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Halifax Central

PROGRAM LISTINGS

Adult

BLUENOSE-ABILITY FILM FESTIVAL

AMI Workshop

AMI is hosting a free Described Video workshops for professionals who wish to add this valuable skill to their organization. Participants will learn the basics of formatting a DV script and will have access to AMI professionals for questions and further learning opportunities. In partnership with reachAbility.

Fri, Dec 1/1 PM-4 PM

Collaged Holiday Card Workshop with Norma Corbett

Ages 16+

Come and make your own collaged holiday cards for the season. We have materials ready for you, but feel free to bring your own photos, magazine illustrations, and other possible collage materials. No experience is necessary.

Sat, Dec 2/1 PM-4 PM

Registration required

BLUENOSE-ABILITY FILM FESTIVAL

International Screening

This short screening will feature the best selections of our international film submissions. ISANS representatives will be attending to speak about their organization. In partnership with reachAbility.

Sat, Dec 2/1 PM-2 PM

BLUENOSE-ABILITY FILM FESTIVAL

LGBTQIA+ Screening

This short screening will feature the best selections of our LGBTQIA+ film submissions. A representative from the LGBTQIA+ community will speak about the films. In partnership with reachAbility.

Sat, Dec 2/4 PM-5 PM

BLUENOSE-ABILITY FILM FESTIVAL

Mental Health and the Media Discussion Panel and Screening

This lively panel will feature key community members with an insight into the mental health workings of our community. After the panel, a screening featuring the best selections of our mental-health focused film submissions will commence. In partnership with reachAbility.

Sun, Dec 3/1 PM-3 PM

Yoga Flow

Connect to your breath, play with balance, build strength, and increase flexibility. This session is suitable for all levels and great for beginners. Please bring a mat.

Sun, Dec 3/2 PM-3 PM

Pop-Up Tech:

3D Printer, Mindstorm, and Makey Makey

Come down to the lobby to see us make holiday ornaments with 3D printers, play with Makey Makey, and see Lego Mindstorm in action.

Sun, Dec 3/2 PM-4 PM

Small Business Café Networking Group

Meet, learn, and share your experiences and issues with other small business owners like yourself. Bring your business cards and get ready to connect. Discover resources to find answers to your questions. The Small Business Café is a monthly networking for small business start-ups and owners.

Our guest speaker, Emma FitzGerald, is an entrepreneur and owner of Emma FitzGerald Art & Design. She is also the author of Hand Drawn Halifax and Sketch by Sketch Along Nova Scotia's South Shore. Emma will share healthy habits for people running a business, focusing on how she stays inspired and makes time for creativity.

Mon, Dec 4/6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Bharatanatyam Dance Workshop, Part 1 of 3

Join us for a three week workshop teaching two of the oldest classical Indian dances. In the first session you will learn some of the fascinating history and math behind the dance. In the second session, you will watch and learn how dance moves change with the beats of a drum and learn some more new Bharatanatyam steps. The final session will have dance, a great performance, and light refreshments - a celebration before the holidays with some free style folk dance. In partnership with ViBeat Dance Studio.

Mon, Dec 4/7 PM-8 PM

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Design Your Own Cookie Cutter

Learn to design your own cookie cutter for this holiday season. Cookie cutters will be printed on our 3D printer and will be available for pick up on Tuesday, December 12.

Tue, Dec 5/6:30 PM-8 PM

Registration required

Film Shorts

Reflections on the Halifax Explosion

Join us for a screening of new short animated and documentary films created for the centenary memorial of the Halifax Explosion. Participating artists will share their insights, talk about the film-making process, and answer questions. In partnership with the Atlantic Filmmakers Cooperative, CBC, and Halifax Regional Municipality.

Tue, Dec 5/7 PM

FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

Hench-Kin's Guild of Halifax RPG Club

Ages 14-Adult

The Hench-Kin's Guild of Halifax is a club dedicated to tabletop roleplaying games (RPGs), including Dungeons & Dragons, Call of Cthulhu, and many more! These games are fun, social events, and no prior experience is necessary. Everyone 14+ welcome. In partnership with Hench-Kin's Guild of Halifax.

