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## **Allie McDonald, Ranj Sing, and The Circus in Flames at Leigh Square**

SUMMER IN THE CITY FESTIVAL: WEEK 5

Farmers Market: every Thursday from 3-7pm at Leigh Square until September 29  
Cinema Under the Stars: every 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday from July 8 to September 2 (time varies)  
Village Vibe Performing Arts Series: every Saturday from July 2 to August 27 (2-4pm)  
Music in the Park: every Sunday from July 3 to August 28 (2-4pm)  
604.927.8400. FREE. All welcome.

**Port Coquitlam, BC** — Bring your family and friends for fun summer experiences each week at the Farmers Market, Village Vibe Performing Arts Series, Music in the Park, and Cinema Under the Stars—all free events taking place at Leigh Square and local parks! Here are the events for the fifth week of *Summer in the City*.

### **Village Vibe Performing Arts Series\*—Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at Leigh Square**

**Allie McDonald.** Allie McDonald has been performing since she was a child, and went on to earn her Bachelor's in Music from the University of Alberta. Hailing from Fort McMurray, Alberta and coming from Newfoundland heritage, Allie began by singing folk music in the backyard with her uncles, moved on to sing classical music, and now considers her genre "often-acoustic Indie Pop". She debuted in the lower mainland with "Take Me Anywhere" in 2010, and has recently released her newest CD "Addicted".

**Ranj Singh.** Ranj Singh blends a masala of Indian melodies and rhythms with Western Folk to create a unique Canadian Indo-Folk genre belonging only to him. As a self-taught singer songwriter, Ranj is currently working on his 3rd album – a raw acoustic album featuring signature melodies and distinctive "up-stroke" riffs on his 12-string guitar. The album is slated for a 2016 release. Recently Ranj has returned to music as a solo artist, following a serious vehicle collision. He's stronger than ever and happy to be pursuing his passion for music again, and often collaborates with former band members and musicians to meet the needs of a given venue or event.

**Music in the Park\*\*—Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 2-4pm at Leigh Square**

**The Circus in Flames.** The Circus in Flames has produced two critically acclaimed recordings (The Circus in Flames, and A Little Bit of Gasoline). Doug Andrew formed The Circus in Flames in the mid-90's when asked to play at a friend's St. Patrick's Day bash. It has since grown to include various musicians including Brian Barr on mandolin and electric guitar, Phil Addington on bass, Brian Thalken on banjitar and Ed Goodine on drums. The group's "unique but rooted musical vision" (Vue Weekly) has inspired the description "garage string band" but its sound can be difficult to pin down. Although there is a certain familiarity about the music, stemming from its roots in traditional country, folk and blues, at its heart are Andrew's songs. Their "slightly twisted, always interesting storyline lyrics" are delivered "with an energetic thrust that falls just shy of reckless abandon".

**THIS WEEK'S FARMER'S MARKET THEME IS – Doggie Days**

**\*Village Vibe Performing Arts Series** takes place on a covered outdoor stage at Leigh Square every Saturday afternoon from July through August and features emerging performers in dance and music and creative writing. The program is free and provides opportunities for local artists to gain exposure and experience in front of a live audience. The series runs rain or shine and everyone is welcome.

**\*\*Music in the Park** features the finest professional musicians from across Metro Vancouver playing a variety of genres including jazz, blues, folk, world fusion, and contemporary. It takes place on a covered outdoor stage at Leigh Square every Sunday at 2 pm throughout July & August. The series runs rain or shine, is free, and everyone is welcome.

The *Summer in the City Festival of Arts, Culture & Entertainment* is presented by Leigh Square Community Arts Village and the City of Port Coquitlam's Recreation department and is sponsored in part by the Tri-City News, G&F Financial Group and Alliance Printing. Stay updated about all our Festival events by "Liking" us on [Facebook](#).

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**\*\*High resolution images available upon request\*\***

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