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Sister Nancy, Rachel Reid, Jeremy Dutcher and More Added to Pop Montreal 2026's Full Lineup

Martha Wainwright, Jeru the Damaja and many more have been added to the lineup for the festival's milestone 25th anniversary edition, which takes place from Sept. 23-27 in local venues in Montreal.

By [Stefano Rebuli](#) | Aug 13, 2026



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Sister Nancy performs on Day 2 of Mill Valley Music Festival at Friends Field on May 11, 2025 in Mill Valley, California.
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POP Montreal's anniversary celebration just got bigger.

The Montreal festival has revealed the full lineup for its 2026 edition, which will commemorate its milestone 25th anniversary. Joining the lineup for the local multi-genre and indie-focused festival are Jamaican music legend Sister Nancy, *Heated Rivalry* author Rachel Reid, renowned Canadian-American singer-songwriter Martha Wainwright, hip-hop golden era MC Jeru the Damaja and many more. Sister Nancy is the voice behind the legendary "Bam Bam," a classic dancehall track that has since become a staple in popular hip-hop and dance records, including house producer HUGEL's "Jamaican (Bam Bam)," which hit the Billboard Canadian Hot 100 [last month](#).

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The festival is set to take over numerous venues in Montreal's Mile

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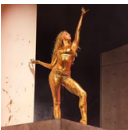


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End neighbourhood from Sept. 25-27, shining a spotlight on rising acts across different alternative scenes. Its full programming reflects the melting pot of genres and styles that makes up the city's unique cultural fabric, with international names like viral American rapper Cortisa Star, New York black metal band Liturgy and local punk and hip-hop crossover act Steinz, who recently received a [co-sign](#) from Billboard chart-topper SZA.

They join a decorated roster of local talent, rising names and established Canadians who were announced as part of the festival's [first names](#), including A Winged Victory for the Sullen and Chad VanGaalen. Vancouver journalist Nardwuar, who was [appointed to the Order of Canada](#) just before the turn of the new year, is bringing his Video Vault live show to Montreal, a live screening of his most iconic and eccentric celebrity interviews followed by a Q&A. POP Montreal continues to turn heads with established icons and soon-to-be superstars, having famously booked Angine de Poitrine at the festival last year, where they played an intimate showcase just months before their eventual [global breakthrough](#).

"POP Montreal is turning 25! Pretty damn cool!" says creative director Daniel Seligman. "This year's festival has some excellent surprises from the past, a few legends, some up-and-coming gems and everything magical that makes POP Montreal the freshest fest in the land. I can't wait to celebrate with everyone. Check out the line-up, pick up your passes, and see ya in September, cuz we 'still got it!'"

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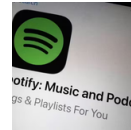
located on St. Laurent Boulevard until its closure in 2017. The festival also revealed that acclaimed Indigenous singer and composer Jeremy Dutcher, winner of the 2018 Polaris Prize, has been added to the Secret City Records 20th anniversary show. He joins a star-studded lineup of artists like Klô Pelgag, who guested during Patrick Watson's [stellar headline set](#) at the Montreal Jazz Fest, Brad Barr, Basia Bulat and more to celebrate the independent Canadian label and its [decades of success](#).

Heated Rivalry author Rachel Reid is notably appearing at Heated "Pop" Rivalry, a special live show and book launch event themed around the Canadian gay hockey romance novel and its viral onscreen adaptation. The popular Crave-produced series has been one of the biggest Canadian success stories of the year, with its soundtrack even reaching the top 10 on the Billboard Canadian Albums chart and the songs featured in the show receiving an [influx of streams](#). Filming for the second season has just kicked off in Toronto, and the party shows no signs of slowing down for the fandom brought in by the first season.

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Merci à notre partenaire principal @siriusxmfranco pour son soutien !
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The full POP Montreal 25th anniversary lineup is finally here! The extensive list of performers, musicians, and artists is what makes POP every Montrealer's favourite fest. Some come to see the legends, others come to see the fresh faces, everyone stays for the magic of independent art and friendship. Follow us to stay in the loop of all things hot and happening. We still have a few surprises up our sleeve!!

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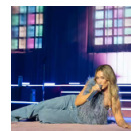


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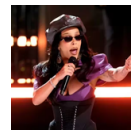


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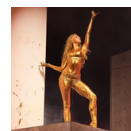
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A couple of weeks ahead of the country duo — singers MacKenzie Porter and Jake Etheridge — performing at the inaugural Boots and Hearts West, their new track arrives at No. 45.

By [Heather Taylor-Singh](#) | 50m

Country duo Thelma & James are dreaming up an “Alternate Ending” on the Billboard Canada Airplay charts. Their latest track debuts at No. 45 on this week's [Canada Country Airplay chart](#), dated Aug. 15.

It's a tune that finds a couple pondering how their lives would be different in an alternative universe, one where they aren't together. Still, “Alternate Ending” flexes a natural chemistry between singers MacKenzie Porter and Jake Etheridge. That's probably because in real life, Porter — who hails from Alberta — and Etheridge are happily married, hot on the heels of their first tour as a duo.

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Dirk McMillan (left) and Danica Bansie

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Warner Music Canada Hires Dirk McMillan and Danica Bansie in Marketing and Sync & Licensing Roles

McMillan joins the label as senior director of marketing to drive digital strategy, campaigns and artist development, while Bansie takes on the role of director of sync and visual media licensing, handling placement opportunities across film, television, video games and advertising.

By [Stefano Rebuli](#) | 12 August

Warner Music Canada has made two key hires.

The label has added two new faces to its team, appointing Dirk McMillan as its new senior director of marketing and Danica Bansie as the director of sync and visual media licensing.

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