Wed, Dec 6/5 PM-8:30 PM

Halifax Explosion Remembrance with George Elliott Clarke and Symphony Nova Scotia

Gather as a community to commemorate the tragic events and lives lost in the Halifax Explosion that took place 100 years ago. The evening will feature Parliamentary Poet Laureate, George Elliott Clarke, and Symphony Nova Scotia performing against a backdrop of images from December 1917. Participants will have an opportunity to reflect and add a personal tribute to the City's Centenary Book of Remembrance. In partnership with Halifax Regional Municipality.

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Sat, Dec 9/11 AM-5 PM

Acoustic Song Circle

Budding and experienced musicians, you are invited to join our monthly musical gathering. We welcome all types of acoustic instruments and invite people with all skill levels to share their music with others. Bring copies of songs, including guitar chords, if possible, so that other participants can join in the song. Please bring your own instrument, your singing voice, or just your admiration for good music.

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Sat, Dec 9/2 PM-4 PM

The Bedford Leisure Club Orchestra A Pre-Holiday Concert

As Christmas approaches, the Bedford Leisure Club Orchestra, under the direction of Bob Bauer, presents a concert of Holiday music. In addition, there will be a number of non-holiday classics like the thrilling *Sabre Dance* of Aram Khachaturian and the moving *Vocalise*, by Sergei Rachmaninov, featuring mezzo-soprano Karen Bauer. Finally, for fans of *Game of Thrones*, you will enjoy a new version of the theme music, complete with lots of powerful drumming.

Sat, Dec 9/2 PM-3:30 PM

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Chess at the Library

Join us for this monthly instructional and recreational program. While the program's goal is to teach novice players the basic strategies of the game, the emphasis is on fun, enjoyment, and learning something new. Chess is a pastime that has been embraced by young and old alike. It has been played in many cultures throughout the world for centuries. Known as the royal game, it can help develop logic, spatial thinking, and improve planning, memory, judgment, creativity and concentration.

Sun, Dec 10/1 PM-4 PM

Drop-In for Makers and Coders

Ring in the New Year

Ages 13+

10... 9... 8... It is time to count down the last few seconds of 2017. The Halifax Makerspace will demonstrate how to use an Arduino and an inexpensive real-time clock module to make sure your own countdown that is right on the money. In partnership with Halifax Makerspace.

Sun, Dec 10/2 PM-4 PM

A Family Festive Event with The 36 Canadian Brigade Group Band

The 36 Canadian Brigade Group Band presents A Family Festive Event, a delightful afternoon of Holiday Music to entertain the whole family. All ages are welcome and should be prepared to sing along. And there will be treats afterwards! The musicians in the band are reservists from a very diverse range of occupations, including teachers, students, and many other professions. Musicians in the Canadian Forces promote morale within the ranks and liaise between the Forces and civilian populations.

Sun, Dec 10/2 PM

The Radical Imagination Project

What Moves Us? The Lives and Times of Radical Imagination

Join us for the launch of the Radical Imagination Project's latest and final publication. Come hear from the Project's directors and collaborators, check out the new book, and celebrate seven years of radical imagining in Halifax. In partnership with The Radical Imagination Project.

Mon, Dec 11/6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Bharatanatyam Dance Workshop, Part 2 of 3

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Mon, Dec 11/7 PM-8 PM

Financial Survival for Entrepreneurs

Learn how to understand the management of growth and expansion, identify the key numbers to understand and monitor, build tactics for seeking out financing, and develop effective tax strategies. In partnership with Chartered Professional Accountants Canada.

Tue, Dec 12/12 PM-1 PM

Holiday Cricut Crafts

It's time to get creative! Come and check out our Cricut cutter and see how you can bring your holiday designs and crafts to life. We'll have a laptop and lots of holiday cheer waiting for you.

Tue, Dec 12/6:30 PM-8 PM

Registration required

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FANDOM WEDNESDAYS

Frightening Film Scores

Jerry Goldsmith's *Gremlins*

Ages 14-Adult

Listen, watch, and discuss this chilling, classic, and fun score by the great Jerry Goldsmith. Come enjoy the yuletide calm and chaos of *Gizmo's Theme*, *The Gremlin Rag*, and other gems. This is Classic Goldsmith.

