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COVER STORY
This issue bridges the outgoing and incoming years with a wide range
of entertaining events. Depicted on our cover are Kurt Browning as
PETER PAN and Ross Petty as Dr. Hook - the fractured fairy tale at
the Elgin Theatre. The holiday season comes alive with the staging
of Irving Berlin’s WHITE CHRISTMAS at the Sony Centre. That will
be followed by the CHINESE NEW YEAR SPECTACULAR and
AFRICAN FOOTPRINT, also at the Sony Centre. Gardeners and
nature lovers alike, will get an early taste of spring when CANADA
BLOOMS returns to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre as does the
CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL AUTO SHOW, showcasing the
latest and greatest models that will hit the street this summer - and
many we can only wish for.
From the editor

Toronto at Par or better!

Winter is what we make it! Some choose to retreat and hibernate once the cold weather and snow moves in while others are ready to take on the coldest of seasons with a gusto that can only promote good health and a sense of adventure. Theatre goers, movie goers, concert goers and goers of all kinds who simply refuse to let the doldrums of winter get the best of them are the ones that get to experience the joys available to them in our great city. The entertainment factor is at its best during the winter months as theatres gear up to stage great productions catering to all walks of life and when concerts are in abundance as major tours are in progress. Numerous consumer shows and exhibitions are mounted over the next six months at the convention centres, drawing in thousands of curious patrons who converge under one roof to see and explore the offerings of hundreds of exhibitors at each location. Sports arenas are awash with fans routing for the Leafs or Raptors and of course, there are movies and great restaurants to dine at - enough to keep you off the couch every day of the week. However, this season should be a time for us to realize how lucky we are to have all these joyful journeys we can follow. One trip down to Yonge and Dundas at night will give you the sense that we are developing our own version of Times Square albeit on a smaller scale. Just as our dollar has met up with the power of the American greenback so has our culture, and in some cases surpassing all expectations. Getting out there and discovering what the city has to offer only supports our growth as the entertainment capitol of Canada. Get into the holiday spirit by visiting some of the holiday attractions and events that are sure to put you in a festive mood.

HOToronto Magazine is designed to guide you to your destination and help you plan a great time in Toronto. So allow us to be your guide. If you don’t find what you are looking for in this issue, please make sure you visit our website regularly where you can find updates or join our new HOToronto Social Network on Facebook. Everything you need to know is just a few clicks away!

On behalf of myself and the HOToronto crew, I extend best wishes to all our readers and supporters throughout the years. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

In the Spirit of Christmas

This is a time to show compassion for those who are not as fortunate as we are. These are our brothers and sisters on the streets, in the shelters, and those lined up at the food banks. They are people like us, who for one reason or another, are unable to enjoy what we take for granted. Remember to help those less fortunate during this holiday season. The spirit of the season only shines through us. We are the ones who can help light up the rest of the world. Throughout the year, we should be their beacons but at this time of year we can become the real, Christmas light for many who need us - the shining star on their virtual tree of life.

From all of us
Season’s Greetings
and Best Wishes for
2008

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Just about every day of the week, the various editors and photographers of HOToronto are invited to special events taking place throughout the megacity. Here are some candid and not-so-candid shots by our chief-photographer Aline Sandler at some of the past season’s schmooze highlights.

THE ANNUAL PINK BEDROOM GALA

Elaine Tenneyson, Norma Jones, Bonnie Johnson & E. Michael Jones and Jane Ip

Film maker Bobby Brown and Uppekah Jain (representing sponsor Caramilk)

Cast of Drowsey Chaperone

Model Rebecca Hardy, Dennis Darby and Danielle Bilas

Heather & Max Gottlieb

Singer Amanda Martínez

Krista Webster and Canada’s Next Top Model Rebecca Hardy

Rod Morris & Donato Carozza

Alexis Binder

Stephen & Charmaine Johnson of sponsor Finer Foods & Jessica Shields of Rogers Wireless

Jane Ip, Founder of Pink Bedroom, co-host Bill Carroll and Beth Ann Colle

Kevin Pennant & actor, Charlotte Sullivan (Across the River to Motor City)

Designer Pat McDonagh

Actor Tara Spencer-Nairn (Corner Gas)

THE “DROWSEY CHAPERONE” OPENING NIGHT PARTY

Comic Robin Duke and her son Augie Rlik

Dancap president, Aubrey Dan with wife Anna and family

Actor Georgia Engle (Mary Tyler Moore, Everybody Loves Raymond) with Aubrey Dan

Co-writer Don McKellar

Cast of Drowsey Chaperone

Modelling new usher uniforms are (L-R) Amanda Rotko, Emily Munroe, Sean Jones and Wesley French
A 14-Day Celebration of Big City Fun!
January 25 - February 7, 2008

Now in its fifth year, the award-winning WinterCity festival offers a 14-day, city-wide celebration of Toronto’s incomparable diversity of spirit bursting with delicious culinary experiences, a hot blaze of unique free entertainment and a showcase of our vibrant arts scene. For two weeks the spotlight is focused on Toronto’s incredible wealth of creative and talented performers, this city’s diverse hospitality industry and fantastic world-class attractions.

THREE FESTIVALS IN ONE

Wild On Winter - WOW! Series at Nathan Phillips Square
The WinterCity Festival is brimming with incomparable free programming. Bundle up and enjoy outdoor entertainment each festival weekend, featuring performances from celebrated Canadian music talent and world-renowned, international theatrical troupes. This series of open-air performances injects some serious WOW! into Toronto’s winter landscape.

Warm Up Series at Toronto Attractions
Head indoors for performances and special events, ranging from backstage tours and culinary demonstrations to acrobatic performances and kid-friendly shows hosted by some of this city’s top attractions. Plus, take advantage of discount admission at some of Toronto’s most thrilling destinations.

Winterlicious at Toronto Restaurants
Experience a series of mouth-watering culinary events and indulge in great food at great value with the ever popular prix fixe promotion at more than 100 of Toronto’s top dining establishments.

Forget the weather and join the party in the world’s coolest winter city!
**FIRST ANNUAL independent ARTIST FAIR**

March 6 – 9, 2008
Liberty Grand Toronto

The fine art market is hotter than ever, but finding and investing in a perfect piece can be a daunting task, whether you’re a novice enthusiast on the hunt for your first painting or an avid collector. A good place to start will be The Artist Project Toronto, a four day exhibition and sale of contemporary fine art, which will bring together for the first time a carefully juried selection of new and emerging artists under one roof.

Created by MMPI Canada, the group behind the One Of A Kind Show and the Interior Design Show, The Artist Project Toronto will welcome over 100 juried independent artists selected to showcase their work to galleryists, collectors and art enthusiasts in an intimate environment. Approximately 85% of the artists will be from Canada.

Patti Stewart, Vice President of MMPI Canada, feels this event has something new to offer the Toronto art scene. “We wanted this to be a different type of event, appealing to not just seasoned collectors but to new buyers in a younger generation. At The Artist Project Toronto, they will have the chance to meet face to face with the artists handpicked by the jury, as well as have the benefit of experiencing a gallery environment without any intimidation.”

