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From the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

Pan Am Games Trigger a HOT Summer with Great Festivals in and around the GTA

As we celebrate our 21st year of publishing, HOToronto Magazine, in its commitment to keeping you informed and enlightened, continues to present you with a host of new on-line download magazine titles.

The information compiled in this issue is derived from many sources, solicited and unsolicited. Our team of writers and photographers have been covering festivals for almost two decades, and each year there are more and more festivals popping up all over the city and throughout the GTA.

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Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.



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SUMMER/FALL FESTIVALS GUIDE 2015

June 18 - 29
TORONTO DOWNTOWN
JAZZ FESTIVAL
Nathan Philips Square
& Various Locations
torontojazz.com

What began in 1987 as an eight day showcase of jazz now attracts in excess of 500,000 loyal patrons annually over 10 days. Attractions include more than 350 performances with over 1,500 musicians performing at approximately 40 locations around Toronto.

June 19 - 21
CHIN INTERNATIONAL PICNIC
Exhibition Place
chinradio.com

This 3-day event attracts 250,000 people annually and remains the largest, free picnic in the country. Come and experience the sights and sounds of the CHIN International Picnic... with free admission, come every day! Best of all, admission to all events and shows are FREE.

June 19 - 28
PRIDE WEEK 2015
Various Locations
pridetoronto.com

Pride Week in Toronto is one of Canada's premier arts and cultural festivals and one of the largest Pride celebrations in the world. Together with the thousands of individuals, community groups, businesses and participating sponsors, we are proud to celebrate the lives and stories of Toronto's Queer Communities. Pride Week features 10 days of world class arts and cultural programming, community activities, one of the world's largest street festivals, Pride Parade, Dyke March, Family programming, Blackness Yes and Youth and much more.

June 20 - 21
27TH TORONTO INTERNA-
TIONAL DRAGON BOAT
FESTIVAL
Centre Island
dragonboats.com

A two-day fun-filled event that brings sports, team spirit and community

spirit to Toronto Centre Island. The Festival, which started in 1989, entered the international arena in 1993. From the humble beginning of only 27 teams participating in the first festival back in 1989, it has evolved to a much bigger operation over the past two decades. Organized by the Toronto Chinese Business Association and the Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival, the Festival in 2015 will once again expect 180 to 200 teams with 5,000 athletes. Paddlers of different backgrounds from all over the world will take part in the ancient Chinese tradition and friendly competition.

June 27 - July 1
TORONTO RIBFEST
Centennial Park
torontoribfest.com

Toronto Ribfest, the largest Canada Day celebration, is held over the long weekend at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. Make Ribfest your family destination; there's fun and excitement for all! This popular event put on by the Rotary Club of Etobicoke attracts over 100,000 visitors who come to enjoy live music, succulent ribs and the beer tents. Children are delighted with candy floss, carnival rides, the climbing wall and pony rides. On Canada Day, a lively fireworks display celebrates Canada's birthday at dusk.

June 28
PRIDE TORONTO PARADE
Downtown Toronto
pridetoronto.com

July 2 - 5
TASTE OF TORONTO
Fort York
TasteOfToronto.com

Fort York will host upwards of 20,000 visitors across four days. Top restaurants and over 50 exhibitors, make for a foodie heaven.

Taste Extraordinary! Featuring Toronto's most celebrated chefs and rising stars, foodie entertainment and boutique food & drink market.

August 15 - 16
FESTIVAL OF SOUTH ASIA
Gerrard India Bazaar

East Gerrard Street (between
Coxwell and Greenwood)
Festivalofsouthasia.com

The TD Festival of South Asia creates a window into the East to celebrate and experience the culture and cuisine of South Asia. From Bhangra to Basmati to Bollywood music, this event has all the ingredients to make festival visitors feel like they've traveled the world.

July 3 -14
FRINGE FESTIVAL-
"TORONTO'S THEATRE
FESTIVAL"

Various Locations
fringetoronto.com

The Fringe is Toronto's largest theatre festival. Last year it hosted over 150 theatre companies from around the globe -most from right here in Toronto! With over 30 different venues and 800+ artists, the Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival is Toronto's largest theatre festival. Join the excitement and beat the economic blues with 60,000 other Fringers as you sit back and see Broadway's next hit, or something wild and wacky-all for under \$10. Productions range from dramas to musical extravaganzas to improv and take place in local theatres as well as in unusual spots: playgrounds, parking lots and more. A Fringe Kids! Venue hosts eight plays exclusively for children and families. The festival also hosts a beer tent, two outdoor patios and a free nightly Cabaret. Unjuried, unexpected, unforgettable.

July 3 - 5
TASTE OF LAWRENCE
FESTIVAL
Lawrence Avenue East
between Warden Avenue to
Pharmacy
tasteoflawrence.com

Savour the flavour of the multicultural tastes and talents of Scarborough at the 2015 Taste of Lawrence festival. It's a celebration of diversity from throughout Scarborough, across the GTA and around the world. Three days of nonstop food and entertainment take over Lawrence Avenue

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**July 3 - 26
SUMMERLICIOUS**

**Various Toronto
Dining Locations
toronto.foodontario.com/event.php?event=toronto-summerlicious**

Summerlicious 2015 will feature over 200 of Toronto's restaurants providing three course lunch (\$15, \$20 or \$25) and/or dinner (\$25, \$35 or \$45) menus for your dining pleasure.

**July 4
THRILL OF THE GRILL
Danforth Bia
thedanforth.ca**

The sixth annual Thrill of the Grill is a charity event that sees the city's best barbecuers compete to see whose BBQ ribs reign supreme. With proceeds going towards kidney cancer research at the Odette Cancer Centre at the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre. Judges select the dishes along with the public, to decide who will be crowned this year's BBQ Master.

**July 4 -5 2015
AFROFEST
Woodbine Park
www.musicafrica.org**

Queens Park Afrofest is the African cultural event of the summer, with plenty to see and do! It is a FREE weekend-long celebration of African culture and diversity centred on the non-stop music and dance taking place on three outdoor stages. Afrofest features world-renowned African music acts, as well as dozens of highly-rated African musical groups based in Canada. With a bustling African marketplace, food and craft vendors, artistic displays, a Children's Village, a drum stage, music workshops, and organized fun and educational activities for youth and children, Afrofest provides guaranteed fun for the whole family, to people of all eth-

nicities and communities.

**July 4 - 5
SALSA ON ST. CLAIR
St. Clair Ave. West , Hillcrest Village, between Winona Drive & Christie Ave.
tlntv.com/events/salsa**

The Salsa party continues in July as TLN Telelatino, Hillcrest Village BIA and the City of Toronto once again join forces to present Canada's largest Latino-themed festival, Salsa on St. Clair, a FREE family street party celebrating the city's vast Latin cultures. Salsa on St. Clair is Canada's fastest growing Latin themed street festival and has attracted millions of salsa lovers to the streets of Toronto since its launch in 2005. Join us for the parade of fun as midtown Toronto's Hillcrest Village is transformed into a showcase of Latin life featuring live music, dance lessons, fiery foods and family entertainment!

