



Welcome to Edmonton StreetFest 2020

StreetFest is In the House — Your House.

I am Shelley Switzer, the Artistic Producer of the Edmonton International Street Performers Festival.

We all gather, welcome, create and collaborate on this Treaty 6 land, a traditional gathering place for centuries of the diverse Indigenous peoples including the Cree, Blackfoot, Metis, Nakota Sioux, Iroquois, Dene, Ojibway, Saulteaux Anishinaabe, Inuit, and many others whose histories, languages, and cultures continue to influence our vibrant community. StreetFest is grateful for the opportunity to gather, welcome, create and collaborate and to make a positive contribution to our community.

As the realities of the Covid- 19 pandemic were unfolding and knowing we could not go ahead with our usual Festival plans, I realized that it would be great if we could still provide to the audiences, friends and fans, staff and volunteers the best way to get and feel the true spirit, essence and all the good that comes from Edmonton StreetFest. With the generous support from our Government Funders and from the Edmonton Community Foundation's Rapid Response fund, we are

able to bring it all to you ONLINE. Huge thanks must go to the small but mighty 2020 StreetFest staff and team bringing you this years' on-line Festival.

Many businesses have been able to support us this year and we thank them all. A special thank you goes to our past and of course, our current Board of directors. Thanks go to all of our past funders and supporters and we wish you all well and hope they can join us again in the future.

We thank all of our supporters, contributors and sponsors (Past and Present). Join the 2020 Festival fun on the StreetFest website where will host a gathering of 30 years+ of the most incredible people, artists, talents, skills, joyous audiences, love, life time friends, memories, laughter and artistry. Even more love goes to our many coordinators and volunteers who give so much each year at the Festival and are missing us all so much, we miss you too.

Thanks goes to you - the audiences, generations of audiences, for all you have contributed and now hopefully able to treasure from the past 35 years at StreetFest. With our opportunity to go on-line we won't be limited to our usual 10 days. StreetFest is committed to bringing you as much fun, hilarity and way to make new memories for days and months to come.

Finding the fun and some comfort from the memories and laughs, this year it's even more important because of the times we are all facing. Check out all the zones to find some brand new laughs, take part in some contests, have fun, play, get active and get your silly on. We want to hear about the many ways you are joining the 2020 StreetFest on-line fun!

Stay safe and have a great 2020 Edmonton StreetFest

Shelley Switzer

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Edmonton International Street Performers Festival is committed to offering a physically and emotionally safe and healthy environment for our entire community. Whether it be intentional or unintentional, conscious or unconscious, Edmonton International Street Performers Festival acknowledges racism and discrimination exists within our community. We, also, acknowledge that racism and discrimination is a liability to the health and safety of our community. We continue to challenge ourselves to identify the issues, impacts, and injustices surrounding racism and discrimination and we resolve to implement strategies to dismantle the systematic inequities.

