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From left:
Jillionaire,
Diplo and
Walshy Fire

MAJOR LAZER

How the trio blended dance music with global influences to conquer streaming and rewrite the rules of pop. 'The audience controls music now,' says Diplo

TLC'S CRAZYSEXY COMEBACK
'We've always done things outside the box'

GET IN THE PIT
Rap's punk wave hits the Hot 100

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BACKSTAGE PASS / Canada 150

— plus the Next Generation playlist. The countdown to the top 150 began in June with 50 songs released each Monday, leading up to Canada Day. The Next Generation playlist includes songs by Jazz Cartier, Charlotte Cardin, Kaytranada and Alvvays.

BRYAN ADAMS

The Canadian rocker and noted photographer brings his portraits of notable Canadians to the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto June 30-July 3. The exhibit includes photos of fellow musicians Joni Mitchell, Shawn Mendes, The Weeknd and Céline Dion.

CANADA DAY CONCERTS

There are free Canada Day concerts across the country every year, and in some major cities around the world, like Trafalgar Square in London, but none bigger than in Ottawa on Parliament Hill. This year it's two days of partying. Heritage Minister Mélanie Joly announced the lineup for July 1 and revealed a second day of festivities put on by the philanthropic youth movement WE Day. Kicking things off on June 30 will be Chantal Kreviazuk and husband Raine Maida of Our Lady Peace, who'll perform together at Major's Hill Park. Canada Day performers include Alessia Cara, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Gordon Lightfoot and Walk Off the Earth. Prince Charles and wife Camilla, the Duchess of Cornwall, will be in attendance. WE Day will feature such acts as Alanis Morissette, Barenaked Ladies, Hedley and Kardinal Offishall.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Incorporated in 1881, the Canadian Pacific Railway was an integral part of the Confederation, linking the east and west. Beginning July 28 in Port Moody, British Columbia, and ending Aug. 20 in Ottawa, the CP Canada 150 train will host celebrations in 13 cities and towns, essentially the reverse tour of the first transcontinental passenger train trip made on June 28, 1886 (which began in Montreal). The train has a retrofitted stage car where champion Aboriginal Canadian hoop dancer Dallas Arcand and country singer Dean Brody will perform at each stop.

CBC'S CANADA SOUND

Public broadcaster CBC has been soliciting audio samples for its Canada Sound project, one of the unique Canada 150 promotions. From sizzling bacon to the thud of a snowball, virtually any indigenous sound can be submitted, then Canadian artists will create songs out of them. The project is in partnership with the Juno Awards, performing-rights organization SOCAN and Cleansheet Communications, and a portion of proceeds will go to

the Junos' music-education charity MusiCounts. Walk Off the Earth was first to submit a creation, covering Arcade Fire's "Wake Up" by sampling everything from a beer bottle opening, to a hockey slap shot and more.

ELEANOR MCCAIN

The McCain Foods heiress released *True North: The Canadian Songbook* in May, a double album of 32 classic Canadian pop and folk songs reimagined with 10 orchestras from across the country. Distributed by Warner Music Canada, the project was produced by Don Breithaupt and features 14 arrangers and 28 guest artists. There's also a coffee-table book and documentary due this summer as well as a tour in the works. Proceeds will go to MusiCounts.

IHEARTRADIO

Bell Media's iHeartRadio is compiling the iHeartRadio Canada 150, the 150 best Canadian songs of all time. The list, curated by staffers, on-air talent and listeners, will be rolled out the week of June 26 on iHeartRadio's pop and Franco-Canadian digital channels. The top 25 will be revealed on Canada Day, with TV station Much airing the best music videos from the list Canada Day weekend.

METRO

The grocery chain is hosting the Homegrown Food & Music Tour (May-August) in six Ontario cities. Oakville, the last stop on the Underground Railroad that secretly carried slaves from the southern United States to freedom, was the first in May. The festivities included a soul food-inspired local menu by chef Mike Ward and surprise performances by Juno-winning R&B/soul singer Jully Black, open-participation group Choir Choir and a cappella act The Nathaniel Dett Chorale, which sang at former President Barack Obama's inauguration in 2009.

SIRIUSXM

The radio giant asked the public to create the 150 Greatest Canadian Songs of All Time. By submitting their three favorite tracks from a drop-down menu, listeners could share their picks on social media and vote multiple times. SiriusXM will air the resulting list on The Verge (channel 173) on Canada Day.

SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME

Music publisher Frank Davies, who founded the Canadian Songwriters Hall of Fame, has been compiling a list of early



3 Two-time world champion hoop dancer Arcand of Edmonton during a performance at the 2007 Calgary Stampede in Calgary, Alberta. 4 Adams at his "Canadians" exhibit at the Royal Ontario Museum in 2017. 5 Canada Day fireworks at Parliament Hill in Ottawa in 2012. 6 Cara, who will perform on Canada Day.



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