**July 5
YOUTH DAY
Yonge-Dundas Square
yd-toronto.com**

Over 30,000 attendees expected! Proclaimed an Event of Municipal Significance by the City of Toronto Over 100 live performances including music, dance, and speakers. Includes the work of over 350 youth 14 – 29 Headliner & Feature Performances! A number of recording artists support Toronto's youth and endorse YD with the contribution of their time Youth Gallery Expansion! High demand has grown the gallery both in size and in diversity to now include 2D, 3D, audience interactive and live art and photography. Featuring a variety of styles of youth and mentor artist work Yonge Street Closure! Vendors, of a variety of types, will be lined on Yonge Street to host the festival visitors Fashion Show! Featuring youth and mentor designers showcasing a variety of styles for all ages, sizes, and backgrounds!

**July 7 - August 2
CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL
TORONTO
Various Locations
www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com
Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival To-**

ronto is an exciting over three-week cultural explosion of Caribbean music, cuisine, revelry as well as visual and performing arts. In its 48th year it has become a major international event and the largest cultural festival of its kind in North America. As this Carnival is an international cultural phenomenon, the great metropolis of Toronto and its environs will come alive as the city explodes with the pulsating rhythms and melodies of Calypso, Soca, Reggae, Hip Hop, Chutney, Steel Pan and Brass Bands. This colourful exhibition and display of genius is truly a musical panorama that is certain to bring a pleasing smile to the ancestral titans of Pan and Calypso music. Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival Toronto is an expression of Toronto's multicultural and multiracial society. An increasing number of attendees and participants come from the US and overseas. The events are planned months in advance. The costumes and mas band displays are elaborate and oh so delicately worn and designed for movement. Every move they make, in a breath-taking spectrum of colours that is best reflected in the King and Queen Showcase on Parade Day. No Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival Toronto is complete without African Drumming along with the Arts and Crafts displays celebrating "Things Caribbean"!

**July 10 - 26
27th BEACHES INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
Queen Street East / Woodbine Park
beachesjazz.com**

The Beaches International Jazz Festival has grown steadily since that first year of an afternoon of Jazz in the park into a world-class event that attracts an annual audience of 1 million people. Now, in celebration of its 27th anniversary, Beaches Jazz-voted Toronto's #1 music event in a 2006 Toronto Star Decima Poll-has been enhanced to include an additional weekend at Woodbine Park celebrating the Pan Am Games. StreetFest, and Jazz related workshops.

July 11 - 12
ONTARIO LATIN
ARTS FESTIVAL
Mel Lastman Square
ontariolatinartsfestival.com

The Ontario Latin Arts Festival (OLAF) is a unique one-day event that celebrates the culture of Latin America in Toronto. This flavourful festival will showcase the finest Latin music and dance found in Canada, along with featured film, literature, traditional storytelling and educational art, music, and dance workshops. Attendees will enjoy live entertainment by top performers such as Cafe Cubano, one of Toronto's most popular salsa bands, Santerias, a modern fusion band, Mariachi Fuego Band, a refreshing and exciting twist on mariachi repertoire, Samba Toronto, a dance company with roots in Brazilian spirit and energy, Carlos Bastidas, an award-winning musician and promoter supported by his Latin Jazz band, Cabildo Dance Group and much more.

July 16 - August 9
TORONTO SUMMER
MUSIC FESTIVAL
Koerner Hall
torontosummermusic.com

Bringing outstanding classical music experiences to the city in the summer, Toronto Summer Music Festival features renowned Canadian and international artists performing in mainstage concerts at Koerner Hall plus an elite Academy for emerging classical musicians. Masterclasses, lectures, interviews, workshops, free outreach concerts, and more.

July 18 - 19
FESTIVAL OF INDIA
Centre Island
festivalofindia.ca

The past four decades have witnessed the Festival of India blossom into one of Toronto's most dazzling, head-turning summer events. And last year the chariots and festivities rolled into the city for the 43rd time. The celebrations then shift to Centre Island for two days of festivities expected to draw close to 40,000 people.

July 19
BRAZILFEST TORONTO 2015
Earlscourt Park
brazilfest.ca

The Festival will offer its attendees the opportunity to be closer to the performers, get a chance to enjoy a taste of Brazil with Brazilian style foods and a family area for families with children to enjoy the day. BrazilFest is now considered a part of the Toronto calendar list of many great events that stimulates and celebrates the collective heritage and multicultural diversity of Toronto. The event is listed and affiliated with most of Toronto's cultural links. A huge variety of styles of music and dance from all parts of the country, with something to offer for all tastes; rhythms and melodies that reflect the rich cultural heritage of Brazil. Free admission.

July 23, 29 & August 15
EDGEFEST '13
Echo Beach
edge.ca/edgefest/

Edgefest at Echo Beach features indie rockers Mother Mother, Kongos, Scott Hellman, Bestie and Gray, K.I.D. and more.

July 23 - 25
27th BEACHES
INTERNATIONAL JAZZ
FESTIVAL STREETFEST
Queen Street East
beachesjazz.com

More than 50 bands perform on the streets during Beaches Jazz Festival StreetFest each night of Streetfest. This is the ORIGINAL and LONGEST street festival in Canada. Queen Street E. will be closed from Woodbine Ave. to Beech Ave. from 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm nightly. The north / south streets of Waverley Ave., Wineva Ave., and Lee Ave. will remain open throughout the evening.

July 23 - 26
COLLINGWOOD ELVIS
FESTIVAL
Various Locations
in Collingwood
collingwoodelvisfestival.com

This summer join friends, family, and fans in the heart of Historic Downtown Collingwood, 1.5 hours north of Toronto on the shores of beautiful

Georgian Bay, for four days of unparalleled entertainment.

July 24 - 26
TORONTO'S FESTIVAL
OF BEER
Bandshell Park
Exhibition Place
beerlicious.ca

A celebration of Canada's rich brewing history, hosted by experts of the brewing craft from around the country. Featuring more than 200 brands of beer on-site, this is Canada's premier celebration of the golden beverage.

July 25 - 26
GUILD ALIVE WITH CULTURE
ART FESTIVAL
The Guild Inn Gardens
guildalivewithculture.ca

The Guild Alive with Culture Art Festival is a two-day event featuring artists, vendors, music, and demonstrations. The festival showcases local talent in music, and visual arts, new eateries and more. Family friendly - there are also community groups, live entertainments and children's activities taking place.