To recreate the elegant feeling of being in an art gallery, The Artist Project Toronto will give the grandiose halls at Liberty Grand a temporary makeover, constructing white walls and chic private galleries for each artist.

In support of professional development, The Artist Project Toronto will also include an exhibition called “Untapped”, a selection of works by eight to ten up-and-coming student artists, as well as the “Orange Competition” where exhibiting artists will interpret their feelings about the colour Orange.

Fine art talks, hosted by leading Toronto art and design experts such as Betty Ann Jordan, will take place throughout the four-day art fair. Full schedule of events are still to be announced.

Tickets and event details will be available online at www.theartistprojecttoronto.com or onsite from March 6 – 9, 2008. Admission is $10 for Adults, $7 for Seniors. Opening Night Preview tickets are $20.

**HOToronto Now Available On FACEBOOK**

HOToronto has joined the social networking revolution by creating a Members, Sizzle Sheet News and Event listings group on the popular website Facebook.

Online social networks and communities appear to have hit the Internet with the momentum of a runaway locomotive. A new study released by Ipsos Reid has found that nearly four-in-ten Internet-enabled adults in Canada (37%) have visited an online social network or online social community and three-in-ten (29%) have placed a profile on at least one such site.

“Creating a social networking group on Facebook just makes sense”, says HOToronto Publisher and Editor Joey Cee. Canadian adults who have heard of and/or visited an online social network spend an average of 5.4 hours per week browsing and using online social networks. Facebook is the most popular online social network among Canadian.

“Canadians have embraced social networking and Toronto is currently the most popular Facebook network,” says Cee, “by opening ourselves up to these kinds of social networks, Canadians and tourists can more easily learn about Toronto’s premier entertainment and events.”

Large proportions of Canada’s population centres are linked on the popular social networking site. Toronto, as an example, is the largest geographic group, with member numbers (940,988 Facebookers) surpassing those of major urban centres like London and New York.

Check out the concise guide to What’s Hot in Toronto Entertainment and join our HOToronto group on Facebook for exciting event news, photos, and videos!
**DRAMA**

**TWELVE ANGRY MEN**

January 8 - February 10

Princess of Wales

Twelve Jurors. Twelve walks of life. And only two ways to rule: guilty or not guilty. What seems like an open-and-shut murder case becomes a twisted puzzle of prejudice and intrigue.

**THE PALACE OF THE END**

Jan. 14 - Feb. 23

Berkeley Theatre

Three lives. Three voices. Three perspectives on the war in Iraq: the plain-spoken, goofy, 23-year-old soldier imprisoned for torturing prisoners at Abu Ghraib; the brilliant microbiologist and weapons inspector who blew the whistle on the dossier justifying the invasion of Iraq; and a mother and political leader who suffered the greatest loss imaginable at the hands of Saddam Hussein. This raw and poetic new work by award-winning playwright Judith Thompson will challenge your beliefs while celebrating the music of the human voice and the depths of the human soul.

**DAUGHTER OF THE HOUSE**

April 18 - May 3

Alumnae Theatre, The Main Stage

Set in 1950s Dublin, The Main Stage presents a night of stand-up. Great line-up of comedians, special guest appearances and prizes.

**SHARRON'S PARTY!**

Starring Sharron Matthews

December 10

Diesel Playhouse

One part stand-up, one part chanteuse, downtown diva Sharron Matthews serves up an exciting musical comedy cabaret filled with singing, stories, audience participation and tons of laughter! Sharron combines her powerful voice and comedic wit to create pop medleys, sing-a-longs and songolutes that will have the audience roaring with laughter and crooning along. Sharron's bawdy humour, dazzling costumes and distinctive voice have earned her comparisons to the 'other' Divine Miss M - Bette Midler. Her dramatic and comic sensibilities are apparent not only in the wildly entertaining monologues weaved seamlessly between songs, but within the songs themselves, as Sharron effortlessly reveals the vibrancy, heartbreak and hilarity of the stories within each song's lyrics.

Sharron's Party! has featured as Special Guests some of Canada's most talented and established musical theatre performers, including Stratford's Blythe Wilson and Steve Ross, CanStage's Thom Allison and Broadway's Louise Pitre, to name a few.

Sharron's Party! has been entertaining sold-out audiences at Toronto's Gladstone Hotel monthly for the past 2 years, and now the naughty cabaret is taking it's crowd-pleasing show on the road. The timing of ending the Toronto run at the Gladstone coincides with the much-anticipated release of PARTY GIRL, a compilation of Sharron and Patrick's best pop cabaret confessions. Performing in the biggest musicals in North America, singing with symphonies, providing the voices of animated characters, writing and compiling her own shows and cabarets plus working in front of the cameras have kept Sharron Matthews busy throughout the last 20 years of her career. Sharron has starred in many of Toronto's best-known musicals, including Les Miserables (with Colm Wilkinson) and Beauty and the Beast, and has been featured in such hit films as Mean Girls and Cinderella Man.

**THE LIFE & ADVENTURES OF NICHOLAS NICKLEBY PART 1 & 2**

February 22 - April 20

Princess of Wales

This comedic masterpiece is presented across two separate plays - each complete in itself - creating an unforgettable experience. Goodness and virtue battle cruelty and avarice and emerge triumphant in this funny, moving, exhilarating saga of Victorian England.

You'll meet such characters as only Charles Dickens could create: Nicholas, defiant of those who wrong the people he loves; wicked Uncle Ralph, who cares for nothing but money; Wackford Squeers, the cruel master of Dotheboys Hall, the poor, abused Sike ... and 146 more whom you will never forget.

**COMEDY**

**THE FLAWS OF ATTRACTION**

To Dec. 2

Diesel Playhouse

A collection of comedy sketches looking at men, women and relationships. From the pick up to dating, love, living together, marriage and sex.

**BUNCHA BAD APPLES: THE REMIX PROJECT**

December 9

Diesel Playhouse

MTV's comedian Silas Lubin presents a night of stand-up. Great line-up of comedians, special guest appearances and prizes.

**SPELLING BEE**

January 29 – February 10

Elgin Theatre

Six young people in the throes of puberty, overseen by grown-ups who barely managed to escape childhood themselves, learn that winning isn’t everything and that losing doesn’t necessarily make you a loser.

