

CANADA ENTERTAINMENT & PERFORMING ARTS EXPLORATORY DELEGATION

TECH X STARTUP CORP
& P&R Hospitality Group

Comprehensive Venue Tour, Cultural Networking, Work Permit & Showcase Guide for Global Artists

GLOBAL CREATIVE PATHWAYS

Ontario Special Artist Track

Connecting International Performers, Musicians & Producers with Premier Canadian Stage & Screen Infrastructure

An intensive 8-day exploratory delegation granting direct access to landmark performing arts centers, festival curators, talent agencies, sound studios, and legal clinics across Toronto, Niagara, and Ottawa.



MANDATORY VENUE & PARTNER DISCLAIMER: All venue walkthroughs, stage production tours, talent agency meetings, sound studio sessions, and festival programmer briefings are strictly **subject to formal scheduling, availability, and approval from participating venues, unions, and cultural partners.**

**Venue & Stage Access**

Tour iconic venues (e.g., Meridian Hall, Elgin Theatre, National Arts Centre), evaluate acoustic setups, and meet venue programmers.

**IRCC Artist Visa Strategy**

Official briefings on LMIA-exempt performer permits, International Mobility Program (IMP C10/C20), business visitor rules, and union guidelines.

**Red-Carpet Gala & VIPs**

Attend the VIP Red-Carpet Gala Night alongside festival directors, music producers, talent agents, and cultural attachés.

DURATION	DESTINATIONS	DEPOSIT	TARGET AUDIENCE
8 Full Days	Toronto • Niagara • Ottawa	\$700 CAD (IRCC Fee Incl.)	Musicians, Dancers & Actors

INSIDE CANADA'S PERFORMING ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT SECTOR

Understanding Venues, Festivals, Licensing Bodies & Union Frameworks

CULTURAL LANDSCAPE



Ontario Stage & Live Touring

Major Performing Arts Complexes

Canada's world-class facilities (e.g., TO Live network, National Arts Centre Ottawa, Stratford Festival stages) hosting world tours, orchestral performances, theatrical debuts, and international dance troupes.

Music Rights, Film & Sound Scoring

Robust infrastructure for soundtrack composition, voice-over recording, sound engineering, and performance royalty collecting societies (SOCAN, Re:Sound, ACTRA, CFM).

REGULATORY COMPLIANCE Canadian Immigration Rules for Performing Artists

Under Canadian immigration guidelines (IRPR Section 186(g)), foreign performing artists, guest musicians, and essential crew members may qualify to perform in Canada **without requiring a standard Labour Market Impact Assessment (LMIA) or formal work permit** for specific short-term engagements, guest appearances, and cultural festivals.

Please Note: All venue site access, technical walkthroughs, backstage passes, and masterclass sessions are conducted strictly in accordance with venue policies and are **subject to formal confirmation and approval from venue authorities and partner organizations**.

DISCIPLINE OPPORTUNITY & PERMIT MATRIX

ARTISTIC FIELD	KEY TARGET VENUES	PRIMARY OPPORTUNITY	WORK PERMIT STATUS
Musicians & Bands	Meridian Hall, Concert Halls, Festivals	Live touring, album showcase, SOCAN registration	R186(g) LMIA-Exempt
Theatre & Actors	Elgin & Winter Garden, Regional Theatres	Co-productions, auditions, ACTRA/CAEA networking	IMP C10 / C20 Cultural
Dancers & Choreographers	National Arts Centre, Dance Studios	Residencies, workshop teaching, festival gigs	Business Visitor / Exempt
Producers & Directors	Film Studios, Broadcast & Sound Hubs	International co-financing, distribution, scoring	Business Visitor Class

MASTER 8-DAY ONTARIO ARTIST ITINERARY

Toronto → Niagara → Ottawa

Curated Venue Walkthroughs, Masterclasses & VIP Industry Touchpoints

Mandatory Venue Notice & Disclaimer: All venue walkthroughs, stage sound checks, studio masterclasses, and talent agency sessions listed below are strictly subject to formal scheduling confirmation, availability, and final approval from respective venue management and industry partners.

