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# A record breaking beat: Canadians in 11 cities attempt largest drum roll on Canada Day



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A rhythm made up of percussion instruments from all around the world could be heard in 11 Canadian cities Canada Day, as drummers joined together to attempt to break a world record.

In Winnipeg, drummers gathered around the Chinese Heritage Garden in Chinatown and beat drums in a range of styles and sizes – from palm-sized Chinese rattle drums to a large Japanese taiko, along with dozens of hand-drums, snares, tom-toms, and djembes.

The goal was to break the Guinness World Record for largest group drum roll in the multiple venues category.

## PHOTOS



Winnipeg organizer Eva Luk said seeds were planted for the effort in 2017, when Chinese-Canadian groups in eight cities organized a synchronized drum performance to mark Canada's 150th anniversary.

She said the performance Monday was also designed to be in-sync.

"They play the same time across multiple time zones," Luk said, explaining the drumming would be live-streamed and records will be submitted to Guinness immediately.

Organizers expected 1700 people would be taking part, including 100 in Winnipeg, but Luk didn't have final numbers available.



*(Gary Robson/CTV News Winnipeg)*

Other participating cities include Halifax, Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Regina, and Vancouver and a number of smaller B.C. communities.



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It's happening. The @GWR attempt for the Largest Group Drum Roll - this one multiple venues in cities across the country! Here in Vancouver at Creekside Park. #canadadaydrumming @CanadaDrumming #CanadaDay2019

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Luk said the date of the event was no coincidence.

"Canada Day means a lot to us," Luk said. "There's so much division in the world and we wanted to promote diversity and harmony."

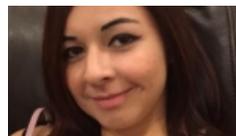
"And you see people -- Japanese, Filipino, Korean, Chinese, African and Indigenous people -- with us today and that's really cool."

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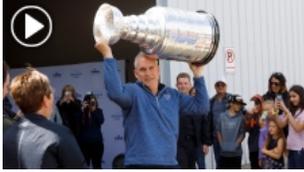
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