

# Canadian Music Festivals Remember the Standout Performances That Defined Them

From inclement weather to surprise appearances from music legends, festivals share some of their favourite stories

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There are so many long-running [music festivals](#) all over Canada, and none of them would be possible without the dedicated teams of staff and volunteers who put in the effort year after year. Some of the people behind the country's best festivals — and, in a few cases, notable past artists — shared the performances that make all the hard work worth it.

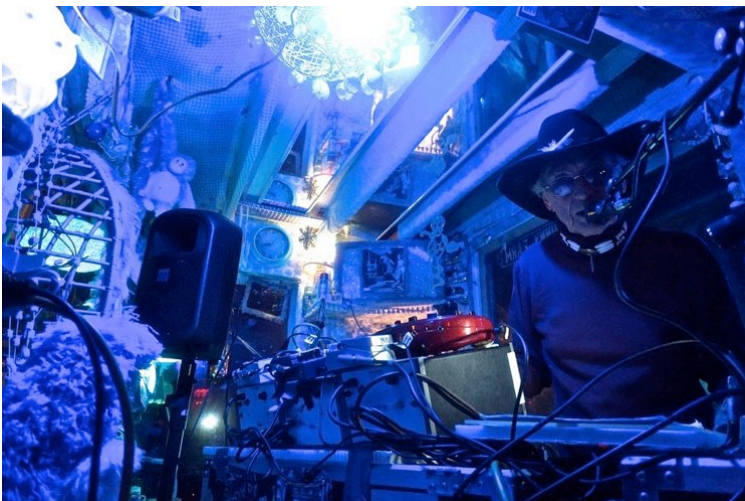
## [Electric Eclectics](#)

### Meaford, ON

*2022 details: July 29–30 featuring Edwin van der Heide, Laura Ortman, Shelley Hirsch*

On the third day of our annual summer festival in 2015, the skies grew black and an intense thunderstorm blew through from Georgian Bay, forcing us to cancel our live performances, pack up our stage equipment and send a large number of our audience fleeing back home. After a few hours of thunder and rain, the weather began to let up a bit, and we had the idea to set up a small sound system in Laura Kikauka's private studio at the EE festival site. We sent the word out that [Silver Apples](#) would perform, and all remaining festival-goers — probably about 150 still remained onsite — were welcomed into Laura's studio for a private loft concert by the late, great Simeon Coxe, who played a mind-blowing set using his vintage sine tone oscillators and drum machine. He also took requests from the audience!

*Gordon Monahan, Director*



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