



A Quarter Century of Connection ANNIVERSARY of 9/11

EVENT LISTING

9/11 COMMUNITY MOSAIC MURAL UNVEILING

September 8th @ 6pm – Main Terminal, Gander International Airport

After months of creativity, collaboration, and community spirit, the **9/11 Community Mosaic Mural** is ready to be unveiled.

As we mark the **25th anniversary of 9/11**, this mural will stand as a lasting tribute to Gander's response during those extraordinary days and to the community spirit that continues to define us today.

Every tile tells a story. Every person who picked up a paintbrush became part of that story. And now, we finally get to see those individual pieces come together as one.

NORRIS ARM 9/11 DINNER THEATRE

September 8th @ 6pm - Norris Arm Heritage and Arts Centre, Norris Arm

A truly special evening honouring Norris Arm's story, brought to life by the Star Hall Youth Theatre group, with local musicians performing between acts. Enjoy a delicious meal of stuffed chicken breast or roast beef with seasonal vegetables, followed by a meet and greet in the Annex. This is a night of community, culture, and connection, tickets are currently 70% sold! \$25 single / \$40 double.

9/11 PIANO MEDITATIONS WITH JAMES HURLEY

September 8th – 12th @ 9:30pm – JR Smallwood Arts & Culture Centre Gallery Space

During the final week of Newfoundland and Labrador's 2026 production of the award-winning musical *Come From Away*, the Gander Arts & Culture Centre will host a series of public piano meditations designed to encourage reflection on the events of September 11, 2001, and Gander's historic response. Arts & Culture Centre resident artist James Hurley will create a quiet, contemplative atmosphere through an accompanying improvised piano performance. The event is free and open to all.

LEWISPORTE AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE EVENING OF REMEMBRANCE

September 9th @ 6pm - Kinsmen Club of Notre Dame, Lewisporte

The evening will include a catered meal, along with guest speakers and moments of remembrance and reflection from individuals directly involved in the events of September 11, 2001 and their aftermath.

This anniversary holds deep significance for Lewisporte, the surrounding communities, and many around the world. It provides an opportunity to remember those who were lost, recognize those who responded and assisted in extraordinary circumstances, and reflect on the enduring connections and lasting impact that emerged from that day.

PAY IT FORWARD 9/11 – 25 YEARS OF NEWFOUNDLAND’S RIPPLE EFFECT

September 10th @ 2pm - College of North Atlantic - Gander Campus

Seating is available for 100 persons.

Inspired by the compassion shown by Newfoundlanders following the 9/11 attacks, speakers will honor those lost by sharing short stories of random acts of kindness performed in their memory since 2002. This event will be livestreamed at payitforward911.org.

Pay it Forward 9/11 Speakers include:

Jeanette Gutierrez, board secretary, 9/11 survivor (New York, NY)
Maureen Murray, former board member, 9/11 plane person (Morris Plains, NJ)
Connor Farry, board member, 9/11 plane person, (Washington, DC)
Matt Mingle, board vice president, (Warren Township, New Jersey)
Garrett Shields, board member, (Lorton, Virginia)
Lydia Greatrix, 2024 volunteer of the year, (Colchester, UK)
Kevin Tuerff, founder and president, 9/11 plane person (New York, NY)

UNTOLD STORIES - RECONNECTED

September 10th @ 6pm – International Lounge – Gander Airport

Untold Stories – Reconnected offers a rare opportunity to hear the personal stories behind one of the most extraordinary chapters in Gander’s history, Operation Yellow Ribbon, featuring firsthand accounts from “Plane People,” local residents, and others who experienced these extraordinary events 25 years ago.

We are pleased to welcome The Honourable David Collenette, Canada’s Minister of Transport on September 11, 2001, as a special guest. He will share his perspective on the events of that day and Canada’s unprecedented response to the thousands of passengers diverted to communities across the country.

Through stories of compassion, resilience, unexpected friendships, and hope, speakers will share memories and experiences that have remained largely untold over the past quarter-century.