Wed, Dec 13/6:30 PM

Celebrate the Season!

Chebucto Community Singers

The Chebucto Community Singers will share some of their favourite songs of the season. The Chebucto Community Singers are an adult community choir of 65 voices and have been making beautiful music together for 43 years. They are conducted by Louise Grinstead and accompanied by collaborative pianist Susan MacKinnon. All are welcome to come and join us as we celebrate this wonderful time of the year!

Wed, Dec 13/7 PM-8:30 PM

Artist Talk with Inuk Soprano

Deantha Edmunds

Inuk Soprano Deantha Edmunds will share stories of her background, the history of sacred classical music in Nunatsiavut, and her influences and inspiration.

Thu, Dec 14/6:30 PM

Movie

The Bishop's Wife

Rated G

Dejected by his efforts to raise money to build a cathedral, Bishop Henry Brougham beseeches heaven for guidance and is visited immediately by Dudley (Cary Grant), who claims to be an angel. Henry is skeptical then annoyed when Dudley ingratiates himself into the household as his assistant—and worse, wins the attentions of Henry's long-suffering and kindly wife. When Dudley continues to intervene in Henry's struggles, the bishop decides to challenge heaven.

Fri, Dec 15/10 AM-12 PM

Lunch Bunch Choir's

Musical Favourites

Directed by Wayne Rogers

Hear holiday favourites and musical classics with the Lunch Bunch Choir's seasonal mini-concert. A part of the St. Matthew's United Church outreach program, the Lunch Bunch Choir is a 35-voice choir singing in four parts. Comprised mainly of singers working in the downtown area, members gather each week for the sheer joy of singing and to shake off work-week stress. Participants are invited to bring their lunch and enjoy the group's enthusiastic singing. Directed by Wayne Rogers, B.Mus., M.Mus. In partnership with St. Matthew's United Church.

Fri, Dec 15/12 PM-1 PM

Second Chances Community Band's Holiday Concert

The Second Chances Community Concert Band, under the direction of Chris Ward, will present a selection of music written by various Canadian composers with themes relating to many regions of the country as well as some traditional holiday works. The Second Chances Jazz and Show Bands, directed by Stephanie McKeown, will perform some Jazz standards and popular contemporary music. The Percussion Ensemble will also perform a selection.

Sat, Dec 16/11 AM

Inuktitut Arias for All Seasons

Inuk Soprano Deantha Edmunds will perform selections from the ECMA-nominated album *Pilloriput Inuit: Inuktitut Arias for All Seasons*. Accompanied by Tara Scott (piano), with Jack Chen (flute) and Reuben Bauer (trombone).

Sat, Dec 16/3 PM

Finding Herself: Harmonies for Her

Inuk Soprano Deantha Edmunds is proud to present a collection of original poems and songs with a lost and found theme. These works are meant to honour and bring about awareness to Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. These works also include personal elements of embracing one's Indigenous identity.

Sun, Dec 17/2 PM

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Mon, Dec 18/7 PM-8 PM

Here We Come A-Caroling with Cantatrice Ensemble Girls' Honour Choir

The Cantatrice Ensemble Girls' Honour will perform seasonal selections as well as provide opportunities for the audience to join in singing some well-known holiday songs. The Cantatrice Ensemble Girls' Choir is comprised of girls in Grades 7 through 12. This auditioned choir is under the direction of Karen Newhook-MacDonald and is accompanied by Pamela Burton.

Tue, Dec 19/7 PM-8 PM

Winter Concert with Wyndrock Quintet

The popular Wyndrock Quintet returns to offer a winter concert featuring a rich feast of wind quintet selections, pieces by duo pianists Louise Grinstead and Michele Bortolussi, and sparkling music for the holiday season.

Thu, Dec 21/7 PM-8 PM

One-on-One Job Search Services

You don't have to do it alone. YMCA has services that can help you, such as Job Search Assistance and Resume/Cover Letter (Creation or Critique). Let us show you the details of what we offer in this orientation session. To register, call or email Isaac at 902-425-3464, isaac_skeete@ymca.ca. In partnership with YMCA, Nova Scotia Works Centre.

