

A night-time photograph of a festival stage with blue and yellow lighting. In the foreground, there are colorful confetti (blue, yellow, and red) scattered on the ground. The background shows a large crowd of people and a stage with bright lights. The overall atmosphere is festive and celebratory.

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50 names for 50 years!

Québec City, Wednesday, March 8, 2017 – At noon today on our socials, the Festival d'été de Québec announced the names of the 50 artists highlighting its 50th anniversary celebrations. Kicking off the opening weekend: hip-hop with Best Rap Album-winner **Kendrick Lamar** and the powerhouse rock vocals of international star **P!NK**, who has sold over 40 million albums worldwide. And as previously announced, **Metallica** and **Muse** are slated to headline the closing weekend of this 50th anniversary edition.

"We're proud of our blockbuster anniversary program. Again this year, we're inviting Festival fans to party to the music of their favourite artists, trending talent and international celebrities alike!" Board Chairman Alain-Jacques Simard said.

Look for: the triumphant return of the **Backstreet Boys**, one of the world's top boys band with over 130 million albums sold; Australian electronic music, DJ, and record producer **Flume**, fresh off his first Grammy for *Skin*; ten-time Academy of Country Music Award-winners **Lady Antebellum**; star hip hopper **Fetty Wap**; the hip-hop trio **Migos** with their chart-topping *Bad and Boujee*; **DNCE** with frontman Joe Jonas of the Jonas Brothers of debut single hit *Cake by the Ocean* fame; country pop star **Kelsea Ballerini**; Canadian rockers the **Arkells**; heavy rock punk-pop from **MxPx**; French song sensation **Michel Fugain** and the Big Bazar; electro powerhouse **DJ Shadow**; emo metal with California's **Pierce The Veil**; Canadian folk band **The Strumbellas**; talented singer-songwriter **Bobby Bazini**; **Crown The Empire** for metal-core fans, electronic rock with **Phantogram**; the unique stylings of folk-rocker **Melissa**

Etheridge; the ever-popular **Les Trois Accords**, and the smooth jazz/latin music of **Pink Martini** with a dozen musicians onstage.

"The sound is distinctly more urban and contemporary than ever," remarked Louis Bellavance, the director of programming. "Lots of pop and hip-hop and of what's trending worldwide; we have metal, punk and rock of course; look for solid names and fresh talent in a diversified lineup of shows at all of our venues, night after night."

Also on the program: Amadou and Mariam, Andy Shauf, Ben L'Oncle Soul, BROS, Dead Obies, Fred Fortin, Groenland, Jesse Royal, La Chicane, Los Lonely Boys, Matt Holubowski, Pat Thomas & Kwashibu Area Band, The Barr Brothers, Bassekou Kouyaté & Amy Sacko, Tony Allen (Tribute to Art Blakey) and Yann Perreau.

Special anniversary events

In honour of this milestone, the FEQ has planned a number of special shows featuring Québec artists.

As General Manager Daniel Gélinas explained, "This is our way of saying THANK YOU to all of these Québec artists who have played the different Festival stages over the years and who helped us grow and become what we are today, a truly great festival for music of all genres. These artists have a special place on our program, in our hearts and in our memories."

- **Isabelle Boulay** and friends will be toasting her 25 years in song accompanied by the **OSQ**;
 - **Les Cowboys Fringants** have put together a 20th anniversary party to remember;
 - **Lisa LeBlanc** is inviting some surprise guests!
 - **Michel Louvain** salutes his 80th birthday and a career spanning 60 years right where it all began in the heart of Old Québec, also in good company;
 - A tribute to bluesman **Bob Walsh**;
 - **Belle et Bum: FEQ 50th anniversary special!** A medley of artists celebrating all these years of great music!
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More program details to be announced soon!
For more informations go to **infofestival.com**.

Passes go on sale at noon Thursday, March 9!

The 50th Festival d'été de Québec will be held from July 6 to 16, 2017.
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