

KL's Winter Carnival Concert Lineup Announced

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David Myles, Scott Helman, Ria Mae, Eric Zayne and 20 Ride, a Zac Brown band tribute will be performing as part of the 18-day Kirkland Lake Winter Carnival in February.

The Kirkland Lake Festivals Committee unveiled the 2016 lineup for Winter Carnival Thursday evening with an online video and a live announcement during a gathering of volunteers and sponsors to celebrate the organization's 15th anniversary.

The concerts begin with a 'New Music Night' on Saturday, February 13 in the Northern College Gymnasium featuring three of Canada's hottest young artists: Scott Helman, Ria Mae and Eric Zayne.

There's an industry buzz that Toronto's Scott Helman is going to be the next big thing. Helman's catchy songs, distinctive voice and energetic performances have made him an instant hit with music fans.

The 20-year-old singer-songwriter's debut EP "Augusta" features the hit songs "Bungalow", "Machine" and "That Sweater". The rising star is fresh off of tours of Europe and the United States and is currently on a 20-date Canadian tour.

Halifax's Ria Mae is riding high on the Canadian charts with her infectious breakthrough hit "Clothes Off". The soulful performer's video for the song recently surpassed one million views on YouTube.

"Clothes Off" was produced by Juno Award-winning hip-hop star Classified. It will be part of Ria Mae's upcoming major label debut album. Mae recently won the SOCAN Songwriter of the Year at the 2015 Music Nova Scotia Awards.

Eric Zayne is a native of Montreal, raised in the Congo and currently living in Los Angeles. Zayne's song "Spin The World" has become his first major hit. He is a self-taught producer and multi-instrumentalist.

Zayne won the 2014 John Lennon Songwriting Contest. He has released three albums in the past two years. The dynamic performer has played major festivals across the United States and Canada.

Tickets for the New Music Night will be \$20 in advance or \$30 at the door. Tickets will be available at the Community Complex and online beginning December 1. The concert will be all ages with a licensed area in the back half of the gymnasium.

David Myles is set to perform in the Auditorium at Northern College on Thursday, February 18th. Myles is a native of Fredericton, New Brunswick and currently resides in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The Juno Award-winning singer-songwriter released his debut album 10 years ago and, since that time, has established himself as one of Canada's most beloved artists. His music crisscrosses from folk, roots, pop, jazz and country.

Myles has an ongoing relationship with rapper Classified. They wrote and recorded "Inner Ninja" together and the song became the best-selling hip-hop hit in Canadian music history.

Myles and Classified collaborated on half of Myles' 2013 double album "In The Nighttime" album, which includes the hits "So Blind", "I Will Love You", "One In A Million" and "How'd I Ever Think I Loved You".

Tickets for David Myles' February 18th concert will be \$25 in advance or \$35 at the door. Tickets will be available at the Community Complex and online beginning December 1.

The Zac Brown Band tribute 20 Ride will be performing at the Winter Carnival pub following the \$50,000 Alamos Gold Fish Derby on Saturday, February 20th in the Northern College Gymnasium.

20 Ride will be traveling from South Carolina to perform their acclaimed tribute to the Zac Brown Band. With 4 award-winning albums and 12 number one songs, the Zac Brown band is Country Music's most popular band.

Tickets for the pub will be available initially as part of the fish derby ticket package for \$100 beginning December 1. Individual pub tickets will be \$20 in advance. The event is for ages 19 years and older.

The live concerts will be part of 18 days of Winter Carnival events beginning with the crowning of Miss Kirkland Lake at the CJKL Carnival Queen crowning and fashion show on February 11.

Kirkland Lake's award-winning Winter Carnival will also include Stars of Pop concert, kids carnival, Kabaret, sleigh rides, kids matinees, comedy night, skating party, poker run, hockey tournament, curling bonspiel, sliding party and fireworks.

In addition, The Family Entertainment Series presents Everybody Loves Pirates, ECJV hosts a dinner with live entertainment, Team Northern Throttle will sponsor snow drag races and the Skating Club will present its annual Ice Show.

Ticket information and additional details on Winter Carnival are available on the Kirkland Lake Festivals Committee's website: www.klfestivals.com