**MACHOMER**

Massey Hall

February 22

Comic genius Rick Miller's one-man vocal spectacular

features impressions of over 50 voices from TV's The Simpsons in a hilarious performance of Shakespeare's Macbeth! With a script which remains 85% Shakespeare, MacHomer will leave you exhausted with laughter.
and a half hours, punch lines are thrown around instead of gunfire. Kurt Brownings performance as Peter Pan sets the stage in motion from skating on roller blades to soaring over the stage. He is the setup for many one-liners. His performance as an actor is superb. This fractured fairy tale is supported by a well rounded cast of characters. Meghan Hoope plays the beautifully voiced Wendy and Jennifer Waiser is the loveable Tinkerbell. Narrator and a regular performer on past Petty productions is Eddie Glen who doubles as Nana the pet dog and Smee, Capt. Hook’s trusty sidekick. Wendy’s brothers are played by Brandon Banks as Michael and Matthew Bel Bel Bellus as John. Scene stealers would have to be Donnie MacPhee as The Crocodile, Julia Jahas as Bruce The Mermaid and Steven Gallagher as Chad (one of the Lost Boys). In fact the entire ensemble of The Lost Boys and the Dixie Fish (mermaid backup singers) are cleverly worked into the show. This is a show for the whole family with enough infused song, dance and silliness to keep the kids and grown ups entertained. This one gets an arrrrrrr rating!

THE SNOW QUEEN
December 4 - 15 Young Centre

In this Hans Christian Andersen fairytale, a girl must rescue her best friend, the boy next door, who is pierced by a magical shard of ice and then imprisoned by the mythical Snow Queen.

THE BACKYARDIGANS: QUEST FOR THE EXTRA ORINARY ALIENS
February 29 - March 1 Sony Centre

The Backyardigans gang; Pablo the penguin; Tyrone the moose; Uniqua the purple-spotted creature; Tasha the Hippo; and Austin the Kangaroo are five high-spirited preschool friends who use their zany imagination to catapult on yet another epic adventure! Quest for the Extra Ordinary Aliens takes the audience on a 60-minute non-stop musical expedition as The Backyardigans become Daring Detectives, Masters of Disguise Guys and a Space Ace Reporter, who travel in hot pursuit of a mysterious space ship and its missing passengers - the cookie crumbing Aliens!

Tag along with the gang and their special host, to shivering Frozen Toes Mountain, the blistering Hot Foootsy Desert, and the volcanic Lost Pirate Island while singing and dancing the whole way! Join The Backyardigans in their finger snapping, toe tapping and mind-boggling adventures, which will keep the whole family on the edge of their seat wondering where they’ll be off to next in this roasting Quest for the Extra Ordinary Aliens.

THE BACKYARDIGANS: QUEST FOR THE EXTRA ORINARY ALIENS
February 29 - March 1 Sony Centre

From the legendary tales in the Chinese history to the heavenly fairy beauties, from the soothing classic melody to the traditional dragon dances, the Chinese New Year Spectacular is a work of beauty and inspiration, and celebrating the wonder of ancient Chinese culture through a combination of world-class music and dance performances. It is sure to dazzle the eyes, ears and heart, and to leave you with the memory of a lifetime.

MUSICALS

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS
To December 15 Bluma Appel Theatre

A geeky botanist discovers an unusual plant that brings him instant fame and fortune, but has strange nutritional needs. This wild, hilarious musical uses doo-wop, rock ‘n’ roll and Motown to tell a love story with “out-of-this-world complications.

WE WILL ROCK YOU
To January 27 Canon Theatre

In future world ruled by giant corporations, we are all bland, homogenized, happy, satisfied consumers. But there are rebels living deep beneath the gleaming cities who remember the forbidden music of a bygone age.

WHISTLE DOWN THE WIND
The Princess of Wales Theatre January 3 – 8

Based on the much-loved film, Andrew Lloyd Webber and Jim Steinman’s Whistle Down The Wind is an extraordinary and uplifting tale about the transforming power of love and a perfect show for the entire family this holiday season. Featuring a host of award-winning songs, including the Boyzone smash hit No Matter What, Whistle Down The Wind tells the story of a young Louisiana girl who finds a mysterious stranger hiding in her barn. When she asks his identity, the first words he utters are “Jesus Christ” and it’s as if her prayers have been answered. While the townspeople are determined to hunt down an escaped felon, she and her friends vow to protect him from the outside world.

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR
February 15 – 16 Centre Theatre

The first collaboration between Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice to be performed on the professional stage, Jesus Christ Superstar is one of the most popular and enduring works ever created for the musical theatre. Featuring such notable songs as Superstar, Everything’s Alright and I Don’t Know How to Love Him, Jesus Christ Superstar earned five TONY nominations. Set in two acts, Jesus Christ Superstar tells the story of the final seven days of the life of Jesus.
Nazareth. Superstar dramatizes Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, the unrest caused by his preaching and popularity, his betrayal by Judas, the trial before Pontius Pilate, and his ultimate crucifixion. Perpetually changing the face of musical theatre Jesus Christ Superstar, will leave audiences captivated by its power.

As relevant and timeless as ever, Jesus Christ Superstar, the rock opera vision of “the greatest story ever told,” is perhaps more potent in today’s troubled world than when it was first produced. Now, for the new millennium, this magnificent story comes once again vividly to the stage with Ted Neeley re-creating his unforgettable performance.

RENT
Sony Centre
March 19 - 22
Whether it’s your first time or your 100th time, it’s time you checked out Rent – The winner of the Tony Award for Best Musical and the Pulitzer prize, Rent is about being young, learning to survive, falling in love, finding your voice and living for today. Rent has made a lasting mark on Broadway with songs that rock and a story that really resonates, and now the smash-hit sensation of Rent is returning to Toronto.

DIRTY DANCING
Royal Alexandra Theatre
A timeless story of first love, full of heart pounding music, pure dancing energy and breathtaking emotion. Experience the excitement and romance of the classic story as never before – live on stage.

THE HA’PENNY BRIDGE: THE MUSICAL
May - June 2008
Prince of Wales Theatre
A love torn apart in a country divided. It is Dublin, 1922. As English troops prepare to move out and civil war threatens to tear the city apart, the Irish capital’s residents suffer the dual pressures of political violence and poverty. It is in this chaos that George Arkin, a young Londoner, meets Molly Cassidy. In an historical period of its time, it’s time for our 100th birthday.

AFRICAN FOOTPRINT
February 7 - 9
Sony Centre
The Trinity Dancers’ years of rigorous training are evident in every perfectly paced spin, leap and click, making them a lethal powerhouse of speed and sound that has electrified audiences around the world, with sold-out tours in Europe and Asia and appearances in such distinguished U.S. venues as Washington’s Kennedy Center, New York’s Joyce and New Victory Theatres, and Los Angeles’ Royce Hall. The company has appeared in feature films by Disney, DreamWorks, Touchstone and Universal including “Backdraft” and “The Road to Perdition” and on countless National television... more programs including “The Tonight Show” with Johnny Carson and Jay Leno, “Late Night with Conan O’Brien,” and “Good Morning America.” Trinity won two Emmy Awards for their appearance on the PBS Television Specials “One Step Beyond” and “World Stage”, and were featured in the ABC special “Dignity of the Earth.” The result was an explosive entry into Jerusalem, the unrest caused by his preaching and popularity, his betrayal by Judas, the trial before Pontius Pilate, and his ultimate crucifixion. Perpetually changing the face of musical theatre Jesus Christ Superstar, will leave audiences captivated by its power.

