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**Residents, businesses, and organizations invited to apply to be part of Culture Days**

(Barrie, ON) – The City of Barrie invites individuals, organizations, and businesses to submit proposals for activities and events to help celebrate Culture Days across Barrie this fall.

Culture Days is a national celebration of arts and culture. At the end of each September, millions of people attend thousands of free participatory arts and culture events across Canada. Culture Days programs invite the public to get hands-on and behind-the-scenes to highlight the importance of arts and culture in our communities.

From September 19 until October 12, Culture Days invites Barrie residents and visitors to show appreciation for arts and culture in our own communities and nationwide.

In addition, Culture Days has set September 30 aside to create space exclusively for events organized to commemorate the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, including those sharing First Nations, Métis, and/or Inuit experiences and perspectives celebrating the creative and cultural expressions of Indigenous people and communities.

The City invites proposals for activities or events to help celebrate Culture Days across Barrie. The format can be in-person or self-guided. Disciplines can include visual arts, dance, theatre, music, history and heritage, architecture and design, culinary arts, craft, or storytelling.

Applicants for Culture Day activities must meet the following criteria:

- activities must be unique and increase awareness of the arts, while offering community members the opportunity to engage in an art form
- have an activity hosting location in mind
- show relevant experience in hosting a public activity
- activities must be free or accept pay-what-you-can donations

Applications will be accepted until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, July 14. Limited funding is available; honorariums of up to \$800 are available per activity.

The selection committee will review all proposals based on the established criteria. Selection will occur in mid-July, and successful activity providers will be notified by the end of the day on Friday, July 25.

For more information about Culture Days and how to apply, visit [barrie.ca/CultureDays](http://barrie.ca/CultureDays).

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