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If you aren't going to the Calgary Stampede this week, catch some of the music right here in Lethbridge.

That means there is a lot of country and music happening this week.

But first, Keith Catfish Woodrow hosts his monthly Slice of blues jam at the Slice on Tuesday, July 9. The music begins at 8:30 p.m. He also returns to the Slice with the High Level Blues band, Saturday, July 13.



Winnipeg country musician Sean Burns returns to Lethbridge to play the Windy City Opry at the Slice, Wednesday, July 10 with Carolyn Mark. That show starts at 8 p.m. sharp. There is a \$10 cover. He sticks around town to play Casino Lethbridge, Friday and Saturday in between gigs in Calgary for Stampede.

Kitchener fiddle powered duo A New Ground also play Calgary for Stampede, but they stop by Average Joes for a free show, Thursday, July 11.

While it is Stampede time in Calgary, it is Street Wheelers weekend in Lethbridge, which means there is more live music than usual around to accompany the cornucopia of classic cars and roadsters roaring around town. Fast Times help kick off Street Wheelers Weekend on Thursday at Exhibition Park at 7 p.m. Their show will be followed by a drive in movie screening of "Days of Thunder."

There will be a beer garden and show and shine in Galt Gardens with live music over the weekend.

That means while Shakespeare in the Park is in Galt Gardens, at 7 p.m. on Thursday with their production of Macbeth, they hit the road on Friday night to play the Empress Theatre in Fort Macleod at 7:30 p.m., Friday July 12.

Back home there will be live music in Galt Gardens at Jess F.M.'s beer garden. The Concert For A Cause begins at 6 p.m. with local '80s rock band Auld School performing. The family friendly event features live music with performers to be announced. Donations will be accepted for Big Brothers and Sisters of Lethbridge. Another annual Street Wheelers fundraising show

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takes place in the alley behind Union Barbershop across from Galt Gardens. Coinciding with Street Wheelers' show and shine, the Third Annual Back Alley Bash begins at noon, featuring local funk rock trio Adequate, roots rockers Biloxi Parish and local surf band the Atomicos playing from 1-4 p.m.. Donations will be taken for Misty Creek Dog Rescue and Last Chance Cat Ranch

Coaldale based classic rock band Good time Charlie play the 1010 Pub on Friday during the cruise. There is no cover charge for the show.

They are also playing Galt Gardens, Sunday July 14 during the show and shine.

Sound Garden features Calgary cover band The Big Loud, July 12. They will be playing hard rock hits of the '80s and '90s. There is a five dollar cover for the show, which begins at 10 p.m.

The usual suspects have live music as usual.

The Slice features a Cd fund-raising concert for local doom/folk band Makiisma , July 12, who are recording their debut album with Jon Martin. Calgary singer songwriter Tara Warburton will also be sharing the stage. Admission is by donation.

If you like your folk with a touch of punk, Toronto roots punk musician Eamon McGrath returns to the Owl Acoustic Lounge with local alternative rock duo Cope, July 12.

The next night, July 13, the Owl Acoustic Lounge has an excellent rock and blues show with Taylor Ackerman and Global Acid rest plus the Rainbow Patrol.

To drown out the sound of roaring engines and exhaust fumes, the Smokehouse hosts a huge death metal and black metal show, July 13 featuring Calgary black metal and death metal band Fjell Thyngor and Pecado and Lethbridge's Ov Enochian. Doors open at 8 p.m. with the metal beginning at 9 p.m. Admission is \$10 at the door.

The fun continues early next week. Gabriel Thaine's High Level Variety show returns to the Slice, Tuesday, July 16 with Jolene Draper and the Inquisitive few performing and hosts Gabe Thaine and Derrick Grey. Admission is by donation. The fun begins at 8:30 p.m. And the Owl Acoustic Lounge brings back Richard Inman, who will be rumbling out his songs after Paint and Sip.

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And just announced, classic rockers won't want to miss an evening with Creedence Clearwater Revival's John Fogerty when he returns to the Enmax Centre, Oct. 16 with his My 50 Year Trip tour. Tickets are on sale July 12. The show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$29.50, \$49.50, \$79.50 and \$99.50

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