THE NUTCRACKER
Elgin Theatre
December 15 - 16
A family favourite and holiday tradition, this presentation is a faithful and classic rendering based on the Kirov choreography by Vasily Vainonen. This year’s production features guest artists Irina Dvorovenko and Maxim Beloserkovsky of the American Ballet Theatre.

SLEEPING BEAUTY ON ICE
December 20 - 23
Bluma Appel Theatre
DuffleBag Theatre is back for even more fun-filled and hilarious interactive story-telling! An annual favourite, you will see those crazy DuffleBag folk (and a few unsuspecting audience members) work together to present the timeless tale of Sleeping Beauty.

LES BALLETS TROCKADERO DE MONTE CARLO
Elgin Theatre
January 19 - 20
This all-male ballet troupe has been performing and touring around the world for more than 30 years playing prima ballerinas with all the ego, drama and glamour of the legendary Ballets Russes. This engagement marks the 100th anniversary of their first sold-out run at the Elgin Theatre.

MOISEYEV DANCE COMPANY
January 23
Sony Centre
Moiseyev’s Company is often referred to as the anthology or encyclopedia of folk dance, as its repertoire includes dances of virtually all nations living in the territory of the former Soviet Union, and also beyond its borders. Each dance composition is perfect by itself, and when combined they represent an unbreakable unity of the folk dance and its poet — Igor Moiseyev. Numerous generations of dancers replaced each other over the years. But their leader remained the same... Inimitable, brilliant, magnificent — only such epiphanies are appropriate for the outstanding Russian choreographer, creator, art director and ballet-master of the world famous State Academic Folk Dance Company directed by Igor Moiseyev, who on January 21, 2006, celebrated his 100th birthday.

AFRICAN FOOTPRINT
February 7 - 9
Sony Centre
The hypnotic heartbeat of the African drum, the soulful saxophone and the haunting pennywhistle, meld Afro- and Euro-centric music and dance – KwaZulu-jive, traditional gumboot, tap, contemporary ballet, hop-hop pantsula – into an ‘explosive stampede of song and dance’ that tells the vibrant and diverse history of South Africa. In 1999, Richard Loring, television and theatre star and show producer, recruited a group of young people from the dusty streets of Soweto. From hundreds of hopefuls, only 30 young aspiring performers were chosen. The next year was taken up with vocal classes and intensive dance instruction which, for most of these youngsters, was their first opportunity to enter the world of professional theatre. Seemingly going nowhere, the long hours of rehearsal were rewarded when, on December 31st 1999, African Footprint was invited to perform before Nelson Mandela in Block B on Robben Island, the very place where South Africa’s leader had been a prisoner for some 18 years. The result was an explosive and emotional performance televised around the world and seen by over 250 million viewers. This is how the journey began...
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Santa Claus and His Elves  
Be sure to join Santa and his Elves in their toy workshop. Photos With Santa on weekends and at peak season. (Extra charge attraction)

STROLLING CHARACTERS  
The Spritedy Spirits  
Watch for these gleeiful ghosties as they hang around all the usual haunts in the castle hallways. For memories of Christmas past and presents, this pair of pixies is primed to please.

ELVES IN THE WORKSHOP  
December 1, 15 & 22  
Bring your little elf to Casa Loma and join us in our annual seasonal workshop—hosted by Marnie Lippa from Parties Made Simple. You and your little elf will enjoy creating a decorated gingerbread house to hang on your family Christmas tree. Your day will include:  
- A gingerbread house approximately 3.5 inches tall, ready to hang  
- A festive box to carry your ornament home  
- Tickets to our holiday themed show - A Christmas Carol  
- Hot chocolate, coffee and holiday goodies  
- Admission to Casa Loma - don’t forget to visit Santa Claus while you are here!

CRIME WRITERS OF CANADA  
READINGS AT CASA LOMA  
BLOOD ON THE HOLLY: AN ANTHOLOGY OF CHRISTMAS MYSTERY  
Tuesday, December 18  
The third in a six part series featuring Canada’s top crime writers presented in association with Crime Writers of Canada. Canada’s crime writers are celebrated around the world. Award winning writers and first time authors offer their twisted tale on the festive season with stories ranging from the hilarious to the serious.

THE WINTER KIDZFEST  
Yonge-Dundas Square  
December 1-2  
On the first weekend of December, bring the whole family to a winter celebration at Yonge-Dundas Square!

CHRISTMAS BY LAMPLIGHT  
Black Creek Pioneer Village  
December 8 - 22  
Come and join the fun at Christmas by Lamplight at Black Creek Pioneer Village.

THE 32ND ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREATS WALK  
Toronto Zoo  
December 26  
Don’t miss this fun-filled day at the Toronto Zoo as the animals get their holiday gifts. Watch them indulge on holiday treats and seasonal goodies especially for them.

ON STAGE  
THE NUTCRACKER  
Ballet Jorgen Canada  
Living Arts Centre Mississauga  
December 7 - 8  
Experience the magic, wonder and adventure of this holiday classic.

THE NUTCRACKER  
National Ballet  
Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts  
December 8 - 30  
Enjoy a holiday classic for the whole family. James Kudelka’s unique twist on the The Nutcracker takes the famous story of childhood magic to 19th Century Russia, where brother and sister Misia and Marie embark on a dream journey.

THE CINDERELLA  
Solar Stage Theatre  
The traditional story is back and this musical version will cheer your seasonal celebrations and uplift your spirits. The theme of hard work and respect for other people, along with the enjoyable music and great narrative are a perfect compliment to the joys of Christmas.

THE NUTCRACKER  
Canadian Ballet Theatre  
Winter Garden Theatre Centre  
Dec. 15 - 16

TAILOR OF GLOUCESTER  
Village Playhouse  
This favourite story of Beatrix Potter is presented as a musical comedy with two mice trying to help the old tailor get the mayor’s special suit ready for Christmas. Will the interfering and hungry cats prevent the celebration? This heartwarming story is filled with hilarious shenanigans and wonderful music.

SLEEPING BEAUTY ON ICE  
Canadian Stage Company - Canstage  
Dec. 20 – 23  
Inspired by the 1890 ballet interpretation of the classic tale of Sleeping Beauty, with a score by legendary Russian composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, a cast of 35 skaters will retell the famous story on ice.

DISNEY’S HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL ON ICE  
Rogers Centre  
Dec. 21 - 30  
One of Disney’s most popular series comes to the ice in Disney’s High School Musical: The Ice Tour.

PETER PAN  
Elgin & Winter Garden Theatre Centre  
To January 8, 2008  
Kurt Browning stars in the Ross Petty production of Peter Pan.

WHITE CHRISTMAS  
Sony Centre For The Performing Arts  
To January 5, 2008  
Irving Berlin’s holiday classic comes to the Sony Centre.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA
Air Canada Centre
November 26
Trans-Siberian Orchestra is a rock orchestra known for its symphonic metal renditions of popular Christmas songs. Since forming in 1996, the group has become a holiday season favourite, with highly successful winter tours and accompanying albums.