July 26
TORONTO JAPANESE
SUMMER FESTIVAL
Yonge-Dundas Square
ydsquare.ca

Toronto's First Japanese Matsuri will be returning to Yonge-Dundas Square! Featuring traditional and modern live musical and dance performances, an Arts & Craft Market and The Best of Toronto Japanese food.

July 29 - 30
KIDS' CBC DAYS
CBC Building
cbc.ca

With activities, crafts, and live performances by the stars of Kids' CBC, Kids' CBC Days invites families to two summer-fun filled days at the CBC in downtown Toronto. There's no shortage of activities.

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Location to be announced
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CHOCOLICIOUS
PASSPORT
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www.torontochocolatefestival.com

THE CHOCOLATE BALL
VAUGHAN
November 6, 2015
Chateau Le Jardin
Woodbridge

All roads lead to chocolate in Toronto's northern region. Celebrating 5 years as the premiere chocolate event in Vaughan. This is a full course sit-down chocolate infused dinner event including open bar, unique entertainment, dancing, contests, silent auction and more. Formerly held in the spring, it is now presented as part of the annual Toronto Chocolate Festival. In support of Prostate and Breast Cancer Initiatives.
www.TheChocolateBall.com

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August 1 - 3
PAN AMERICAN
FOOD FESTIVAL
Daniels Spectrum
panamfoodfest.com

Daniels Spectrum is the home for the Panamerican Food Festival 2015, located at 585 Dundas Street East, on the south side of Dundas, just east of Parliament Street. A one of a kind gastronomic event is taking over the heart of Toronto, one that promises to reveal the flavours of the Americas, local artists and talent

The PAN AMERICAN Food Festival will showcase the best of the best food products, celebrating the great cultural diversity of the 41 countries of North, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Also showcased are restaurants, food producers, chefs and the variety of national and regional cuisines of the Western Hemisphere, with a spotlight on one country each year. This year Peru is being featured. A cultural festival of art, music and folklore will enhance the food experience to celebrate the region's diverse cultural expression.

July 30
HART HOUSE CRAFT
BEER FESTIVAL
Hart House
harthouse.ca

Hart House once again hosts the annual Hart House Craft Beer Festival, featuring Canadian craft brews and BBQ. Some of the participating breweries include Granville Island, Mill St Brewery, Great Lakes Brewery, Steam Whistle Brewery, Amsterdam Brewery and more. Ticket price includes eight beer samples, a reusable sampling glass and BBQ. Additional beer tickets can be purchased on site.

July 31 - August 3
ISLAND SOUL
Harbourfront Centre
harbourfrontcentre.com

Island Soul celebrates the rich artistic traditions, emerging art forms, innovative expressions and vibrant lifestyles of the Caribbean.

August 1 - 2
IRIE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015
Historic Fort York
iriemusicfestival.com

The 13th annual TD IRIE Music Festival is a multi-media extravaganza featuring dance, visual art, spoken word and of course great music from the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and North America. Dance from the African Diaspora, spoken word/literature, visual arts exhibition, film, food and drinks.

July 31 - August 3
SCARBOROUGH RIBFEST
Thomson Memorial Park
scarboroughribfest.com/

In honour of one of the most beloved parts of the cow, the Scarborough Ribfest celebrates its 14th anniversary. Musical performances, midway rides, and games are on hand, along with karaoke competitions and an all day beer garden. Lots of different foods are also available like hot dogs, french fries, and corn on the cob, though ribs will be out in force. A number of vendors will be selling a wide variety of ribs, offering a way of tasting them you may have never experienced before.

Parking is free parking and free shuttle buses are also on hand for anyone not able to make the drive.

August 1
VOICES OF THE NATIONS
Yonge-Dundas Square
voicesofthenations.com

Toronto's number one multicultural Christian Music Festival is back! Celebrate with thousands of believers from every culture and join local musicians and teams at Voices of the Nations. It's free! Help spread the Good News among the nations through music, dance, drama, and more.

August 1 - 2
MUSLIMFEST
Mississauga Celebration
Square
muslimfest.com

MuslimFest celebrates the best in arts, culture and entertainment. The event features local and international artists who showcase their talent in various areas. Concerts featuring popular Muslim artists, comedy

shows, a multicultural bazaar, and a kids carnival are just some of the fun things one can expect at MuslimFest. MuslimFest provides the opportunities to share culture with the community. We believe in education through the language of art, humour, and meaningful entertainment; something that we feel can break through even the toughest cultural barriers.

August 1 - 2
VELD MUSIC FESTIVAL
Downsview Park
veldmusicfestival.com

VELD Music Festival brings electronic artists for a weekend concert at Downsview Park this August. This two-day event is rain or shine, and all tickets are for both days.

August 1 - 3
THE PIRATE FESTIVAL
Milton, Ontario
thepiratefestival.com

3 glorious and exciting days in the Village of Dry Bluffs. All the Pirates are scurrying, busy chasing gold – in fact, anything and everything that glistens! Watch carefully, to discover what these have pirates tucked in their packs? Could it be sacks of gold, gems and stones? Treasure is as abundant as are tricky Pirate Thieves! Be On Guard! Watch your treasure ... Some treasure may be of great value, while some may be fool's gold. For those who join us on Saturday night, the Captain's Keg will present a fun and enjoyable evening full of glistening memories!

August 2 - 20, 2015
CNE HORSECAPADES
Horse Palace, Exhibition Place

HorseCapades introduces horses to the young and the young at heart. This is a FREE CNE interactive horse program. Once The Ex begins (Aug 21), this attraction is still free but you must pay CNE admission. Groups of 10 or more should make reservations.

August 2 - 3
OVO FEST
Molson Canadian Amphitheatre
octobersveryown.blogspot.ca/
Drake's 6th annual OVO Fest is back at Molson Amphitheatre with headliners Big Sean, J. Cole, YG + Jeremih

27TH INTERNATIONAL

BEACHES



Jazz Festival



WEEK #1 | **JULY**
2 STAGES: PAN AM CELEBRATION
WOODBINE PARK | 10,11,12

WEEK #2 | **JULY**
4 STAGES:
WOODBINE PARK | 17,18,19

WEEK #3 | **JULY**
4 STAGES:
WOODBINE PARK | 24,25,26



STREETFEST WEEK #3
JULY 23, 24, 25 + WORLD BEAT STAGE JULY 23-26
QUEEN STREET EAST (EAST OF WOODBINE AVENUE)



Complete Details @ www.beachesjazz.com



and of course, Drake himself. The Toronto-based singer/rapper created OVO Fest in 2010, a one-day concert with VIP rap stars and special guests. Since then, the concert has become an annual tradition, and will now take place over two days in August.

