

World Record Set in Vancouver with a Cross-Cultural Drum Circle

VANCOUVER – Canada Day came and went but on that day over 100 drummers representing 61 different countries formed a large drum circle and performed at Creekside Park on False Creek before a Guinness adjudicator flown up from New York.



OVER 100 DRUMMERS representing 61 nationalities came together on Canada Day to play in the world's largest drum circle and earn top place in the Guinness World Records.

After careful consideration and scrutiny, the Guinness Adjudicator declared the Challenge successful!

Before the Challenge began for the "Most Nationalities in a Drum Circle" a greater number of drummers drummed simultaneously with drummers in 10 Canadian cities starting in Halifax.

Last year for Canada's 150th birthday celebration the Legacy 150 Celebration Society launched and co-ordinated drumming events across Canada to join Canadians of all ethnicities to drum together and celebrate our diverse multicultural nation.

The event was so successful that for Canada's 151st birthday, they did it again with groups of drummers across Canada in 12 cities starting in Halifax and ending in Vancouver simultaneously drumming for six minutes across several time zones and broadcast on several social media platforms.

In addition a Guinness world records attempt aim to set the record for "most nationalities in a drum circle (single venue)" of a recognized orchestral piece of music lasting at least five minutes was launched.

The attempt is based on the number of nationalities participating and the minimum number required is 50. This effort resulted in an incredible team effort to organize recruitment, verification, rehearsals, media, and is a case study in perseverance.



BLAKE WILLIAMS (R) was present with his bodhran at Creekside Park in Vancouver to participate in a cultural fusion of international drummers.

The challenge: "How to recruit more than 50 entrants (in a compressed time frame) from different nationalities with valid foreign passports, and time to rehearse and arrive ready to perform on Canada Day (July 1) at Creekside Park?"

Luckily, early registrants were keen to involve their friends and tagged them to join in.

Two Irish drummers Iain and Cathal

learned about the event through the Facebook page 'Irish in Vancouver', which became a community partner and helped spread the word. Iain signed up while he was still in Ireland!

The executive at Legacy 150 Celebration Society along with the enthusiastic staff and volunteers also helped create a national awareness.

When Canada Day arrived with sunshine and a cooling breeze off False Creek, drummers from 61 countries arrived to participate in both events in red shirts and drums.

Each registrant was checked by Guinness World Records adjudicator Claire Stephens who arrived from New York.

The drum circle formed, the rules were reviewed, and the drumming began with no music to help guide the beats and after five anxious minutes the drums stopped.

Later, after careful consideration, when Claire Stephens announced that the attempt had succeeded, a roar of drums and cheers was heard across the park.

It was a magical day for all present as families received complimentary drum lessons in a special tent – truly an experience of Canada at its best!

Rumours have it the certificates will be presented mid-September, possibly at an Irish pub....

Berlin U2 show cancelled after Bono loses his voice

BERLIN – U2 fans were left disappointed when their Berlin show was cancelled after Bono lost his voice.

The Irish band had played a handful of songs when the singer apologised to the crowd, saying: "I think we can't go on. It's not right for you."

Those at the Mercedes-Benz Arena were told there would be a short pause, but were later told the show was over. Bono promised another gig would be arranged.

Some fans said Bono had announced that smoke machines had affected his voice. "Bono was in great form and great voice prior to the show and we were all looking forward to the second night in Berlin, but after a few songs, he suffered a complete loss of voice," U2 said in a statement. "We don't know what has happened and we're taking medical advice," the band added.

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TOP 10 CELTIC HITS FOR SEPTEMBER

Celt In A Twist is local contemporary Celtic radio heard weekly on AM 1470, CJV in Vancouver.
www.worldbeatcanada.com.

The following is the Celt In A Twist Contemporary Celtic Top 10:

1. *Summer in Dublin* by Bangers and Mash - Quicksand Café on independent.
2. *The West Highland Line* by Dolphin Boy - The Highland Swing on Skye Records.
3. *Santy Ano* by Pat Chessell - I Confess on independent.
4. *Botany Bay* by Fear of Drinking - Live in Zurich on Big City.
5. *Living the Dream* by The Barra MacNeils - On the Bright Side on independent.
6. *Sinead Maire's* by Lunasa - Cas on Lunasa Records.
7. *ID Circulaire* by MAZ - ID on Production MAZ.
8. *'S Trusaidh mi no Coilleagan* by Daimh - The Rough Bounds on Independent.
9. *Drums of Chelsea* by The Go Set - One Fine Day on ABC Music.
10. *Do People Still Do This?* by Aidan O'Rourke - 365: Volume 1 on Reveal Records.

Celt In A Twist - Pick Of The Month:
Bangers and Mash - Quicksand Café (Independent)

On this day.....

Mend a quarrell. Search out a forgotten friend. Dismiss suspicion, and replace it with trust. Write a love letter. Share some treasure. Give a soft answer. Encourage youth. Manifest your loyalty in a word or deed.

Keep a promise. Find the time. Forgoe a grudge. Forgive an enemy. Listen. Apologize if you were wrong. Try to understand. Flout envy. Examine your demands on others. Think first of someone else. Appreciate. Be kind, be gentle. Laugh a little more.

Deserve confidence. Take up arms against malice. Decry complacency. Express your gratitude. Worship your God. Gladden the heart of a child. Take pleasure in the beauty and wonder of the earth. Speak your love, speak it again, Speak it still again. Speak it still once more.

– Found on the dresser of Irish actress Siobhan McKenna after her death.