ANDRÉ RIEU
Rogers Centre
Dec. 14 - 15
Dutch violinist and conductor André Rieu will perform in Toronto with his Johann Strauss Orchestra, in a show that re-creates Vienna’s romantic atmosphere.

MESSIAH
Trinity St. Paul’s Centre
Dec. 19 - 22
Don’t miss out on Tafelmusik’s acclaimed annual production of Handel’s famed oratorio, Messiah.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE RAT PACK
Princess Of Wales Theatre
December 20 – 31
Join Frank, Dean, and Sammy as they take the stage in this holiday season spectacle. Listen to some of your all time favourites and enjoy the antics in a re-creation of the most entertaining Las Vegas Act.

CHRISTMAS WITH THE NYLONS
Living Arts Centre Mississauga
December 1
Join the Nylons at the Living Arts Centre and hear them perform your favourite a cappella songs.

COLIN JAMES LITTLE BIG BAND CHRISTMAS
Roy Thomson Hall
Dec. 20 -21
Guitar virtuoso and six-time Juno-Award winner Colin James and his Little Big Band return for two nights of Yuletide fun at Massey Hall.

SING-ALONG MESSIAH
Roy Thomson Hall
December 23
Once again, the Tafelmusik Chamber Choir and Orchestra invites you to join them in singing Handel’s festive masterpiece, Messiah, this Christmas season.

ROY THOMSON HALL’S FREE NOON HOUR CONCERTS
Roy Thomson Hall
The free noon hour concerts are back! Roy Thomson Hall’s magnificent Gabriel Kney pipe organ shares the spotlight with Canada’s most celebrated organists and choirs – a delightful way to relax for an hour.

JENNIFER VALENTYNE AND TYLER YAREMA
Living Arts Centre Mississauga
December 14
By day, she’s a CityTV Breakfast Television host, but by night, Jennifer Valentyne transforms into a contemporary songstress.

ACH’S CHRISTMAS ORATORIO AND MAGNIFICAT
Trinity St. Paul’s Centre
Nov. 27 - Dec. 2
Tafelmusik celebrates the festive season with this telling of the nativity story over two nights.

A CROOLE CHRISTMAS
Roy Thomson Hall
December 7
Celebrate Christmas with the Preservation Hall Jazz Band. This home-style New Orleans Christmas comes complete with unique carols such as “Zat You Santa Claus?” plus old favourites.

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LINDT TREE OF HOPE

Hope beams radiantly over Toronto from atop the Lindt And Hilton Tree Of Hope - an annual fundraising program benefiting SickKids Foundation. Sereened by the Canadian Children’s Opera Chorus under Artistic Director Ann Cooper Gay and featuring pianist Gergely Szokolay and host Kim Stockwood, 2-year-old SickKids Foundation ambassador Ethan helped The National Ballet’s Sugar Plum Fairy (Sonia Rodriguez) illuminate the tree, which is crowned by a figure of Elpis, the Greek goddess of hope, designed by Mag Ruffman (Road to Avonlea, ToolGirl).

Hilton Toronto General Manager Armin Schroeder added, “Like this tree, we all have the power to spread goodwill this holiday season, to be an example of the spirit of giving ... and ultimately offer comfort to someone else.”

“The Tree of Hope is a powerful expression of philanthropy. By purchasing a tree, guests are able to give back to a cause that is very close to their hearts. It is a wonderful tradition that Hilton Toronto is proud to host,” said Tom Crewe Jr. of Crewe & Company Hotels. “This year’s event is more special than ever with the addition of the Lindt Tree of Hope.”

Hilton Toronto and Crewe & Company Hotels have a long history of supporting SickKids, dating back to 1938 when members of the hospital’s public relations team and other volunteers decorated a tree on the hotel’s roof to raise money for the institution.

The Tree of Hope program was launched in 2002 as a direct result of the Cabbagetown Christmas Toy Dance, a holiday tradition started by Tom Crewe Sr. over 60 years ago, but continued by his son, Tom Crewe Jr. and Alex Puny since 1994, when he assumed the role after the passing of his father in law, Tom Crewe Sr. The Cabbagetown Santa attends the annual kid’s St. Cyril’s Church Christmas party and hands out gifts to 500 children in the Regent Park area. Gifts collected at the annual Crewe Christmas Toy Dance, a tradition started by Tom Crewe Sr. over 60 years ago, but continued by his son, Tom Crewe Jr.

Lindt and Hilton Toronto hope to surpass last year’s total of $26,000 through innovative ways to donate, from bidding on two luxury travel packages on www.sickkidsauctions.com to indulging in chocolate-infused desserts and cocktails at the Hilton Toronto or enjoying the Hilton Buffet Breakfast. In addition, a portion of the proceeds from the sale of select products at the three Lindt boutiques in the GTA will also be donated, as well as from the sale of Lindt Ornaments and Advent Calendars in the Hilton Toronto lobby. In addition, $2 from every special feature dessert ordered by groups celebrating the holidays at Hilton Toronto will be donated.

This year’s 50-foot tree pays tribute to patients and staff of Hospital for Sick Children. SickKids 266 patients are represented by 266 strings of light, bearing 7,000 light bulbs-one for each full-time staff member. Meanwhile, 1,200 bows sparkle amongst the boughs to represent the funded research projects at SickKids. The tree will be on display until January 6, which will also be the final day of the fundraising campaign.

Toronto school children will raise their voices in a song of hope during Hilton Toronto’s Sounds of the Season choir series sponsored by Lindt.

Throughout the season, school choirs will fill the magnificent hotel lobby with songs to celebrate the holiday spirit.

Dec. 3 Crestwood School 2 pm
Dec. 4 Havergal Girls School 4 pm
Dec. 5 Earl Haig Secondary School 1 pm
Dec. 6 Williamson Road Public School 2 pm
Dec. 7 St. Augustine Catholic School 2 pm
Dec. 10 York School Senior Vocal Ensemble 4 pm
Dec. 11 St. Cyril Catholic School 3:30 pm
Dec. 12 St. Maria Goretti Catholic School 1 pm
Dec. 13 St. Sebastian Catholic Elementary 1 pm
Dec. 14 St. Bernard Catholic Elementary 1 pm
Dec. 17 York School Junior Choir 1 pm
Dec. 18 St. Agnes Catholic School 1 pm
Dec. 19 St. Nicholas of Bari Catholic School 1:30 pm

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SPECIAL EVENTS

SHOW GUIDE

Fairs • Festivals • Galleries • Exhibitions

DECEMBER

ONE OF A KIND CHRISTMAS SHOW & SALE
November 22 - December 2
Direct Energy Centre

The Holiday countdown has begun and there is no better place to find the perfect gift. The show offers great gift ideas for every one on your list. This year the show focuses on the home with unique creations from innovative artists, craftspeople, and designers. This is Canada’s finest craft show, bringing innovative artists, craftspeople, and designers together to share their unique creations with the rest of the world. Meet the makers, the artists and creators of such unique work, chat with them and find out about the inspiration, their story. The Discover visual art, toys, jewelry, fashion, ceramics, glass, home decor, food and much more!