DAY	DESTINATION HUB	ARTS PROGRAM & TECHNICAL HIGHLIGHTS*	INDUSTRY TOUCHPOINT
Day 1	Toronto Hub	Pearson Airport (YYZ) arrival, luxury coach transfer, hotel check-in, and Artist Welcome Kit distribution.	Opening Artist Mixer powered by Tyohaar Trunk
Day 2	Theatre District	Meridian Hall & Elgin Theatre* tour. Acoustic evaluation, stage rig walkthroughs, and touring production briefing.	Toronto Entertainment District Dinner Network
Day 3	Music & Media Hub	Sound & Film Studio* walkthrough. Masterclass on Canadian royalty distribution, SOCAN rights, and ACTRA contracts.	Artist Financial & Tax Seminar with Expertpayroll
Day 4	Niagara Arts	Niagara-on-the-Lake cultural theatre tour & Niagara Falls excursion. Exploration of regional festival circuit opportunities.	Niagara Vineyard Reception & Cultural Exchange
Day 5	Ottawa Capital	Morning coach to Ottawa. National Arts Centre (NAC)* tour. Overview of national touring grants and federal arts programs.	Parliament Hill Evening Walk & Cultural Briefing
Day 6	Ottawa Heritage	Canadian Heritage cultural policy panel. Direct legal workshop on Canadian performing artist work permits & C10/C20 visas.	Immigration Strategy Session with TrueGlobal Legal
Day 7	Toronto Return	Coach return to Toronto. Final artist portfolio review, contract consultation, and red-carpet preparation.	VIP RED-CARPET ARTS GALA & AWARDS DINNER
Day 8	Departure	Distribution of Certificates of Participation. 1-on-1 personalized touring visa & talent management consultations.	Executive Transfers to Pearson International Airport

* Venue Note: All named performing arts centers, sound studios, and speaker panels are subject to final scheduling confirmation and authorization by respective venue management.



NAVIGATING CANADIAN VISAS & WORK PERMITS FOR PERFORMERS

Essential Legal Frameworks for Touring Bands, Actors, Stage Crew & Cultural Delegations

 KEY RULE: IRPR SECTION 186(G) PERFORMER WORK PERMIT EXEMPTION

Foreign musicians, guest performers, and essential stage crew participating in non-recurring shows, cultural festivals, or short guest appearances may enter Canada under **IRPR Section 186(g) without needing an LMIA or work permit**. However, foreign commercial tours, extended theatre runs, or venue residency performances require structured International Mobility Program (IMP) permits.

IMP C10 Significant Benefit Work Permit

For renowned international artists, actors, and directors whose work creates a **significant social or cultural benefit** to Canada. Exempt from LMIA under code C10.

IMP C20 Reciprocal Cultural Exchange

Facilitates work permits for performing artists participating in reciprocal cultural exchange programs, co-productions, or bilateral arts alliance agreements.

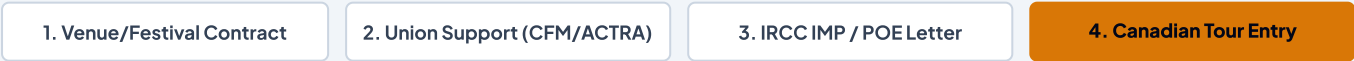
CREW Tour Crew & Support Staff Rules

Sound engineers, lighting technicians, tour managers, and choreographers are covered under specialized crew provisions matching the main performer’s permit class.

EQUIPMENT ATA Carnet & Gear Customs

Guidance on temporary customs clearance (ATA Carnet) for musical instruments, stage props, costumes, and specialized audiovisual equipment.

ARTIST TOUR VISA APPLICATION PIPELINE



Certified Legal Oversight & Representation

All delegation artist visa applications are processed in partnership with licensed RCIC & CICC legal counsel.

**CICC GROUP
PARTNERED**

ARTIST ROYALTIES, EVENT PRODUCTION & GLOBAL CAREER PATHWAYS

Maximizing Revenue, Intellectual Property Protection & Long-Term Canadian Mobility

MONETIZATION FRAMEWORK Performing Rights & Royalties

Canadian Performing Rights & Royalty Protection (SOCAN / Re:Sound)

International musicians and composers performing live concerts in Canada are entitled to collect live performance royalties through **SOCAN (Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada)** and performance rights organizations via international reciprocal agreements.

