

## **BACKGROUNDER OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY - CALGARY CELEBRATION**

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### **OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY – CALGARY WELCOME – JANUARY 18 (Day 81 of 106)**

Come out to Olympic Plaza (222 - 8 Avenue SE) at 5 PM and celebrate the arrival of the Olympic torch! The magic of sport and culture will be alive at this family-friendly event. Enjoy live music and dancers, meet Calgary Olympians from past Olympic Games, and watch as the cauldron is lit in honour of the 21st Olympic Winter Games in Vancouver.

#### Event Line-up

- 5:00 PM Performance by Crystal Plamondon
- 5:30 PM Olympian Duff Gibson, memories, experiences and introduction of Calgary Olympians from past Games (1964 – 2008 represented)
- 5:45 PM Fanfare to begin Official Celebration
- 5:55 PM Encore by Crystal Plamondon
- 6:10 PM Entertainment provided by Olympic Games sponsors Coca-Cola and RBC
- 6:45 PM Performance by Terri Clark
- 7:00 PM Olympic Torch Arrives
- 7:30 PM Encore by Terri Clark

For more details on the event, please visit [www.calgary.ca/recreation](http://www.calgary.ca/recreation)

### **PARADE OF ATHLETES**

The following Olympians from past Games are attending the Olympic Torch Relay Celebration:

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| Glenys Bakker – Curling (2006)             | Cary Mullen – Alpine (1992,1994)      |
| Jeff Christi – Luge (2006)                 | Jason Parker- Speed skating (2006)    |
| Nathan Cunningham – Bobsleigh (2006)       | Scott Rand – Rowing (2008)            |
| Karyn Garossino – Ice Dancing (1988, 1992) | Kathy Salmon – Luge (1988,1992)       |
| Rod Garossino – Ice Dancing (1988, 1992)   | Christina Smith – Bobsleigh (2002)    |
| Duff Gibson– Skeleton (2006)               | Peter VanderPyl – Field hockey (1964) |
| Ian Gordon – Rowing (1972, 1976)           | Greg Williscroft – Volleyball (1992)  |
| Susan Massitti – Speed skating (2002)      |                                       |

## FEATURED PERFORMERS

### Terri Clark

Terri Clark is a Canadian country music artist, raised in Medicine Hat, who has had success in both Canada and the United States. Since 1995, her albums have accounted for more than twenty singles, including six Number Ones. Terri moved to Nashville in 1987, getting her start in local lounges, reaching her first big break, signing a record deal in 1994. Since that time she has much success, receiving many awards for Single of the Year, Album of the Year, as well as Fans Choice Awards. Terri continues to record, recently releasing her seventh studio album. Terri knows how to make music her own way: country injected with force, rock, soul, strength, clarity, blues, passion and conviction.

### Crystal Plamondon

Crystal was born in Plamondon, Alberta. She began singing publicly at the age of ten, but didn't record until 1991. She has released three CD's, with her most recent one nominated for a Western Canadian Music Award for "Outstanding Francophone Recording" in 2003. In 1992 she received the Alberta Recording Industry Association Performer of the Year Award. Crystal continues to live in Alberta, and performs widely in the province, as well as touring Canada.

### CELEBRATE COMMUNITY: Support the Food Bank

As the Olympic torch has crossed Canada, it has ignited community spirit and inspired initiatives that help and support people in those municipalities. Calgary is one of those communities.

Calgarians are encouraged to bring donations to the Calgary Interfaith Food Bank to the Olympic Torch Relay Celebration at Olympic Plaza on January 18.

### LEAD-UP TO THE TORCH'S ARRIVAL

**SNOWBLOWER – JANUARY 16, 2010** Free outdoor event

Celebrate Calgary's Olympic Heritage with a kickin' party on the plaza! Fire and ice collide in this mind-expanding winter showcase. Co-presented by One Yellow Rabbit's High Performance Rodeo and The City of Calgary, Snowblower promises to steam up January with a gust of inspired heat. Join us in Olympic Plaza (222 - 8 Avenue SE) for this evening of international electronic musicians, fire performances, and mystical light displays.

- 5:00 PM Bruno Changkye – Calgary, Alberta  
Wrong Electron – Calgary, Alberta
- 7:00 PM Beats Antique – San Francisco, California
- 8:00 PM Pretty Lights – Denver, Colorado
- 9:30 PM Mr. Scruff – Manchester, UK

For more details on the event and the performers, please visit [www.hprodeo.com/2010/snowblower](http://www.hprodeo.com/2010/snowblower) or contact High Performance Rodeo at telephone:

## **OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY – CALGARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE**

Shortly after the announcement that Calgary would be an Olympic Torch Relay Community, a committee of volunteers was formed to put together a celebration for Calgary and work with VANOC to be a part of the event. The City of Calgary thanks the following members and organizations of the Olympic Torch Relay Celebration Committee who have dedicated their time and expertise to creating the celebration of Calgary's Olympic heritage.

### **Honourary Chair:**

Susan Auch, three time Olympic speed skating medalist

### **Olympian:**

Nathan Cunningham, bobsleigh Olympian (2006 Olympic Games)

### **Represented Organizations:**

Aboriginal Friendship Centre

Calgary Sport Council

Calgary Tower

City of Calgary

Coca Cola

Federation of Calgary Communities

Glenmore Inn

Government of Alberta, Olympic Secretariat  
Heritage Park

L'Association Canadienne-Française de  
l'Alberta

RBC

VANOC

## **OLYMPIC TORCH RELAY**

The 106-day Olympic Torch Relay will visit more than 1,030 communities and places of interest in every province and territory. It is the longest route in games history, covering some 45,000 kilometres before arriving at its final destination. On February 12, 2010, the Olympic Flame will make its way into downtown Vancouver to light the Olympic Cauldron in a magical and awe-inspiring moment before a television audience of three billion people worldwide, signalling the kick off to the start of the Vancouver 2010 Olympic Winter Games.

### **Schools Along the Torch Relay Route in Calgary**

The Olympic torch will pass by the following schools when travelling through Calgary.

Please refer to the interactive map for route details: <http://www.vancouver2010.com/olympic-torch-relay/>.

Alice Jamieson Girls Academy

Belvedere Parkway School

Bowness High School

Branton Jr High School

Briar Hill Elementary School

Capitol Hill School

Colonel Macleod School

Ecole de la Rose Sauvage School

Ecole Holy Name School

Ecole King George School

Ecole Madeleine D'Houet School

Holy Trinity Elementary School

Killarney School

Prairie Waters Elementary School

Queen Elizabeth Elementary School

Queen Elizabeth Jr/Sr High School

Sacred Heart Academy

Saint John School

Sir William Van Horne High School

St Gabriel The Archangel School

St Puis School

St. Joseph's School

WG Murdoch School