DOWNTOWN ANTIQUE SHOW
Nov. 29 - Dec. 4
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

40th ANNUAL H.A.S.C. ANTIQUE CARS & PARTS FLEA MARKET
December 2
International Trade Centre

This annual event is our fund raiser & attracts over 250 vendors and over 3000 admissions. It is Canada’s largest indoor automobile flea market where the vendor are requested to sell automotive related materials only. This is a 1 day only event with over 15 car clubs represented.

THE HOLIDAYS MEGA FAIR
December 7 - 9
International Trade Centre

This three day event brings a mixed variety of products to the public during Christmas and the Holiday Season. This opportunity is given to the exhibitors to promote their products and sell their merchandise directly to the public at one convenient location. This fair will be hosting over a hundred exhibitors providing an array of products for your shopping experience.

UMBRA FACTORY SALE
December 9
Direct Energy Centre

THE CLOTHING SHOW
December 14 - 16
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Now in its 30th year, The Clothing Show has become an unforgettable shopping experience to thousands of people in search of the unique, the unusual, and the handcrafted. It has also become a seasonal resource for the best looks at a fraction of the price, with special sales found only at the show. The Clothing Show has continued to grow to now over 300 booths with truly something for everyone. Local designers get a chance to shine and coming local designers in our Boutique section. By providing an affordable venue, they are able to test market directly to the public and receive instant feedback and networking at a fraction of the cost of other shows. Explore the future of fashion with names like; Elroy Apparel, Glyphiks Design, Hyphen, Embody, Olga Saras, Model Citizen, My Empire, Karamara, and more. Every shopper wants a fab find at a fraction of the cost, and bargains abound in the Sample Sale section. Find big names like Rock & Republic, Miss Sixty, Diesel, True Religion, and Seven with sales up to 90% off retail. Looking for classic style? Hunt the Vintage section for rare treasures from a century of fashion, including antique jewelry and handbags. Find yoga wear, gothic, urban and everything in between in our Streetwear & Casual section. Shop the Accessories section for a multitude of choices in handbags, jewelry, belts, cosmetics, shoes, and hats at a variety of price points for every budget. Keep an eye out for Maverick Creatives impromptu photoshoots throughout the show and catch a glimpse of the industry in action.

JANUARY

CANADA'S BRIDAL SHOW
January 3 - 8
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

NORTH AMERICAN INT'L MOTORCYCLE SUPERSHOW & CDN. MOTORCYCLE POWERSPORT BUSINESS SHOW
January 4 - 6
International Trade Centre

One of the largest and longest running Shows at the International Centre, the Supershow occupies 5 halls and has over 1000 motorcycles on display. Motorcycle enthusiasts will see 2008 New Model motorcycles, dealer displays, aftermarket and accessory superstores, over 70 riding clubs & associations, vintage displays, wild custom bikes, stage shows, the Humber Rider Academy, special guest, racing champions, and much more.

THE WEDDING SHOW 2008
January 11 - 13
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The Wedding Co. brings a carefully chosen group of premiere wedding professionals together to meet you all in one place. The stylish and intimate setting makes The Wedding Show 2008 the ideal place to start or finish creating your perfect day.

THE NATIONAL FRANCHISE & BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES SHOW
January 11 - 13
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

50TH ANNUAL TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW
January 12 - 20
Direct Energy Centre

The big news for 2008 is The Lake. The Toronto Boat Show transforms the world’s largest indoor harbour into the world’s largest indoor water playground with everything from wakeboarding and sailing to canoeing and kayaking. With over 1,500 new boat models, boating accessories and over a million square feet of floor space, the Toronto Boat Show holds fast to its title as the premiere event for boaters in Canada with the largest, most expansive array of products and services available. The one-stop shop for novice and seasoned mariners alike, the 50th annual Toronto International Boat Show provides the newest and best in boating. Whether for sports, sailing, fishing or fun for the whole family, there’s a boat for every lifestyle and budget.

METRO HOME SHOW
January 14 - 21
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

WOMEN'S HEALTH MATTERS FORUM & EXPO
January 18 - 19
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

THE TOTAL WEDDING SHOW
January 18 - 20
International Trade Centre

Sample, compare prices, and discuss wedding planning with over 300 highly qualified wedding retailers and service providers. Every bride will receive a free surprise gift at the show, while supplies last. The Total Wedding Show has all the resources today's
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Couple needs to plan the perfect wedding. This great bridal show is held only once a year, be sure to not to miss it!!

**NIAGARA ICE WINE FESTIVAL**

Niagara Region  
January 18 - 27

Plan your trip to Niagara for ten days in January, 2008, when the Niagara region is transformed into a wintry wonderland, celebrating one of Canada’s most cherished products, Ontario Icewine. From Gala evenings, ornate ice bars and Icewine Classic Weekends, to roasting chestnuts and winter tours along Niagara’s famed wine route, the Niagara Icewine Festival offers plenty for every taste. Niagara Grape and Wine Festival hosts a spectacular show with world renowned Ontario Icewine taking centre stage at the 13th Niagara Icewine Festival. The opening act is the annual Xerox “Images of Winter” Gala Evening and Silent Auction on Friday, January 18, 2008. Over 30 Ontario wineries will present over 100 award winning Icewines, making it Canada’s largest public Icewine tasting. Placed conspicuously between the wineries, a dozen food stations offer the finest in Canadian cuisine. With the breathtaking view of the partially frozen Niagara Falls as its backdrop.

**NATIONAL BRIDAL SHOW**

January 25 - 27  
**Direct Energy Centre**

Get creative ideas from Toronto’s finest wedding experts. With their impeccable taste and vast knowledge, exhibitors can assist you with every aspect of your wedding planning. From choosing the rings, flowers, cakes, music, bonboniere, gift registry, reception facilities, formalwear, decorating ideas, invitations, photographers, limousine, there is much to see and do, you’ll want to spend the entire day. It’s your complete planning and shopping connection.

**MONSTER JAM**

January 26 - 27  
**Rogers Centre**

**FEBRUARY**

**SPEEDORAMA**

February 8 - 10  
**Direct Energy Centre**

**FEBRUARY**

**CIty Parent Camp Fair**

February 10  
**International Trade Centre**

**FEBRUARY**

**The Outdoor Adventure Show**

February 22 - 24  
**International Trade Centre**

Canada’s largest outdoor adventure, sports, and travel marketplace caters to outdoor enthusiasts who like to live on the edge! This annual event showcases over 300 exhibitors with the largest selection of outdoor equipment, sporting gear and adventure trips at big savings. Great deals on bikes, kayaks, canoes, trips, camping gear, and clothing! Witness cutting edge bike demonstrations or get travel tips at the Adventure Theatre. Check out daily paddle and scuba technique demonstrations at the indoor pool or test your skills on a 25 foot climbing wall.

