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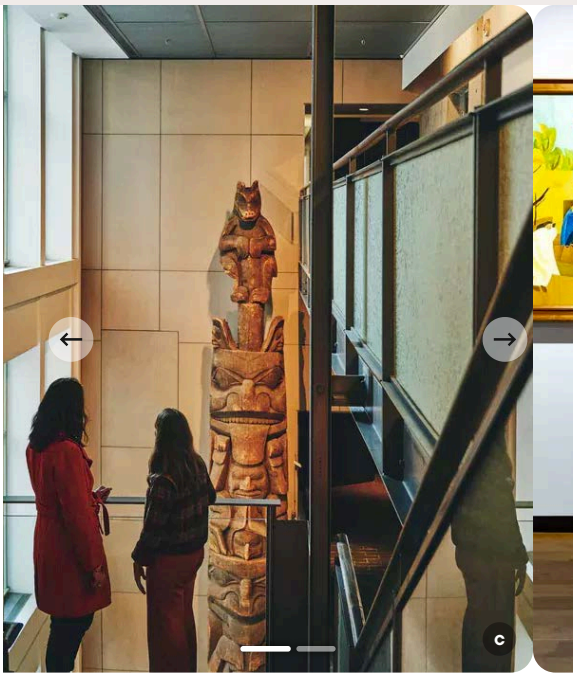

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Blockbuster museum exhibitions, live music concerts, theatre and comedy are among the many live entertainment choices in Montréal this Spring 2026.

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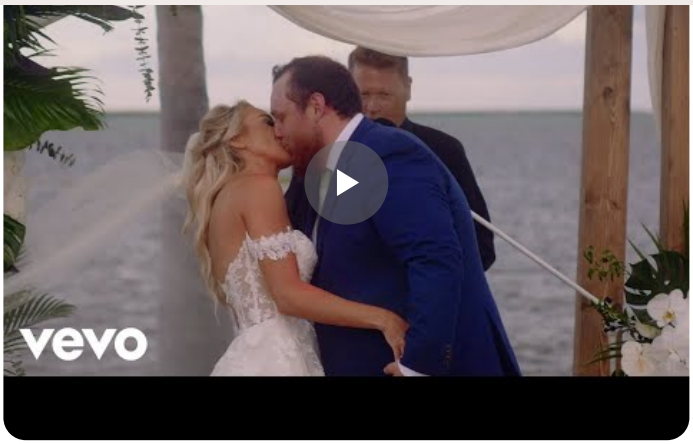
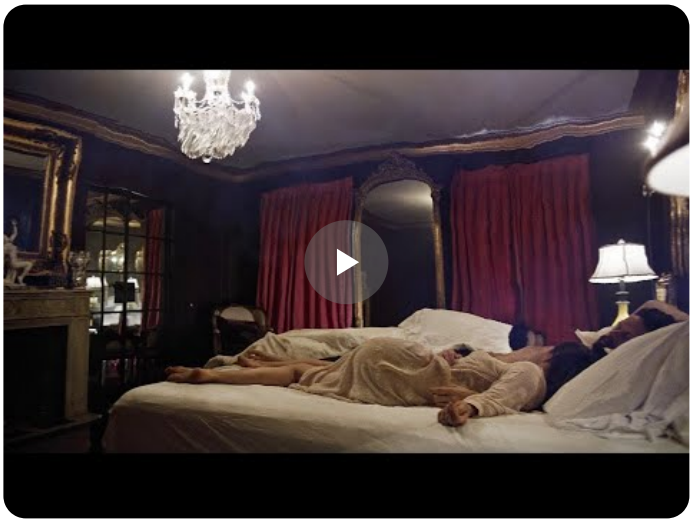


Luke Combs - Forever After All

Brit pop sensation **MIKA** at Place Bell (May 4), **Flea and the Honora Band** at Théâtre Beanfield (May 10), metalcore bands **August Burns Red and The Amity Affliction** team up for their **Spring Horizons Tour** date at MTELUS (May 12) the same night death-metal band **BEHEMOTH** headlines the Olympia Theatre (May 12), British royalty **Joe Jackson** at Théâtre Maisonneuve (May 13), music icon **Herb Alpert & The Tijuana Brass** at Théâtre Maisonneuve (May 14), **The Reggae Uprising Band** at Club Balattou (May 16), Australian singer-rapper **The Kid LAROI** at Place Bell (May 16), the **Black Veil Brides** at MTELUS (May 26), Canadian rock icons **The Guess Who** at Place Bell (May 29), and country superstar **Luke Combs** headlines two shows at Parc Jean-Drapeau (May 29 and 30).