August 5 - 9
KULTURA FILIPINO
ARTS FESTIVAL
Dundas Square, Artscape
Wychwood Barns and several
other locations in Toronto
kapisanancentre.com

The 10th annual Kultura Filipino Arts Festival is back this year and celebrates the culture of the Philippines, with live music, food, visual arts and shopping. The free festival showcases the talent of Filipino-Canadians with performances, arts exhibitions, film screenings and free art workshops. The artisan marketplace features authentic Filipino products and food for everyone.

August 6 -16
SUMMERWORKS
PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL
Various Locations
summerworks.ca/2015/

For a touch of late summer theatrics, the city of Toronto plays host to SummerWorks, a festival celebrating the original scriptwriter with plays in public places. The festival has expanded to include mentorship program, a National Series featuring works from across Canada, the Performance Bar, a Music Series and a Live Art Series. The festival boasts more than 30 plays, off-site performances, workshops of plays in development and more by established playwrights and up-and-comers from all over the country.

August 6 - 9
BOOTS AND HEARTS
MUSIC FESTIVAL
Burl's Creek Event Grounds
Oro-Medonte, Ont.
(just north of Barrie)
bootsandhearts.com

Boots and Hearts music festival brings country music to just north of the GTA in Oro-Medonte. The three-day celebration brings international

stars and up-and-coming acts together on stage, with nighttime partying and overnight camping available. This year's lineup features Eric Church, Justin Moore, Brad Paisley, Little Big Town, Florida Georgia Line and a whole lot more.

August 6 - 16
DUSK DANCES
Withrow Park
duskdances.ca

Withrow Park hosts the 21st season of the Dusk Dances festival. Choreographers of different dance backgrounds create ten-minute pieces inspired by the natural beauty around them. This outdoor dance festival takes place in various areas of the park as the sun sets. The event is open to anybody and audiences are encouraged to pay what they can.

August 7 - 8
OAKVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL
Downtown Oakville
oakvillejazz.com/

Expect to see some of the finest artists and legends from all the roots and branches of Jazz perform at the Oakville Jazz Festival this year

August 7 - 9
FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL
& HIGHLAND GAMES
550 Belysde Ave. E.,
Fergus, Ontario
fergusscottishfestival.com

If you've never been to Scotland, attending this festival will make you feel you have. Held out in Fergus, it celebrates everything Scottish and you don't have to be part of a Clan to enjoy yourself!! There are children's activities such as dance lessons, story-telling; competitions, e.g., tossing the caber; Highland dancing; piping; scotch tasting and many other entertaining events to watch or participate in.

August 7 - 8
DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE
JAZZ FESTIVAL
George & Lakeshore - Oakville
www.oakvillejazz.com

The Downtown Oakville Jazz Festival is underway with road closures on both days beginning at 5 pm and re-opening at midnight. The Jazz Festival

provides great opportunity for you to discover and appreciate arts & culture and all that Downtown Oakville has to offer!

August 7 - 9
TASTE OF THE DANFORTH
Danforth Ave. East of
Broadview Ave.
tasteofthedanforth.com

GreekTown Taste of the Danforth is one of Toronto's signature events, showcasing Hellenic cuisine and culture. You can enjoy mouth-watering Greek cuisine such as souvlaki and spanakopita. The festival also offers the multicultural tastes of the city. The street festival is in the heart of Toronto's GreekTown, and attracts hungry mouths from all over the world for this renowned street festival. They come for the food, the entertainment, the atmosphere, and to be Greek for the weekend! This festival is a must for food-lovers as samples of a variety of the ethnic dishes available at Greek Town restaurants are available for tasting. The event also includes two stages for bands, a Healthy Eating, Healthy Lifestyle Village, a midway, a sports area, a Beer Garden, a Martini Lounge and the Greek Wines Garden.

August 7 - 8
BOLLYWOOD MONSTER
MASH UP
Mississauga
Celebration Square
BollywoodMonsterMashup.com

Bollywood Monster Mashup festival celebrates 100 years of Indian cinema with a full day of fun for everyone. Free events include a film festival, a KidsZone for children's crafts & games, a Bollywood concert with a Bollywood headliner, spectacular dancers, the tastiest food in town and a Bollywood marketplace to celebrate 100 years of Indian cinema! Join thousands of people at the Bollywood Centenary celebrations in Mississauga while brilliant musicians and dancers perform your favourite songs from the early takes to modern club hits.

August 8
LOVIN' LOCAL FOOD FEST
Yonge-Dundas Square (Dundas to Queen)

The City of Toronto's first Lovin' Local Food Fest will be a full day celebration of local food and drink. Featuring the best of Toronto's local food and music scene — with Chef Lynn Crawford, chef competitions (you be the judge!), restaurants, food trucks, Ontario wines, beers and ciders, family fun zone, buskers, prizes and more — there will be something for everyone

August 8
GREEN TORONTO FESTIVAL
Yonge-Dundas Square
toronto.ca/greentorontofestival

Bigger, better and greener than ever, this year's Green Toronto Festival will transform Yonge-Dundas Square into a celebration of all things green! Stroll through more than 100 exhibits of green products and services, sample some scrumptious locally grown food and enjoy live bands & special guest speakers, all in a car-free environment — Yonge Street will be closed to traffic from Dundas to Queen.

August 8 - 9
JERK FEST -
JERK FOOD FESTIVAL
Centennial Park and Rathburn Road
At the base of the ski hills.
Jerkfestival.ca

JerkFest 2015 will be even bigger and better! It will once again be staged at the beautiful Centennial Park in Etobicoke offering great jerk food, fun for the entire family, more prizes and surprises. Featuring Jay Harmony + The Groove Sharks, Destiny Band. Morgan Heritage. Exco Levi and the High Priest Band.

August 8 - 9
ROUNDHOUSE CRAFT
BEER FEST 2015
Roundhouse Park
craftbeerfest.ca/

Roundhouse Craft Beer Fest is back for 2015, as Steam Whistle Brewery brings the best in Ontario craft beer to the Roundhouse Park for an August weekend. The festival offers many chances to try a wide variety of locally brewed craft beer, as well as bites

from Toronto's top food trucks. As well as a place to eat and drink, Roundhouse Craft Beer Fest 2015 is also a fundraising event in which proceeds go to support the Toronto Railway Heritage Museum, which tells the story of train travel in the city. Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic blanket and chill.

August 13 - 16
AFRICAN FASHION WEEK
Daneils Spectrum
585 Dundas St. East
afwt.ca/

African Fashion Week educates the public on African fashion while showcasing the work of African designers. In addition to runway shows, this event features designer competitions, workshops, seminars, exhibits and parties. Several exhibitors from outside the fashion industry, including cosmetic and health food companies, will also be in attendance. New designers and students have the chance to show off their work and get feedback while mingling with some of the top professionals within the fashion industry.

