bull Riding Dual Challenge. This fun event is located on the midway this year and features a 3,500-square-foot QCX Saloon to have a cold one and enjoy the fun.

"With this incredible line-up of entertainment and programming, we look forward to the QCX welcoming people from all over," said Doug Burnett, SaskTel President & CEO. "SaskTel recognizes the value the exhibition offers the community and that is why we are a proud supporter of REAL and presenting sponsor of QCX."

REAL is once again excited to partner with the Regina Food Bank as the charity of choice for this year's exhibition. The annual Family Day and Pancake breakfast presented by SaskMilk takes place on Sunday, August 7. Admission is free from 10:30 – Noon with participants encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item.

"Queen City Ex is a rite of passage in our city, creating memories for folks young and old for a generation. We are so grateful that they continue to be champions of the Regina Food Bank. The QCX is the embodiment of neighbours feeding neighbours helping us to

provide food to children, adults, and seniors across our city” said John Bailey, Chief Executive Officer, Regina Food Bank. “We are continuing to see an extraordinary rise in requests for service. Forty-three percent of Food Bank users are children, and our food distribution has risen to 12,000 lbs. per day from 10,000 lbs. per day compared to last year. Providing healthy foods to those who experience food insecurity enables healthier individuals who can thrive in their communities.”

For information on everything taking place at the exhibition be sure to visit www.queencityex.com.

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