Untold Stories offers a deeply personal look at the human impact of September 11, 2001, and the remarkable response of the people of Gander and surrounding communities. It is an opportunity to hear the voices behind the history, honour the connections formed during those six unforgettable days, and preserve these stories for generations to come.

Join us for an evening of reflection, gratitude, and personal stories as we remember the extraordinary legacy of kindness, friendship, and humanity that emerged from one of the world's darkest days.

This event is open to the public; however, tickets are required for admission. Tickets will be available beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26, through [Showpass](#).

We encourage you to secure your tickets early and join us for this special event.

YOU ARE HERE: A COME FROM AWAY STORY SCREENING
September 10 @ 7pm - Evangel Church, 130 Magee Road

CIBC and MDF Productions Inc. present a free screening of You Are Here: A Come From Away Story.

In the shadow of the 9/11 attacks, a small town in Newfoundland became the unexpected center of the world.

You Are Here: A Come From Away Story is the intimate, true-life account of Gander, a community of 10,000 people that suddenly doubled in size when 38 international flights were forced to land in its airspace.

While these events inspired the global smash-hit musical Come From Away, this documentary reveals the real faces behind the stage characters. From Captain Beverly Bass to Mayor Claude Elliott, the film captures first-hand testimonies of the five days when strangers became family. In a moment defined by fear, the people of Gander offered the world a legacy of healing that continues to resonate today.

Following the screening, join filmmakers Moze Mossanen, Bill House and Peter Gentile, along with members of the film's cast, for a special Q&A session.

APPLETON'S 9/11 COMMEMORATION

September 11th @ 11am – Derm Flynn Peace Park – River Road, Appleton

The Town of Appleton will hold a commemoration ceremony to honour the lives lost and The Town of Appleton will hold a meaningful commemoration ceremony honouring the lives lost on September 11, 2001, while reflecting on the lasting impact and enduring legacy of that day within their community.

GANDER'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF 9/11 COMMEMORATION SERVICE

September 11th @ 2pm – Steele Community Centre

The 25th Anniversary Commemoration Service will be the central event of Gander's September 11 anniversary observances, bringing together survivors, family members, "Plane People," volunteers, first responders, military representatives, dignitaries, and members of the public to honour the lives lost and reflect on the lasting legacy of September 11, 2001.

The service will be guided by three themes - Remember, Honour, and Commemorate - and will feature music, personal reflections, tributes, and ceremonial elements.

Through moments of remembrance, recognition of those who served and responded, and a celebration of the extraordinary compassion shown by the people of Gander and surrounding communities during Operation Yellow Ribbon, the service will honour the lasting bonds of friendship and connection forged in the aftermath of tragedy.

This special 25th anniversary event is open to the public. Admission is free, but tickets are required.

Tickets are currently SOLD OUT but more will be made available soon. Keep an eye on showpass.com and the Town of Gander's Facebook page.

A PLACE TO BE HEARD WITH JAMES HURLEY

September 12th @ 10am – JR Smallwood Arts & Culture Centre Gallery Space

Award-winning Newfoundland and Labrador-born pianist and composer James Hurley performs new original works created during his residency through the Arts & Culture Centre's Artist-In-Residency (AIR) program. These compositions explore themes of place, community, connection, and the importance of being heard. Hurley will perform with the centre's newly restored Yamaha concert grand piano, accompanied by special guests and local artists participating in the anniversary music workshops.

TRADITIONAL NEWFOUNDLAND SHED PARTY AND SCREECH IN
September 12th @ 6pm – Legends, Caldwell Ave

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of music, food, drinks, friends and plenty of laughs at Legends Lounge & Grill's Traditional Newfoundland Shed Party!

Come experience a true Newfoundland tradition, complete with a classic Screech-In for all the "Come From Aways," and enjoy live Irish and Newfoundland music throughout the evening featuring Crossroads and special guests.

Don't miss your chance to be part of one of the best shed parties in town!

For more information and event details, follow Crossroads Gander or Legends Lounge & Grill on Facebook.

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