August 13 - 16
MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL
Main Street - Unionville
markhamjazzfestival.com

A free weekend of high-quality performances during the day and evening. To compliment the Main Stage events, "Hot Spots" (a variety of venues in Unionville and Markham) present fantastic jazz artists in a "Street Festival and Concert Environment". Festival attendees can wander from venue to venue, soaking up the party atmosphere, the jazz music, and the historic beauty of the villages of Unionville and Markham- a truly a magical experience. The festival will highlight a large variety of music within the family of jazz. The festival committee has worked hard to recruit a wide range of diverse, interesting and well-known artists who will present jazz in all its forms.

August 14
TD MOSAIC 2015
SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE
FESTIVAL OF MISSISSAUGA
Mississauga Celebration
Square
mosaicfest.com

Now in its 10th year, Mosaic is the largest free South Asian arts, culture and heritage festival of North America. Mosaic 2015 will feature a comedy night, film festival, main stage performances, youth stage and food and commercial vendors. Comedy Night will be held at Novotel Mississauga on August 11th.

August 14-16, 2015
HABARI AFRICA FESTIVAL
Harbourfront Centre
harbourfrontcentre.com

Habari Africa festival is a multi-disciplinary music and arts celebration. Learn about the rich and diverse cultures spanning the African continent at this weekend-long exploration of art, food, film, music and more.

August 14-16, 2015
DUNDAS CACTUS FESTIVAL
Dundas, Ontario
dundascactusfest.ca/

The Cactus Festival of Dundas, Ontario is a large, street festival showcasing Dundas businesses & area artists. The festival includes 3 entertainment stages, event zones and over 100 street vendors and kicks off with the Parade

August 15
WHEELS ON THE DANFORTH
Oakridge Park
wheelsonthedanforth.ca/

Toronto's only "on the street" judged Car show featuring Classics, Exotics, Tuners, Muscle Cars, Hot Rods, and Motorcycles all lined up on the closed section of Danforth Ave/Danforth Rd. Local cycle groups will be participating in a structured ride to the event. Highlights of the day/evening:

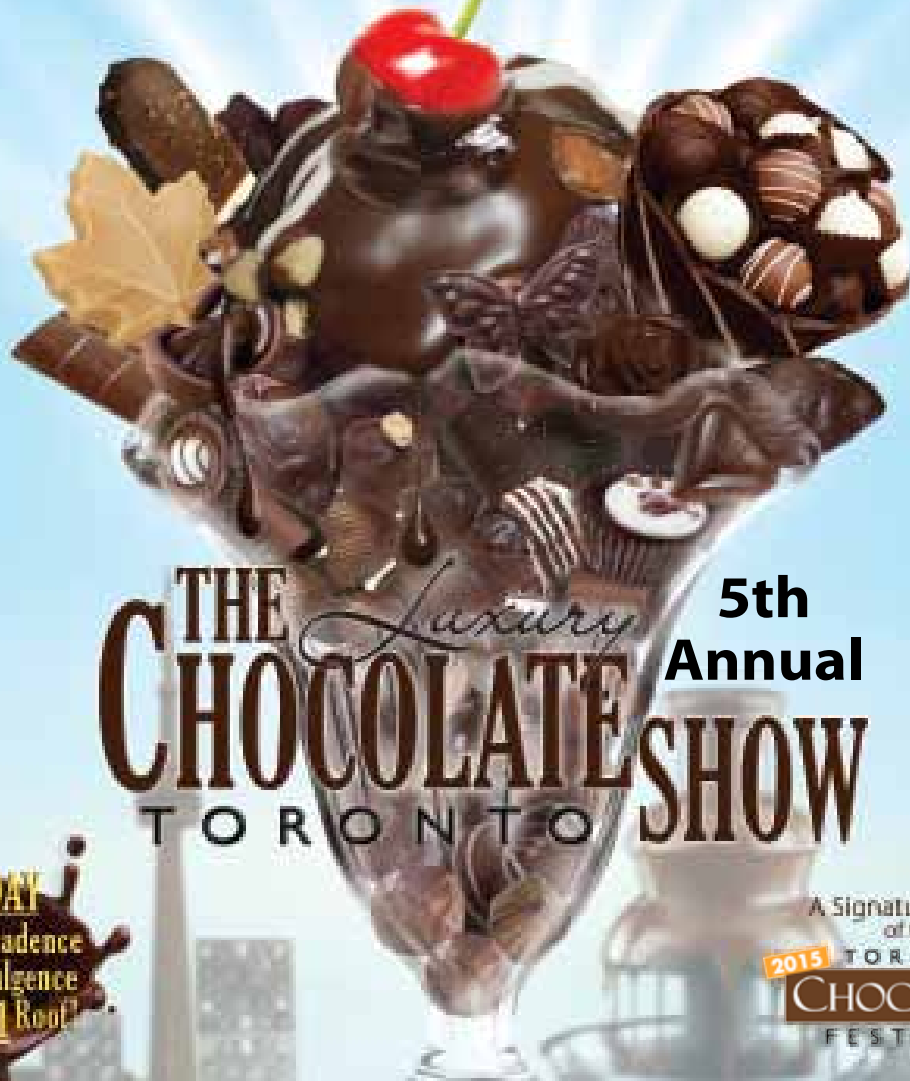
August 15 - 16
TORONTO REGGAE FEST
Polson Pier
torontoreggaefest.com

Toronto Reggae Fest features a lineup of reggae artists including Beres Hammond, Tarrus Riley, Luciano,

www.torontochocolateshow.com

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Shaggy, Chris Martin and Yellowman. The festival is part of Toronto's popular reggae series, Redemption, which organizes five events in the city annually. Other events have included Redemption Christmas, Redemption Past vs. Present, and an All-White Dancehall party. Redemption is considered the largest reggae series in North America, with over 10,000 fans attending events over the course of the year.

August 15 - 16
FESTIVAL OF SOUTH ASIA
East Gerrard Street (between Greenwood and Coxwell)

www.festivalofsouthasia.com/
Much like the Italian and Greek festivals, this festival offers the taste of South Asia. If you are interested in sampling their food, it's a great way to. The main stage features dancing, fashion shows, and authentic South Asian cultural programs reflecting Indian, Afghani, Pakistani, Bengali and Sri Lankan cultures. There are several stores along Gerrard St where you may pick up a bargain or two.

August 15 - 16
YORK- EGLINTON INTERNATIONAL STREET FESTIVAL

Along Eglinton Ave. West corridor from Marlee Ave. to Dufferin Street
internationalstreetfest.com
The York-Eglinton International Street Festival offers everyone a weekend of hot music and fun activities. Begin your weekend with music and a sidewalk sale on Eglinton Ave. West. On Saturday, live musical performances, dancers, street magicians, buskers, face painters, a kid zone, and a variety of vendors will take over the street and offer something for everyone! There'll be exciting giveaways, kids' activities, and more. Best of all, admission is FREE!

