



GLOBAL TORONTO

**Music Conference
and Showcases**

Official 2026 Schedule

 **DISCOVER WHAT'S ON**

Global Toronto 2026 Schedule

Nov 8, 2026	Nov 9, 2026	Nov 10, 2026	Nov 11, 2026
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
It's Ok* Studios	Revival Event Venue	Revival Event Venue	Small World Centre, Great Hall, Lula Lounge
	Doors & Registration Opens 10:00 AM	Doors & Registration Opens 10:00 AM	Doors & Registration Opens 10:00 AM
	Morning Reset: Out of the Head into the Body 10:30 - 11:30 AM	Morning Reset: Rooted & Ready 10:30 - 11:30 AM	Creation in Times of Crisis 10:30 - 11:30 AM
	DO Talk with Strangers 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	From Clickbait to Community 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM	What's your Take? 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM
	LUNCH (provided by Global Toronto) 12:45 - 1:45 PM	LUNCH (provided by Global Toronto) 12:45 - 1:45 PM	LUNCH (provided by Global Toronto) 12:45 - 1:45 PM
	Mentor Cafe 1:45 - 2:45 PM	Mentor Cafe 1:45 - 2:45 PM	The Road From Here 1:45 - 2:45 PM
Doors & Registration Opens 2:30 PM			
Opening Ceremony 3:00 - 3:45 PM	Slow Touring: What it is and Why it Matters 3:00 - 4:00 PM	Authentic Stage Craft Workshop by Shakura S'Aida 3:00 - 4:30 PM	
Showcase 1 4:00 - 4:20 PM	Dinner Break 4:00 - 6:00 PM	Dinner Break 4:30 - 6:00 PM	
Showcase 2 4:35 - 4:55 PM			
Showcase 3 5:10 - 5:30 PM			
Showcase 4 5:45 - 6:05 PM			
Showcase 5 6:20 - 6:40 PM	Flip the Pitch 6:00 - 7:00 PM + Happy Hour Mixer 7:00 - 7:30 PM	Flip the Pitch 6:00 - 7:00 PM + Happy Hour Mixer 7:00 - 7:30 PM	WIN 20th Anniversary Celebration in partnership with Make It Music Great Hall 5:30 - 7:30 PM
Let's Eat! (provided by Global Toronto) 6:45 - 7:30 PM			
Meeting Musically 7:30 - 8:30 PM	Showcase 1 7:30 - 7:50 PM	Showcase 1 7:30 - 7:50 PM	Happy Hour Mixer Lula Lounge 7:00 - 8:30 PM
	Showcase 2 8:05 - 8:25 PM	Showcase 2 8:05 - 8:25 PM	
DJ Party 8:30 - 10:00 PM	Showcase 3 8:40 - 9:00 PM	Showcase 3 8:40 - 9:00 PM	Showcase 1 8:30 - 8:50 PM
	Showcase 4 9:15 - 9:35 PM	Showcase 4 9:15 - 9:35 PM	Showcase 2 9:05 - 9:25 PM
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LEGEND:

Professional Development

External Programming

Networking and Showcases



Sunday, November 8th

It's OK* Studios

Opening Ceremony

3:00pm - 3:45pm @ It's OK* Studios

Every great gathering deserves a proper welcome. This opening brings us together before the four days of Global Toronto begin. Join us as we welcome our delegates and artists, set the tone for the days ahead, and open our shared space through Indigenous teachings.

In Partnership with Indigenous Music Summit

Showcases

4:00pm - 6:40pm @ It's OK* Studios

From an incredible pool of submissions, our jury has selected a wonderful lineup of artists who will showcase at Global Toronto this November.

Stay tuned — the GT26 Showcasing Artists will be announced soon!

Meeting Musically

7:30 pm - 8:30 pm @ It's OK* Studios

A signature element of the SWM Incubator. It's so popular, we're bringing it to the Global Toronto Conference! Our curated jams are carefully curated selections of artists to give us a taste of Toronto's local yet global music scene. By selecting artists with a range of musical backgrounds to merge their sounds, traditions, and artistic voices, this space honours the diverse identities of instruments coming from different parts of the globe.

DJ Party

8:30pm - 10:00pm @ It's OK* Studios

Join us for a special vinyl DJ set as we celebrate the opening of Global Toronto 2026! Connect with fellow delegates, artists, and music professionals as we kick off four days of music, connection, and discovery.



Monday, November 9th

Revival Event Venue

Morning Reset: Out of the Head into the Body

10:30am - 11:30am @ Revival Event Venue

Start the day by stepping out of the day-to-day buzz and back into your body. Ori Chacon will guide us through a gentle embodiment practice using conscious movement, breathwork, and toning (humming) to help settle busy minds, move energy, and reconnect with ourselves before the day begins.

Come in comfortable clothes, with an open mind and ready to move, breathe, and make a little sound.

Facilitator: Ori Chacón

Do Talk to Strangers

11:45am - 12:45pm @ Revival Event Venue

Conferences can be exciting, but they can also be intimidating. Whether you're a conference pro or a newbie, this session is a reminder that behind badges and business cards, we want connection, we are allowed to connect beyond the usual questions... we're all human.

