

- What: <u>Drone Day</u> is a Canadian-founded celebration of <u>drone</u>, experimental, and ambient music.
- When: Saturday May 27, 2017
- Where: All over Canada and growing internationally
- **How does it happen?** Each event is created uniquely and independently by local communities and artists.
- **How did it come to be?** Drone Day was dreamed up by Marie Claire LeBlanc Flanagan and conjured up by a massive team of hard-working volunteers (Wyrd)
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Drone Day Announces Programming for Fourth Edition

We are delighted to announce initial programming for the fourth annual Drone Day. Events celebrating drone, experimental, and ambient music will take place on Saturday May 27, 2017. Drone Day continues to grow beyond Canadian borders, stretching as far as Bulgaria, Romania, Berlin, and Australia.

This year's lineup emphasizes the genre's collaborative nature.

"Drone Day is a day of connection, of extended and repeated tones wrapping across the nation and around the globe. Most Drone day celebrations are participatory or collaborative, with organizers providing art supplies, instruments, or space for contemplation and meditation.

Drone Day gatherings are not traditional music shows, they rarely take place in crowded bars or seated theatres. Drone Day celebrations take place everywhere that communities want to hold them: in unconventional venues, record stores, reclaimed spaces, rooftops, parks, beaches, street corners, and in people's homes."

- Marie Claire LeBlanc Flanagan

Vancouver droners will take inspiration from game pieces by composers like Wolff, Xenakis, and Zorn, with 47 musicians creating one continuous piece of music over a period of 12 hours from noon until midnight. Regina's *Cathedral Village Arts Festival* will feature an afternoon of yoga, film projection, sound art and non-keyboard electronics. Halifax's *OBEY Convention* is organizing an open drone jam. Space music label *Jeunesse Cosmique* is hosting a gathering in Parc du Pelican, Montreal. In Dawson City *The Klondike Institute of Art & Culture* will host an evening of continuous live performances, film, and projections at the KIAC Ballroom broadcasting live on CFYT 106.9FM. In Toronto the *AMBiENT PiNG* will hold a community drone show featuring dreamSTATE and DRONE:KLUB at the Roland Inspiration Centre. Additional programming includes events in Whitehorse, Owen Sound, Winnipeg, Ottawa, Kitchener-Waterloo, and Moncton. The list of events continues to grow at http://droneday.org/drone-events.

Since 2014, Drone Day has brought together Canada's experimental music makers in a cross-country celebration of unconventional music. Past events have emphasized the collaborative nature of drones as a sound, incorporating first-time droners and professional musicians in big cities and small towns alike.

"Drone Day is open to all: anyone can set up an event or livestream. Drone Day celebrations are dreamed into existence by community organizers, drone musicians, and communities just looking to drone. Drone Day celebrations are always reflective of the do-it-yourself and do-it-together communities who make each gathering happen. There's something magical about all these geographically disparate communities coming together and connecting over impossible distances with the sound of drones."

- Marie Claire LeBlanc Flanagan

For more information about Drone Day, including a growing list of Drone Day celebrations, visit droneday.org. Questions? Marie Claire LeBlanc Flanagan at marie@weirdcanada.com.

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