August 16
ALBION ISLINGTON FUSION OF TASTE FESTIVAL
Albion Islington Square
fusionoftaste.com/

The Seventh Annual Albion Islington Fusion of Taste Festival is an open house for the Albion Islington Busi-

ness Improvement Area. It features live music, arts and crafts, a free raffle and a diverse selection of dining options representative of the neighbourhood's residents. Children are welcome to partake in amusement rides, play midway games and try the on the spot drawing competition.

August 20 - 22
SAIL-IN CINEMA
Sugar Beach
sailincinema.com/home

Sugar Beach transforms into an outdoor movie theatre after dark for three nights during Sail-In Cinema. Whether you watch from a boat in the harbour or stick to dry land, the two-sided screen floating in the water makes this free movie event truly unique.

August 20 - 23
TIRGAN IRANIAN FESTIVAL
Harbourfront Centre
tirgan.ca

An ancient celebration of Iranian arts and culture Tirgan refers to an ancient festival traditionally held in the month of July (the month of 'Tir' in Persian Calendar), inspiring what is currently world's largest celebration of Iranian arts and culture, taking place biennially at the Harbourfront Centre/

August 22
IMPORTFEST 2015
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building
importfest.com

Combine one part glitz and glamour, with one part sleek and cool design engineering; add in some lovely ladies and you have a recipe for the hottest car show in North America. Showcasing over 400 modified sport compact cars from across North America and hosting various exhibitors and manufactures including accessories, performance parts and other car merchandise; this show has something for every car enthusiast alike.

August 22
CITYFEST
Canoe Landing Park (Fort York Blvd & Spadina Ave)
Festival celebrating the best of Toronto's local talent, eats and drinks, urban art, and on-site experiences held in

CityPlace. Line up includes DJs and local talent - still TBA

August 22 - 23
CARIFESTIVAL
Woodbridge Fairgrounds, Vaughan
carifestival.com/

Experience the Caribbean in Vaughan: Family-friendly Caribbean festival, celebrating the culture with Live music, food, kids zone and beautiful carnival costumes.

August 22 - 23
BIG ON BLOOR
Bloor Street (Dufferin to Lansdowne)
bigonbloor.com/festival

Car-free Bloor St., Toronto, Dufferin to Lansdowne, celebrates arts, culture, community & small business with a unique community and city-building festival featuring hundreds of events, activities and exhibitions including: Bloordale Market: more than 200 arts, crafts, vendors and information tables!

August 22
TOMMY THOMPSON PARK BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL
Tommy Thompson Park
butterflyfest.ca

Nature lovers should head to the foot of Leslie Street at Unwin during the Tommy Thompson Park Butterfly Festival, which returns to Toronto for the fifth year. It's a chance to view moths and butterflies amongst the colourful wildflowers in the park for a day and meet others with the same interest. The Tommy Thompson Park Butterfly Festival also includes guided butterfly hikes, activities for children, a photography workshop and educational displays, providing something for everybody. From Monarch butterflies to Eastern tailed-blues, there's plenty to view and learn about for all ages. Pets and unauthorized vehicles are not permitted in the park.

August 22
MISSISSAUGA ITALFEST:
FERAGOSTO IN THE CITY
Celebration Square,
Mississauga Civic Centre
mississaugaitalfest.com

ITALFEST the first event of its kind, returns to the city of Mississauga! This event celebrates and shares with the residents of Mississauga and beyond, the wonder of Italian culture; its people, its history, its music, its arts, its landscape and of course, it's delicious food! Complete with local and international entertainment including. Enjoy the Heritage Square, food demos, bocce ball, car display and spaghetti eating contest. Lots of children's attractions and special Italian flavoured experiences for the entire family all day.

August 22
RASTAFEST
Downsview Park
rastafest.com

Rastafest is a multi-disciplined festival showcasing different aspects of the Rastafari culture. The festival draws from the rich and diverse Rastafarian lifestyle and history. Activities include: music, dance, drumming, arts and craft market place, theatre, ital cuisine, film and video screening and a live concert featuring international and national reggae artists. Rastafest is a continuation of international and national Rastafarian initiatives.

August 22 - 23
SCARBOROUGH
AFRO-CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL
Albert Campbell Sq,
Scarborough Civic Centre
carboroughafrocaribfest.com/

A Fun-filled family event that offers live performances by local and international artists, visual art exhibitions, Afro-Caribbean cuisine and dance competitions for adults and children. There's a Kids Zone which includes games, face painting and more! 40 vendors featuring food, crafts, local businesses, Non profit organizations will be present to showcase their products and services.

August 22 -23
TORONTO CHINATOWN
FESTIVAL
Dundas St. West (between
Spadina Ave. & Beverley St.)
www.chinatowncf.com/

The Toronto Chinatown Festival will be held on Dundas St. West (between Spadina Ave. & Beverley St.) as well as Huron St. (between D'Arcy St. & Dundas St. West) in Toronto Chinatown. Showcasing a mixture of Chinese culture including Lion Dance, Kung Fu Performances, Chinese street food, traditional Chinese arts & crafts.

August 23, 2015
COCONUT FESTIVAL CANADA
David Pecaut Square, King St
W (beside Roy Thomson Hall)
http://www.coconutfestival.ca/

A fun day awaits the foodies and the adventurous as hundreds of products from coco jams to full meals will be presented by a diverse lineup of vendors. The festival will also feature artisan merchandise like jewelry, clothing, accessories, house stuff and amazing health books plus native music and everything else. Coconut games for kids will be held with exciting prizes to be won! A great family activity!

August 27 - 30
BUSKERFEST
Downtown Yonge
Neighbourhood
torontobuskerfest.com

There is much to celebrate at the 2015 Scotiabank BuskerFest - and that celebration will be taking place from Queen to College Streets on Yonge Street and nearby streets.

August 27 - 30
TORONTO BURLESQUE
FESTIVAL
Gladstone Hotel
torontoburlesquefestival.com

2015 marks the 8th annual Toronto Burlesque Festival, Featuring the best in local, national and international talent, while providing opportunities for performers to network together and build community.

August 28 - 30
TELUS TAIWANFEST:
TAIWAN RISING
Harbourfront Centre
harbourfrontcentre.com/sum-
mer/ taiwanfest

Featuring tantalizing cooking demonstrations and musical performances by some of the top acts in Taiwan and much more.

August 29 - 30
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL
JAMAICA DAY CELEBRATION
Wild Water Kingdom
jamaicadaytoronto.com

Toronto International Jamaica Day Celebration presents a line-up of top international performers, plus food, music and culture for the whole family, at Wild Water Kingdom. Aiming to educate, entertain and share the rich culture of the island country, the festivities are geared for a day of non-stop family fun.