**MARCH**

**Canadian International Auto Show**

February 15 - 17  
**International Trade Centre**

This three day fishing and boat show will highlight the latest in tackle technology and electronics together with current and new models of fishing boats. This new innovative show features a free children’s fishing pond, the Ontario B.A.S.S. Federation Nation’s Casting Kids, informative seminars and an interactive forum with some of Canada’s top touring professional anglers. The Fishing & Boat Show will also be featuring North America’s sport fishing legend and founder of In-Fisherman, Mr. Al Lindner. Also included are resorts from across Canada along with outfitters from various parts of Ontario. This fun filled show will provide family entertainment and one stop shopping for all your angling and boating needs.

**The Spring Motor Home & Trailer Show**

February 27 - March 2  
**International Trade Centre**

Considered by many to be the largest recreation vehicle show of its kind in North America. The major manufacturers participating allow only their best dealers to exhibit – in fact, it’s an honour to be chosen as an Exclusive Exhibitor at this show. The huge displays are spread over an area the size of six football fields; all on one level, with no stairs to climb. There are thousands of different products on display; over 160 different brands – motor homes, trailers, fifth-wheels, park models, folding campers, camper vans, luxury highway coaches and Cottage RV’s. This is a world class event, supported by major manufacturers, distributors, dealers, recreation vehicle resort operators, finance and leasing specialists, accessories outlets, and service and technical advisors - all in attendance for the entire 5-day show.

**TORONTO STAR GOLF AND TRAVEL SHOW**

Feb. 28 - March 2  
**Metro Toronto Convention Centre**

The 19th Annual Toronto Star Golf & Travel Show is the largest consumer golf show in North America. Three days in spring of golf, golf, golf! Golf courses, golf destinations, demonstrations by leading golf pros, golf equipment, accessories and much much more.

**CANADIAN HOME WORKSHOP SHOW**

Feb. 29 - March 2  
**International Trade Centre**

Visitors can meet the editors of the magazine and learn new techniques, see demonstrations and have all their questions answered. There is an area for any skill level of woodworker to try tools, build a project and take it home. This fun filled show will provide family entertainment and one stop shopping for all your angling and boating needs.

**CANADA’S WEDDING EXPO**

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**MARCH**

**International Home & Garden Show**

March 6 - 9  
**International Trade Centre**

The International Home & Garden Show, the International Home & Garden Show invites visitors to explore over 500 vendors showcasing their home and garden products and services. Visitors can take in all the activities on the Do-It-Yourself Stage, with well-known guest speakers presenting interactive, knowledgeable seminars. They can enjoy the latest Leisure Products at the Patio, Pool & Spa World and...
SUCCESSFUL GARDENING SHOW
International Trade Centre
The Successful Gardening Show is an annual event geared to the practical gardening enthusiast and backyard adventurer. The Garden Marketplace features seeds, bulbs, hard-to-find plants and flowers, books, gardening décor, accessories and much, much more. As well as we have helpful seminars at the Gardening Life Theatre, featuring well-known gardening experts who are happy to update visitors on the latest gardening trends. Come meet Southern Ontario’s OHA members show off their blooms and imagination as they celebrate 100 years of Keeping Ontario Beautiful at the Ontario Horticultural Association’s Plant and Flower Competition. Fun for the whole family, children can participate in the “Kid’s Make-It and Take-it Garden” and take home a fun garden project. Mom and Dad can drop children off at the free childcare area while they shop for over 70,000 sq. ft. of vendor displays, take part in the People’s Choice “Best In Show” Landscape competition, and enter the grand prize draw.

ESP PSYCHIC EXPO
March 7 - 9
International Trade Centre
A festival of the strange and paranormal featuring lectures, demonstrations and exhibitors encompassing the unseen world of esp, psychic powers, auras, astrology, palmistry, numerology and reincarnation. Private psychic and tarot card readings are available.

THE INTERNATIONAL ANTI-AGING SHOW
March 7 - 9
International Trade Centre
From cosmetic enhancements to health clubs and healthy foods, staying young and living longer, healthier lives is on everyone’s mind. The International Anti-Aging Show responds directly to this important market trend by bringing together thousands of men and women of all ages who wish to better themselves and add years to their lives, with over 100 exhibitors who represent virtually every category of anti-aging related products and services, in a festive environment... cosmetic enhancements... beauty... health... nutrition... fitness... wellness... travel... and more.

THE BRITISH ISLES SHOW
March 8
Direct Energy Centre
This year Canada Blooms redefines ‘Flower Power’ with a celebration of gardens, displays and special guests that encompass the idealism and optimism of the ‘60s, the importance of green gardens and flowers, and the eco-savvy future of horticulture in Canada. For the first time this year, Canada Blooms will feature theme days throughout the five-day event. Festival-goers will have the opportunity to learn about ‘greening’ in Canada on ‘Living Green Day’ or meet some of Canada’s leading municipalities on ‘Communities in Blooms Day’. In conjunction with each day’s theme, Gardening Life Educational Series will host some of Canada’s premier educational speakers on such topics as garden travel, current plant design and more.

CANADA BLOOMS
March 11 - 16
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
This exciting Pro/Am Street contest series returns to Toronto for the 8th year, featuring many of the world’s biggest names in BMX Street Course putting unbelievable tricks on an indoor street course. Add the Toronto X Track Challenge (Mountain Bike and BMX 4X Races) and the Freestyle Dirt Jump Contest and the CFO Pro/Am BMX Flatland Freestyle Competition and you get lots of value for your admission. The show also provides valuable cycling information such as where, when and how, club enrollment opportunities. A Black and White Gala, The Ryan Leech Mountain Bike Trials Show and much more

TORONTO SPORTSMEN’S SHOW
March 12 - 16
Direct Energy Centre
For more than 60 years, the Toronto Sportmen’s Show has been a rite of spring for everyone who revels in the great outdoors. More than 450 exhibitors are preparing for the 2008 edition. The Ontario Out Of Doors Hunting Hall is headquarters for the avid hunter and outdoorsman. It features firearms, bows and archery products, camouflage clothing, decoys, global positioning systems, accessories, bird calls, knives, gun cases and safes, scopes, night vision products, binoculars, scents, books and much more. Bow hunters can even test before they buy at the Archery Test Drive Centre. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.) presents the Hunting Seminar Stage, where experts will conduct a series of seminars on hunting waterfowl, moose and whitetail deer.

TORONTO ART EXPO
March 14 - 16
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

PERFORMANCE WORLD CUSTOM CAR SHOW
March 14 - 16
International Trade Centre
The Show for Hardcore Automotive Enthusiasts, with 350,000 sq.ft. over 600 custom cars & trucks. Always new features, plus Racetracks, car clubs, speed & custom accessories & over 250 vendors.

TORONTO SUPER ANIMECON
March 15 - 16
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

ONE OF A KIND SPRING SHOW & SALE
March 20 - 24
Direct Energy Centre
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ALL ABOUT PETS
March 21 - 23
International Trade Centre
Canada’s premier consumer pet show that is dedicated to promoting the responsible ownership of pets.