Conferencing doesn't have to be boring, stressful, or full of protocols. This session is an invitation to bring play, curiosity and our authentic selves to the room.

Facilitators: Janice Jo Lee, Ksenia Khan

Mentor Cafe

1:45pm - 2:45pm @ Revival Event Venue

Pull up a chair, bring your questions, and join us for an hour of conversation with music industry professionals.

From grants and royalties to sync placements, creative processes, booking, and international development, each table will explore a different area of expertise. Choose the topic that speaks to you, grab a seat, and join a small group of fellow artists for an open conversation with an industry mentor.

No sign-ups required. Seating is limited to 4–5 artists per table and available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Slow Touring: What it is and Why it Matters

3:00pm - 4:00pm @ Revival Event Venue

What might touring look like if we slowed it down?

Join us to continue the conversation around Slow Touring. A conversation currently taking place across the sector. This session brings together the lead of Ontario Presents' Slow Touring Project, Ceilidh Wood, and artists who have taken part in the project to reflect on what they've learned, what they're still navigating, and what slow touring can look like in real practice.

We'll explore approaches to touring that prioritize meaningful relationships with local communities, artist wellbeing, and creative risk-taking, while imagining a more intentional and sustainable future for the live music sector.

Moderator: Ceilidh Wood

Panelists: Tania Joy, Kaitlin Milroy

Flip the Pitch

6:00pm - 7:00pm @ Revival Event Venue

We're used to artists introducing themselves to presenters and talent buyers, but this time, we're flipping the script. Hear directly from festivals, venues, and organizations about who they are, what they're looking for, and the opportunities they offer. Are they right for you? Are you right for them?

Then stick around for a cocktail to connect with the presenters, ask questions, and continue the conversation.

Showcases

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Tuesday, November 10th

Revival Event Venue

Morning Reset: Rooted & Ready

10:30am - 11:30am @ Revival Event Venue

Take an hour to catch your breath with Second Wind & Co. Led by singer-songwriter and therapeutic arts practitioner Yarro and former professional athlete turned mindfulness coach Wumi Agunbiade, this session uses mindfulness and creative reflection to invite you out of the conference rush and into the present moment. Make space to ground yourself and choose how you want to step into the day ahead.

Facilitators: Wumi Agunbiade, Eliza Bulchak-Healy (Yarro)

Panel: From Clickbait to Community

11:45am - 12:45pm @ Revival Event Venue

Caught somewhere between in-person connection and social media strategy lies the real work of building an audience. But how do you turn a listener, follower, or concertgoer into a lasting relationship? Whether you're an artist or a presenter, this panel explores what genuine audience engagement looks like onstage, online, and in the community. What approaches help build trust and deepen connection? What hasn't worked? And how can we nurture an audience in ways that feel authentic, sustainable, and aligned with the work we do?

Moderator: Jaclyn Tam

Panelists: Tanika Charles, Mohsin uz Zaman, Said Yassin, Natasha Fisher

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Authentic Stage Craft Workshop by Shakura S'Aida

3:00pm - 4:30pm @ Revival Event Venue

The Authentic Stage Craft Workshop will help artists become skilled in staying focused, grounded, and authentic on stage, while also delivering a dynamic performance. The session will focus on: lyrical interpretation, connecting with audiences, stage presence, vocal power and expression, and teamwork. The workshop series is ideal for emerging and mid-career artists, business professionals, and all curious bystanders.

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Wednesday, November 11th

Small World Centre

Panel: Creation in Times of Crisis

10:30am - 11:30am @ Small World Centre

What happens to creation when the places, people, and traditions that shape it are going through a crisis? When the threads connecting us to our land, communities, and sources of inspiration are shaken or broken by natural disasters, conflict, or political instability, how does that affect what we create? How do artists navigate these realities through their work? And how can presenters and cultural organizations support them, bring audiences together, and make space for different perspectives during difficult times?

Moderator: Ann Mackeigan

Panelists: Neda Mohamadpour, Leen Hamo, Alina Kuzma, Krystin Gelfand

Panel: What's your Take?

11:45am - 12:45pm @ Small World Centre

Being part of the music ecosystem can be quite a roller coaster, whether you're an artist, booker, agent, or presenter. Sometimes everything falls perfectly into place, other times... not so much. Inspired by Subway Takes, we're passing the floor (and a PRESTO card!) between artists and industry professionals to share their pet peeves, worst experiences, and some popular or unpopular opinions about the music ecosystem.

Moderator: Jonathan Bunce

Panelists: Berk Hendricks, Luisa Maria Gonzalez, Juliana Carlevaris

The Road From Here

1:45pm - 2:45pm @ Small World Centre

If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together. A final gathering to reflect on what we've learned, shared, and built over these four days. What are we taking with us, and where do we go from here?

Facilitator: Paula Sofía, Neda Mohamadpour

Great Hall

WIN 20th Anniversary Celebration in partnership with Make It Music

5:00pm - 7:30pm @ Great Hall

Lula Lounge

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