September 3 - 12
TORONTO INDEPENDENT FILM
FESTIVAL
Carleton Cinemas
film-fest.ca/

The Toronto Indie is Toronto's own film festival for truly independent films - a headline event for micro-budget and no-budget films in North America. It presents the best of low-budget filmmaking from around the world, and mixes it up with relevant industry discussions and targeted social networking events. An indie film festival by and for indie filmmakers.

September 4 - 7
ARTFEST: OUTDOOR ART
SHOW
Distillery District
artfestontario.com/artfest-
shows

Celebrating summer in Toronto and the arts, 65 artists & artisans from across Canada are gathering at the Historic Distillery District for three days only. Enjoy handmade Canadian pottery, glass, leather, jewellery, gourmet food, textiles paintings, live music and more. Set throughout the magical Historic Distillery District.

September 4 - 7
HISPANIC FIESTA
Mel Lastman Square
hispanicfiesta.com

Splendid sounds, tempting treats and colorful culture that the Hispanic heritage is famous for is what's in store for you. Hispanic Fiesta features the best known local & International Hispanic performers covering 20 different countries that speak Spanish. More than 300 local, national and international performers will be taking part in the festival.

September 4 - 7
HOT & SPICY FOOD FESTIVAL
Harbourfront Centre
harbourfrontcentre.com

Hot, sour, sweet and salty! The Hot & Spicy Food Festival serves up diverse hot food and flavors from around the globe, and occasionally pairs a spicy dish with a complementary sampling of the hot sounds of the region. This is one of the most popular festivals at Harbourfront.

September 6
INTERSECTION
MUSIC FESTIVAL
Yonge - Dundas Square
contactcontemporarymusic.ca

The INTERsection Music Festival is an all day music marathon featuring an eclectic set of local musicians. Taking place at Yonge-Dundas Square the INTERsection Music Festival is in its seventh year and includes a performance from international superstars, Bang On A Can All-Stars. Bang On A Can All-Stars was formed in 1992 and is known for their cross-genre sound, mixing classical, jazz, rock, world and experimental music. The day also includes a market place and interactive displays.

September 9 - 19
CARIBBEANTALES TORONTO
FILM SHOWCASE
Harbourfront Centre
harbourfrontcentre.com

If there's one art form that defines the city of Toronto, it's cinema; many Hollywood flicks are shot here and we're home to one of the world's top-ranked film festivals, along with many smaller ones. Harbourfront Centre presents the CaribbeanTales Toronto Film

Showcase, a large showcase of movies from the Caribbean diaspora. This 11-day September festival is a gold mine for film screenings and networking, as well as an opportunity to learn about contemporary Caribbean culture. It's only one of many weekend festivals that are taking place at Harbourfront Centre over the summer months, celebrating culture from all around the globe.

September 10 - 20
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL
FILM FESTIVAL
Various Theatre Locations
tiff.net

Celebrating 40 years, The Toronto International Film Festival ranks among the most prestigious international film festivals in the world. For ten days, film lovers, filmmakers, industry professionals and media watch the best in new cinema from established masters and new talent. The Toronto International Film Festival presents one of the world's largest annual showcases of Canadian film with the Canada First!, Short Cuts Canada and Canadian Open Vault programmes.

September 11 - 13
SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE:
BLUES + JAZZ FESTIVAL
Memorial Park - Port Credit
southsideshuffle.com

The Blues Pavilion plays host to a fantastic line-up of acoustic and electric musicians. A large grassy seating area directly in front of the ground level stage provides the perfect setting to relax and enjoy the music. The Food Court and Beer Garden located nearby ensure you are well-fed and refreshed for the day. As the gateway to the Festival, Mississippi Dave de Eyre Square welcomes visitors to the festival with an eclectic mix of acoustic and electric performers. Great sound, wide-open spaces and clear sightlines create a comfortable viewing area to stop and enjoy the music.

September 11 - 13
TASTE OF KINGSWAY
Bloor Street (Prince Edward
Drive to Montgomery Rd)
kingswaybia.ca

Discover international cuisines, quality entertainers, a fresh food market, and

celebrity chefs at a culinary theatre - all conveniently located at Royal York Station on the subway line. I mean, who can drive on a full stomach? This annual fall festival, presented by the Kingsway BIA that runs along Bloor Street West between Prince Edward Drive and Montgomery Rd., isn't the same old food festival - this is a culinary experience! Two main stages at either ends of Bloor Street feature continuous live entertainment from well-known artists, performers and musicians. Over 200 exhibitors will be participating in this year's event along with the ever popular Scotiabank Dog Show, Rock Climbing Walls and Street Performers. .

September 11 - 13
VEGETARIAN FOOD FESTIVAL
Harbourfront Centre
vegfoodfest.com

Regarded as the largest event of its kind in North America, the annual Vegetarian Food Festival gives you an unparalleled opportunity to enjoy a diverse cross-section of vegetarian cuisine.

September 11 - 13
CABBAGETOWN
ART FESTIVAL
Cabbagetown District
(bounded by Parliament,
Wellesley, Gerrard and Yonge)
cabbagetownartandcrafts.org

The Cabbagetown Art & Crafts Sale is held each year during the Cabbagetown Festival and Riverdale Farm Fall Festival. The sale takes place on the weekend after Labour Day and attracts over 20,000 visitors to Riverdale Park West, in the heart of Toronto's historic Cabbagetown.

September 12
JESUS IN THE CITY PARADE
Queen's Park
jesusinthecity.com

It's a party in the streets as thousands join in this year's Jesus in the City Parade, meeting at Queen's Park, for a day of music, worship and celebration. With a colourful display of banners, floats, biblical costumes, gospel music and more, the event aims to spread a message of peace, love and joy through the downtown streets. This year's festivities include a t-shirt

design contest and multi-cultural kick-off concert.

September 12 - 27
NIAGARA WINE FESTIVAL
Montebello Park and various locations in and around St.Catharines, Ontario www.niagarawinefestival.com/page/home

September 12 - 13
QUEEN WEST ART CRAWL
Queen Street West from Bathurst to Roncesvalles queenwestartcrawl.com
The Queen West Art Crawl began as a one-day event in 2003. Since then it has blossomed into a weekend-long festival of creativity and community. Our goal is to celebrate and cultivate the unique character, diversity and ethos of Queen West—a natural habitat for individual artists, arts organizations, artist run centres and businesses that promote art and culture.

September 18 - 26
TORONTO BEER WEEK
Various Locations torontobeerweek.com
Toronto Beer Week is back this year, with an even bigger celebration of beer in the city of Toronto. The week-long event features some of the city's experts in the industry. Attendees have the opportunity to visit top restaurants, bars, breweries, markets and more to learn and appreciate the amber brew. Participating venues include Mill St. Brew Pub, the Monarch Tavern, Beer Bistro, Bar Hop, The Painted Lady and more. The Homebrew Competition is back as well, and features the best in homemade beers.