SUPERCROSS
March 23
Rogers Centre

March 28 - 30
International Trade Centre
The Spring Cottage Life Show is Canada’s largest three-day consumer show attracting more than 32,000 cottagers. Geared specifically to cottagers and those who love spending time at the lake, this show features more than 500 exhibitors showing everything from boats to bunkies, septic systems to insulation, canoes and kayaks, environmental products and services, to fun things like art and decor for any cottage or cabin.

NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW
March 29 - 30
Direct Energy Centre
Shop for new and used motorcycles, parts, accessories, clothing, information and much more, right when you want to - the start of motorcycle season! Custom bike show, used bike lot and the motorcycle auction are all back

APRIL

April 2 - 6
Metropoitan Convention Centre

SPRING CLASSIC CAR AUCTION & SWAP MEET
April 4 - 6
International Trade Centre
Visit many vendors and enjoy the auction! The auction runs all three days, with memorabilia and nostalgia items followed by the vehicles. Bidder’s cards and programs are included with the price of admission.

April 4 - 6
International Trade Centre
Now in its 3rd decade as Canada’s largest and leading show of its kind, the show is truly a festival for all the senses, offering consumers the opportunity to sample and compare from numerous booths featuring the world’s finest award winning wines, beers, spirits, specialty foods, industry-related products and services, and a wide variety of gourmet cuisines from Toronto’s leading restaurants. While indulging their palates, visitors can watch top chefs work their culinary magic in the Forks & Corks Kitchen, take in an interesting seminar or be the first to try the “best of the best” in the show’s Fine Wine Preview!

INTERNATIONAL HOME SHOW 2008
April 4 - 13
Direct Energy Centre
This show is guaranteed to generate ideas for your home and garden. A wealth of design specialists, landscape experts and vendors will be on hand to share ideas, lend inspiration and help you tackle your home renovation and design projects just in time for spring. From affordable to luxe, classic to contemporary, whatever your inspiration, you will find it at the National Home Show.

INTERNATIONAL SPRING MOTORCYCLE SHOW
April 5 - 6
International Trade Centre
Shop for all those things you need at the start of the riding season. Great deals on helmets, riding gear, parts and accessories - all your riding needs! Dealer displays offering new and non-current bikes, swap meet area for new, NOS and hard-to-find parts for British, American, European and Japanese bikes, and the Used Bike Market! Custom motorcycles are all the rage! You can see the bikes and meet the builders at the Toronto Spring Motorcycle Show. Plus - Clubs & Associations, Rides & Rallies, Stage Events, Insurance and Rider Training Information.

April 11 - 13
International Trade Centre
Today’s Parent BabyTime Show is the three day event designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest products and innovations providing you with everything you need for your belly, birth, baby and toddler. Try and buy essential baby gear, those must-have maternity outfits and that little something special! Speak one-on-one with pregnancy and parenting experts; grab a seat for one of the informative seminars; shop with over 200 exhibitors with everything from maternity fashions; nursery furniture and decor; baby gear, toys, clothing and more. It’s the perfect place for grandparents and friends to share the exciting experience with you.

April 11 – 13
International Trade Centre
Whether you want to travel to a remote destination, explore exotic locales or enjoy a leisurely daytrip, the Travel and Leisure show is your first stop. With over 220 exhibitors, this is the premier source for destination information. Exciting contests, incredible demos and top entertainment - this is the ultimate event for anyone interested in travel! And you might just win your dream vacation!

TOTAL HEALTH 2008
April 18 - 20
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

YOGA THE CONFERENCE AND SHOW 2008
April 24 - 27
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

THE GREEN LIVING SHOW
April 25 - 27
Direct Energy Centre

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Look Who’s Filming Here is T.O.!
Mike Myers, Jude Law, Forest Whitaker,
Justin Timberlake, Ving Rhames,
Jessica Alba, Ben Kingsley, Verne Troyer,
Edward Norton, Liv Tyler, William Hurt ...... and more!

So you thought you’ve been seeing celebrities walking the streets of Toronto,
dining at one of our fine restaurants, taking in a game or shopping in our
trendy antique stores. There’s a very good chance you are right. The following
is a list of feature films and TV movies being shot in and around the
Greater Toronto Area this winter, and who is starring in them. How do you
know who’s filming behind those parked semis and RV’s parked along the
streets? Check out the signs around the production set or sneak a peak at the
name of the production listed on the permits attached to the windshields of
the vehicles. Cross reference the production title with the list below to find
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### entertainment Information hotlines

- **Mojo Radio (AM 640)** 416-221-6400
- **Edge Link Info Line** 416-872-EDGEC
- **Access Line (CFRB)** 416-924-5711
- **Q Connection (Q107)** 416-870-1007

### MovieFone Famous Players/Cineplex 416-444-FILEM

- **Starphone**
  - **TORONTO STAR** 416-350-3000 + 2003 for What’s On

### City districts & neighbourhoods

- **Airport**
- **Annex**
- **Art & Design District**
- **Beaches**
- **Boor West Village**
- **Boor-yorkville**
- **Cabbagetown**
- **Chinatown**
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- **Harbourfront**
- **Indian Bazaar**
- **Kensington Market**
- **Leaside**
- ** Leslieville**
- **Little Italy**
- **Mount Pleasant**
- **Parkdale**
- **Queen Street West**
- **Rosedale**
- **St. Lawrence Market**
- **Toronto Islands**
- **University Of Toronto**
- **West Queen West**

### Favourite Event Sights

- **Silence of the Hams**
  - A challenging mystery woven around a very funny plot, and performed by a quick witted cast of professionals. Get down and boogie to hits like “YMCA”, “Stayin’ Alive”, “I’ve Talkin’”, “Shake Your Booty”, “That’s The Way I Like It”, “Bad Girls”, “Last Dance” and many more. The talented all Canadian cast will put on their dancing shoes – well platform shoes, white polyester suits, bell bottoms and costumes of the 70’s as they re-create the John Travolta style moves of the 70’s. Feel the Funk – as they said in the 70’s!

- **www.murdermysterytoronto.com**

### Dinner & Show Dinner Theatres

#### 70’S FEVER: A MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF THE 70’S
- **Stage West Dinner Theatre** 5400 Dixie Road, Mississauga, 905-238-0042 (November 22, 2007- February 5, 2008)
- The Bee Gees, ABBA, Earth, Wind and Fire, Kool and the Gang, Donna Summer, The Village People, KC and the Sunshine Band … “ah, ah, ah, they’re Staying Alive” at Stage West this festive season! “Far out, man!” Get down and boogie to hits like “YMCA”, “Stayin’ Alive”, “I’ve Talkin’”, “Shake Your Booty”, “That’s The Way I Like It”, “Bad Girls”, “Last Dance” and many more. The talented all Canadian cast will put on their dancing shoes – well platform shoes, white polyester suits, bell bottoms and costumes of the 70’s as they re-create the John Travolta style moves of the 70’s. Feel the Funk – as they said in the 70’s!
- **www.stagewest.com**

#### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST
- **Stage West Dinner Theatre** 5400 Dixie Road, Mississauga, 905-238-0042 (February 7- April 20, 2008)
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- **www.stagewest.com**

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