Wednesdays/9:30 AM-12:30 PM

Sessions ends December 20
Registration required

Meditation Techniques for Stress and Relaxation

Learn the basics of Meditation as a tool to help you relax and better manage your stress. This is a no pressure meditation class that will include some education, a guided meditation and some time to chat and ask questions or share your experience (optional). No previous experience required, come as you are.

Wednesdays/7 PM-8 PM

Runs November 22-December 13

English Conversation Group

Practice English and meet new friends while learning about local community and culture. You will discuss current events and topics of personal interests in a fun and relaxing atmosphere. This is a free program. To register, please call 902-490-5706.

Thursdays/10 AM-12 PM

Registration required

Kids

Art Day

with Ross Creek Centre for the Arts

All ages

Drop in to make awesome art with the Ross Creek Centre for the Arts. Fun for all ages, we encourage whole families to come be inspired, make a masterpiece, and then take it home with you. Please note that children under 7 must be accompanied by an adult. Both teens and adults are welcome. www.artscentre.ca In partnership with Ross Creek Centre for the Arts.

Sat, Dec 2/1 PM-4 PM

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NSSCA Chess Tournament

Ages 5-18

Do you love chess or are you just learning to play? Enter our tournament for a chance to make friends, win prizes, and have fun. If you're already an old pro with a rating you will play against others in the same category. No rating? No problem! You'll play against people roughly the same age as you. All players will receive an official scholastic chess rating at the end of the tournament. In partnership with Nova Scotia Scholastic Chess Association (NSSCA).

Sun, Dec 3/12:30 PM-5 PM

The Hangout

Mmm, Cookies!

Ages 8-12

Get into the holiday spirit and join us at the Library for some delicious cookie decorating. You can taste test your creation or hang it on your tree. Plus, there will be video games, craft supplies, snacks, and lots of fun.

Thu, Dec 7/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Holiday Crafternoon

All ages

Drop in for some simple holiday crafts and activities. Often silly, and always fun.

Sat, Dec 9/2 PM-3 PM

Cozy Christmas Stories and Tales

Ages 3+

Boost your holiday spirit by hearing some of the best, dynamic, and exciting speakers around tell their favourite Christmas stories. With a variety of classic and new stories, children (and parents) will be entertained for 30-40 minutes. Sign language interpreters will be present to interpret the stories. In partnership with Schooner Toastmasters.

Sun, Dec 10/1 PM-1:45 PM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

The Hangout

Wrap Party

Ages 8-12

Get festive with home made stamps to create your own DIY wrapping paper, for all of your holiday gifts. And of course, we'll also have videogames, ipads, snacks, and tons of fun.

Thu, Dec 14/3:30 PM-4:30 PM

Holiday Crafternoon

All ages

Drop in for some simple holiday crafts and activities. Often silly, and always fun.

Sat, Dec 16/2:30 PM-3:30 PM

Family Flicks

Cars 3

Rated G

Blindsided by a new generation of blazing-fast cars, the legendary Lightning McQueen finds himself pushed out of the sport that he loves. Hoping to get back in the game, he turns to Cruz Ramirez, an eager young technician who has her own plans for winning.

Sun, Dec 17/2 PM

Preschoolers

Holiday Pajama Party

Ages 0-5

Tis the season to rock your favourite Christmas Jammies. Join us for an extra special family time with yummy pancakes, cozy pjs, stories, songs, and lots of fun.

Fri, Dec 1/10:30 AM-11:15 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Puppet Show

Santa's Reindeer

All ages

Watch your favourite story come to life!

Sat, Dec 2/11 AM-11:30 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Holiday Storytime

Ages 0-5

Join us as we celebrate the upcoming holidays with songs and stories.

Tue, Dec 5/10:30 AM-11 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

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Puppet Show

The Day Santa Stopped Believing in Harold

All ages

Watch your favourite story come to life!

Sat, Dec 9/11 AM-11:30 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Puppet Show

Holiday Double Feature

All ages

Watch your favourite story come to life!