Concerts of note: Montréal soul diva **Sylvie DesGroseilliers** pays homage to **Tina Turner** at the Cabaret du Casino de Montréal (May 9); and Canadian-born, St. Louis-based blues-rock slide-guitar god **Anthony Gomes** will blow the roof off iconic venue Foufounes Électriques (May 21).

June



Father John Misty - I Love You, Honeybear

Hip Hop superstar **A$AP Rocky** at Bell Centre (June 1), crooner **Josh Groban** at Place Bell (June 2), Sacramento rock bank **Cake** at the Olympia Theatre (June 3), Australian punk rockers **Amyl and The Sniffers** at Place Bell (June 5), Canadian rockers **Arkells** Théâtre Beanfield (June 5), Canadian rock icons **Triumph** at Place Bell (June 10), Grammy-winning Australian electronic dance music trio **RÜFÜS DU SOL** at Parc Jean-Drapeau (June 20), country-rock icon **Steve Earle** at Théâtre Beanfield (June 25), RnB Hip Hop legends **NE-YO & AKON** bring their co-headliner **Nights Like This Tour** to the Bell Centre (June 26), Franco-Algerian singer-rapper **Rilès** headlines MTELUS two nights (June 28 and 29), goth alt-rockers **Evanescence** at Bell Centre (June 30), and **Father John Misty** at MTELUS (June 30).

Concerts of note: Exquisite Montréal soulman **Clere**l headlines **Clerel & Friends: A Donny Hathaway Tribute** at O Patro Vys (June 6), and Montréal's international Queen of the Blues **Dawn Tyler Watson** headlines her Jazz Project at the Festival International de Jazz de Montréal, a free show at Le Studio TD on June 26.

Performers **Flo Rida**, **The Temptations Revue** and **Max-a-Million** headline the 21st edition of **Strangers in the Night** gourmet charity gala at Complexe Pointe Claire on June 27, benefiting the West Island Women's Shelter and the Kat Demes Pavilion at the Montréal Children's Hospital.

To celebrate the 25th anniversary of the landmark film *Hedwig & the Angry Inch* adapted from his off-Broadway hit, writer, director and star **John Cameron Mitchell** will screen a 4K restoration of the 2001 cult movie musical at Théâtre Beanfield on June 30, followed by a live post-screening conversation, audience Q&A and a special acoustic performance, as well as post-show meet-and-greets.

Local soul, jazz and hip hop

Montréal music legends **Freddie James**, **Kim Richardson**, **Dawn Tyler Watson,** and **Michelle Sweeney**. Montréal's premiere musicians and entertainers also headline live-music nightclubs **Diese Onze** and **Upstairs Jazz Bar & Grill**, both ranked by *DownBeat* magazine as two of the top jazz nightclubs on the planet. Montréal's top jazz, soul and blues divas headline both venues which also have dinner menus.

Le Cypher X organizes the city's premiere hip hop concerts every Thursday at **O Patro Vys** while **GrowveMTL** presents jams featuring the city's top musicians playing everything from disco to hip hop each Wednesday at **Turbo Haüs**.

Hillbilly Night each Monday at the legendary **Wheel Club** in NDG is the longest-running open mic night in Montréal.

CITY OF FESTIVALS

Montréal hosts many star-studded festivals each spring:

On the 20th anniversary of Montréal being named a UNESCO City of Design, the inaugural **Montréal Design Week** celebrates design in all its forms — architecture, interior design, makers, shops and creators, emerging and established, from April 28 to May 7.

The 16th edition of the **feminist HTMlles festival** in media arts and digital culture brings together local artists, scholars and activists passionate about critical engagement with new technologies from feminist perspectives. Runs May 6 to June 7.

The **Pouzza Fest** punk rock music festival presents 175 bands in different venues from May 15 to 17. Headliners include **Buzzcocks** and **The Planet Smashers**.

The 15th edition of the **Montreal Comic Arts Festival** runs from May 15 to 17.

PorchfestNDG is a popular way to discover local musicians as they perform on neighbourhood front porches on May 16 and 17.

Piknic Électronik runs at Parc Jean-Drapeau from May 17 to October 18. The outdoor festival books the world's top house and techno DJs all summer long.

The **Formula 1 Grand Prix du Canada** runs May 22 to 24. Click here for all you need to know about the race and all **Grand Prix festivities**. Then click here for the storied **history of auto racing in Montréal**.

A festival of contemporary dance and theatre, the star-studded 20th **edition of the internationally-acclaimed Festival TransAmériques presents some 25 shows** from May 28 to June 10. Click here for full festival programming.

The bilingual **St-Ambroise Montréal Fringe Festival returns June 1 to 21** when 500 artists from some 90 producing