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Multiplatinum-Selling Band, 98 Degrees, Set to Heat Up the Bell CNE Bandshell Stage This Summer

*CNE announces sizzling music billing that includes Canadian rockers **Moist**, folk-rock trio **The Rural Alberta Advantage**, Motown icons **The Commodores**, Reggae superstar **Luciano** and more!*

*Final round of performers join previously announced headliners **Shawn Desman**, **Marianas Trench**, **Dean Brody** and **Bishop Briggs** as part of free nightly concert series*

Toronto, ON (June 25, 2025) – Toronto may be in the midst of a heat wave, but summer festival season is about to get hotter by 98 Degrees. The mercury and excitement is rising for Canada's favourite fair as the Canadian National Exhibition announces its full 2025 Bell CNE Bandshell line-up set to hit the stage beginning August 15th. Offering the best of homegrown talent to international music superstars, this year's CNE concert line-up has something for everyone including chart-topping ballad hitmakers **98 Degrees**; Canadian supergroup **Trans-Canada Highwaymen** made up of Moe Berg (The Pursuit of Happiness), Chris Murphy (Sloan), Craig Northey (Odds), and Steven Page (ex-Barenaked Ladies); Vancouver's iconic alt-rock band **Moist** led by David Usher, returning to the Bell CNE Bandshell stage since their last appearance in 2018; as well as California's **Cold War Kids** and Hamilton's **The Dirty Nil**.

From supergroups to super-pairings: Toronto's Queen of R&B Soul **Jully Black** will open for legendary "Brick House" Motown group **The Commodores**; the Godfather of Canadian reggae **Jay Douglas** teams up with one of Jamaica's most iconic figures of roots reggae, **Luciano**; folk-rockers **The Rural Alberta Advantage** pair up with special guest **Yukon Blonde**; and Grammy-winning Canadian singer-songwriter **Chantal Kreviazuk** headlines with Toronto-based indie ensemble **Stars**, who are extending their 20th anniversary tour of their critically acclaimed album, *Set Yourself on Fire*. Celebrating 'Hot Girl Summer 2.0' and putting female empowerment front and centre on the Bell CNE Bandshell Stage will be the trifecta of **Rêve** ("Ctrl + Alt + Del"), **Jessia** ("I'm Not Pretty"), and **Aqyila** ("Bloom").

Previously announced headliners include **Shawn Desman**, **Loverboy**, **July Talk**, **Bishop Briggs**, **Dean Brody**, and **Marianas Trench**. Three Dog Night was announced to perform at the CNE; however, due to unforeseen circumstances, the show scheduled for August 23 at the Bell CNE Bandshell has been cancelled.

2025 Bell CNE Bandshell Concert Series

*Friday, August 15 – **Shawn Desman w/ Ari Hicks***

*Saturday, August 16 – **Loverboy***

*Sunday, August 17 – **STARS & Chantal Kreviazuk***

*Monday, August 18 – **Moist***

*Tuesday, August 19 – **Rêve, Jessia, Aqyila***

*Wednesday, August 20 – **Trans-Canada Highwaymen***

*Thursday, August 21 – **Luciano & Jay Douglas***

*Friday, August 22 – **July Talk w/ The Darcys***

*Saturday, August 23 – **98 Degrees w/ Alyssa Reid***

*Sunday, August 24 – **The Commodores with Jully Black***

Monday, August 25 – **Cold War Kids**
Tuesday, August 26 – **Bishop Briggs**
Wednesday, August 27 - **The Dirty Nil w/ Ben Quad**
Thursday, August 28 – **The Rural Alberta Advantage w/ Special Guest Yukon Blonde**
Friday, August 29 – **Marianas Trench w/ Nicolina**
Saturday, August 30 – **Dean Brody**
Sunday, August 31 – **Soca Night ft. GBM Nutron, Mical Teja, Coutain, with DJ Ana, Ultra Simmo and Dr. Jay**
Monday, September 1 – No concert on Labour Day

More supporting acts may be added. In addition to the Bell CNE Bandshell stage, there are five other music stages throughout the CNE to entertain visitors during the 18-day fair, taking place August 15 – September 1, 2025. For more information, go to www.TheEx.com.

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