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Music in the City Launched

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Merritt's Music in the City will be launched on July 1st, 3-5pm @ the Rotary Park Bandshell. The Canada Day performances will feature BC's Rob Hess and dance groups from Linda's Dance Studio. Music in the City is a community partnership project brought to you by Sunrise Rotary, Rotary Club of Merritt, Merritt & District Chamber of Commerce, CFDC Nicola Valley, Black's Pharmacy, Merritt Herald, Q101, Shaw TV, Merritt Morning Market, Merritt Printing and Merritt Walk of Stars.

Literacy Merritt will be joining Music in the City on Canada Day for a community wide book exchange. Bring down a book and pick up a new 2-u book, then enjoy the Music in the City entertainment from your lawn chair. Brambles Bakery will be on-site selling coffee, cold drinks and bakery goodies. The Smart Step program will be joining in the fun with face painting activities.

Music in the City will be running Thursdays in July and August. The shows on July 1st and August 26th will be at Rotary Park Bandshell. All other summer shows in July and August will be held Thursday evenings from 6-8pm at Merritt Spirit Square. Merritt can look forward to entertainment covering the musical genres. Music in the City performances will include Valdy, AJ Woodworth, The Matinee, Art Pruce, Rob Hess, One More Girl, Coquihalla Coyotes, Spencer Vaughan, Linda's Dance Studio and many more.

Local performers are encouraged to join the stage to showcase their talent. Artisans and crafters are welcome to join Music in the City with displays and booths. Local groups promoting their activities, registrations and fundraising efforts are also invited.

Music in the City is a community partnership project working to promote local and BC artists, build community and encourage families and visitors to enjoy the music and culture of Merritt and the Nicola Valley.

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