Thu, Dec 14/10:30 AM-11 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Jingle Bell Rock Dance Party

Ages 0-5

Get ready to shake your sillies out and jump your jiggles away at our Jingle Bell Rock Dance Party. So, put on your dancing shoes, bring the whole family, and dance to some awesome holiday music kids will love.

Fri, Dec 15/10:30 AM-11 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Puppet Show

The Hanukkah Bear

All ages

Watch your favourite story come to life!

Sat, Dec 16/11 AM-11:30 AM

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Baby and Tot Drop-In

Ages 0-2

Enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, and playtime for little ones and their caregivers!

Mondays/10:30 AM-11:15 AM

Sessions ends December 11

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Daycare Groups—

Welcome to Shake, Rattle, and Read

Ages 2-5

Pre-registered daycare groups can Shake, Rattle, and Read with the Library. This active musical storytime incorporates singing, movement, and instruments to help children develop pre-literacy skills through song, rhyme, and stories. Content is geared towards ages 2-5 with adult participation. Everyone is invited to put their listening ears, singing voices, and dancing feet to good use! (The program repeats at 10:45 for families).

Wednesdays/10 AM-10:30 AM

Sessions ends December 13

Group registration required

Families—

Welcome to Shake, Rattle, and Read

Ages 0-5

Families can Shake, Rattle, and Read with the Library. Children explore music through learning and singing songs, playing rhythm instruments and books and other fun stuff. Parents and caregivers participate with children, so that everyone learns new songs and music ideas to do at home.

Wednesdays/10:45 AM-11:15 AM

Sessions ends December 13

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Family Drop-in

Ages 0-5

The whole family can enjoy a variety of activities including stories, songs, crafts, and playtime.

Fridays/10:30 AM-11:15 AM

No program December 1, Sessions ends December 8

Free tickets given out 30 min before event

Teens

BLUENOSE-ABILITY FILM FESTIVAL

Future Filmmaker's Workshop

Ages 16-23

Our Future Filmmakers workshop is a free filmmaking workshop offered to youth between the ages of 16-23. Youth will write, shoot, and edit their very own short PSA (public service announcement) film. They'll learn the basics of lighting, shooting, script writing, and working with footage. This workshop is being taught by our co-director Ben Sutherland, the coordinator of *Future Filmmakers* year-round. This is a two-part workshop with an hour break for lunch between 12:30 p.m.-1:30 p.m. In partnership with Bluenose-Ability Film Festival.

Fri, Dec 1/10:30 AM-3:30 PM

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Anime Club: Stacking Papers

Ages 12-18

Join us to craft some origami, anime Cubees, and participate in the lucky star folding contest. Win prizes, eat snacks, and enjoy an episode screening.

Wed, Dec 6/3:45 PM-5 PM

3rd Annual Halifax Central Library Yule Ball

Ages 12-Adult

You are cordially invited to Halifax Central Library's 3rd Annual Yule Ball.

Whether you love Harry Potter, the holidays, or just feel like dancing, this is the magical event for you. There will be live music, a digital photobooth, craft making, holiday goodies, prizes, and more. Formal and Semi-formal attire is encouraged, but not mandatory. A selection of formal wear will be available to borrow from our Madam Malkin's Robes for all Occasions section.

Thu, Dec 7/6 PM-9 PM

Anime Club: Meri Kurisumasu

Ages 12-18

Come learn about the interesting and sometimes strange Christmas traditions in Japan. Craft some of your own anime Christmas decorations and enjoy some hot chocolate and a special Christmas anime screening.

Wed, Dec 20/3:45 PM-5 PM

BreakSpace

Ages 8-Adult

Join the Library in helping grow Dance Nova Scotia's BreakSpace. This Breaking ("Breakdance") workshop is open and free to all. Participants are welcome to drop in or stay the whole time. For more information, go to <https://www.dancens.ca/> Supported by the Cultural and Youth Activities program of Department of Communities, Culture, and Heritage, and in partnership with Dance Nova Scotia.

Tuesdays/6:30 PM-8:30 PM

Sessions ends December 12