Cultural Grants & Co-Productions

Explore bilateral co-production models, provincial arts council funding eligibility (e.g., Ontario Creates, Canada Council for the Arts), and joint venture agreements with Canadian production companies.

Self-Employed Artist PR Pathway

Accomplished international artists, performers, and creators with world-class experience or significant self-employment background in culture/arts may qualify for Canada's **Self-Employed Persons Permanent Residency Program**.

THE GLOBAL ARTIST MOBILITY PROGRESSION

STEP 1

Exploratory Delegation

Venue tours, agent networking & showcase pitch.

STEP 2

Artist Tour Permit

Secure LMIA-exempt visa or R186(g) entry clearance.

STEP 3

Canadian Tour Launch

Perform live, collect SOCAN royalties, build fanbase.

STEP 4

Permanent Residence

Apply via Self-Employed Class or Express Entry.

Live Performance Sound & Concert Production Infrastructure

ARTIST SHOWCASE ETIQUETTE & DELEGATION PREPARATION

Maximizing Your Industry Delegation Visit to Secure Bookings & Representation

SHOWCASE PROTOCOL & PROFESSIONALISM

1. EPK (Electronic Press Kit) Preparation

Ensure high-resolution performance reels, Spotify/Apple Music links, stage riders, and press highlights are digitized and accessible.

2. Pitching Venue Programmers

Focus on audience demographic reach, touring budget requirements, technical rider simplicity, and cultural engagement value.

3. Union & Legal Courtesy

Respect local union regulations (CFM, ACTRA, IATSE) when inquiring about stage crew rules and venue technical operations.

POST-DELEGATION ACTION CHECKLIST

- ✓ **Finalize Artist Portfolio & EPK:** Polish live reels and technical stage riders.
- ✓ **Secure Union Clearance:** Obtain CFM/ACTRA letters of non-objection (if required).
- ✓ **Prepare Equipment Carnet:** Document gear serial numbers for customs duty exemptions.
- ✓ **Lodge IRCC Tour Permit:** Submit file via TrueGlobal and CICC legal partners.

Artist Delegation Starter Kit Included Items:

- VIP Artist ID Badge & Media Pass
- Ontario Performing Arts Directory & Venue Guide
- Artist Work Permit & Union Compliance Handbook

EXCLUSIVE VIP GALA

The Red-Carpet Arts & Culture Gala Night

Performers dine, showcase, and connect alongside festival directors, music producers, diplomatic representatives, and entertainment executives.



DELEGATION PRICING, SPONSORS & REGISTRATION

Official Package Options, Non-Refundable Deposit Terms, and Partner Network

STANDARD PERFORMER TIER

CAD \$7,000

✓ Full 8-Day Venue Tours & Masterclasses*

✓ Luxury Intercity Coach Transfers

✓ Certified Visa Support Letter & Legal Kit

✓ Certificate of Participation

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Excludes Flight & Grand Gala Ticket

EXECUTIVE VIP ARTIST TIER

RECOMMENDED

CAD \$10,000

✓ Roundtrip Economy Flight Ticket

✓ VIP Ticket to Red-Carpet Arts Gala Night

✓ Full 8-Day Venue Tours & Masterclasses*

✓ Luxury Intercity Coach Transfers

✓ Certified Visa Support Letter & Legal Kit

Mandatory Registration Deposit: \$700 CAD

NON-REFUNDABLE

A non-refundable deposit of **\$700 CAD** is required upon initial application to cover mandatory Canadian Government IRCC application fees, biometrics appointments, and legal file processing. The deposit is non-refundable under all circumstances, including visa refusal. **All remaining balances (\$6,300 CAD or \$9,300 CAD) are payable strictly upon successful visa outcome.**

⚠️ COMPREHENSIVE VENUE DISCLAIMER & SUBJECT TO AUTHORIZATION:

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