September 18 - 20
TORONTO OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION
Nathan Phillips Square torontooutdoorart.org
As the largest outdoor art exhibition in Canada, the TOAE offers a fresh-air alternative to conventional art shows and galleries. Approximately 400 artists participate and over 100,000 visitors attend the exhibition every year. Side by side, established artists, undiscovered talents and innovative students sell their work directly to the public

and make lasting connections with art dealers and collectors. We welcome applications from artists working in a wide range of traditional and experimental art forms.

September 18 - 20
BLOOR WEST VILLAGE TORONTO UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL
Bloor West Village ukrainianfestival.com

The Annual Toronto Ukrainian Festival in the Bloor West Village! The Toronto Ukrainian Festival is the largest Ukrainian street festival in North America showcasing the best of Ukrainian arts and culture. The Festival is free and provides an entertainment experience for the entire family. For more information contact, phone: 416-410-9965

September 19 - 20
RIOT FEST
Downsview Park riotfest.org

Riot Fest takes over Downsview Park for two days this September, showcasing top acts. The festival celebrates punk, rock and alternative music and during the nine years that the festival has been in operation, organizers have focused on their mandate of putting music first.

September 19 - 20
ANNUAL PIONEER HARVEST FESTIVAL
Black Creek Pioneer Village blackcreek.ca

Black Creek's Annual Pioneer Harvest Festival celebrates the Mennonite and Pennsylvania-German pioneers with food, arts and crafts and activities for the whole family. Highlights of the festival include a quilt auction, featuring hand-made Mennonite quilts, horse-drawn wagon rides, demonstrations and various foods to eat there and take home. Demonstrations including apple pressing, butter churning, cheese making, sausage making, apple schnitzing and candle dipping, Food provided includes homemade pies, hand-made ice cream, apple butter, cheese curds, sausages and more.

September 19 - 20
RONCESVALLES POLISH FESTIVAL
Roncesvalles Ave/ Queen St. West polishfestival.ca/festival-2015

Czesc! North America's largest celebration of Polish culture in Toronto's best neighbourhood! Now entering its eighth year, the Festival adds an old-world charm to today's Roncesvalles Village, well-known as one of Toronto's most vibrant, diverse and creative communities.

September 20
TORONTO GARLIC FESTIVAL
Artscape Wychwood Barns torontogarlicfestival.ca

The 2015 Toronto Garlic Festival is for garlic farmers and urban gardeners, food lovers and chefs, and herbalists and chocolatiers to meet and mingle under one roof.—Buy Ontario garlic direct from garlic farmers. Taste delicious food dishes from Thai, French, Italian, Mexican and other cuisines. Watch garlic cooking demos, and taste the difference local farming makes. Hear about the health benefits of garlic. Take home a selection of rare and heirloom garlic varieties to plant in your garden, including Czech Broadleaf, Spanish Roja, Russian, Romanian Red, Korean, Italian, and many more. Go to our website for pre-festival garlic activities throughout the summer. Cost: \$10, Children Free. Prepared food and crafts for sale. For more information 416-888-7829

September 20
STEAM WHISTLE'S OKTOBERFEST
Steam Whistle Brewing steamwhistle.ca

Cities around the world love to observe their own versions of the famous German Oktoberfest festival, and Toronto is no exception, especially at the Steam Whistle Brewery. This year, the Brewery celebrates Oktoberfest for the third year, filling an entire Saturday with giant pretzels, sausages, sauce and, of course, Steam Whistle beer. Steam Whistle founders Cam & Greg, along with Brewmaster Marek, start things off with a ceremonial keg-tapping; George Kash and the Okto-

berfest Express host the festival. The first Oktoberfest took place in 1810 in Munich, with horse races; today, the Munich festival is a world-famous event that lasts 16 days.

September 20 - 22

**PAN AMERICAN
FOOD FESTIVAL**

**Harbourfront Centre
harbourfrontcentre.com/**

The Pan American Food Festival takes over Harbourfront Centre for three days, showcasing the wide variety of culture throughout the Americas – North, South and Central. It's a chance to sample all sorts of international cuisine from various chefs and restaurants, while enjoying the art and music of the Western Hemisphere. The performers at the Pan American Food Festival include Alfredo De La Fe, Gran Cocina Latina with Maricel Presilla and Henry Vivel & Orchestra. It's only one of many weekend festivals that are taking place at Harbourfront Centre over the summer months, celebrating culture from all around the globe.

September 21

**KOLLABORATION TORONTO
Metro Toronto
Convention Centre
kollaborationto.org/**

Since 2006, Kollaboration Toronto has been working to promote the art and entertainment of the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community in the city, in contrast to traditional stereotypes. The collective is back with its annual talent show, which happens this year at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre's John Bassett Theatre.

Founded in 2000 on Los Angeles, Kollaboration is a movement that has spread to 14 cities in Canada and the United States, including its Toronto launch in 2005. Among the established artists who've supported Kollaboration are Far East Movement, John Legend, Taboo, BoA, John Cho, Justin Chon and Grace Park.

September 24 - 27

**TORONTO PALESTINE FILM
FESTIVAL**

Various Locations

The Toronto Palestine Film Festival begins with several pre-festival screen-

ings leading up to the Film Festival. The unreleased film program includes a variety of films as well as special, non-film programming. With multiple locations, the festival is a non-profit, volunteer-run initiative that also hosts cultural events outside of the annual festival.

September 24 - October 3

**JFL 42
Various Locations
jfl42.com/**

Just For Laughs presents a new kind of interactive festival, JFL42. Over 10 days, there will be 42 'cool things' happening in the city, including art, comedy, music, dance, and more. One pass gives access to all 42 events, in a schedule decided by the audience. Smart phone users can select what they want to see and based on interest events can change locations or have an extra date added. Featured this year are Craig Ferguson, Gilert Gottfried, Miranda Sings, Grace Hilby and many more. Each pass comes with four credits, which give access to the 42 shows. Use your smartphone to check in immediately before or after an event to earn back a credit and see even more events. Pass options include access to all three of the headliners, or to one headliner of your choosing

September 26 - 27

**WOOFSTOCK
Woodbine Park
woofstock.ca**

It's grown into a festive tour de force, now drawing tens of thousands of dogs in the know, their faithful humans in tow, from across the country and the U.S. It's without question, the largest outdoor festival for dogs in all of North America. Quirky and fun, Woofstock is a free, non-stop two day party taking place at Woodbine Park in Toronto Beaches, the City's most dog "Paws-itive" neighbourhood!

September 27

**THE WORD ON THE STREET
Harbourfront Centre
thewordonthestreet.ca**

Celebrate reading, writing, and literacy at Canada's largest book and magazine festival: The Word on the Street. Visit any of the 250 book,

magazine, and literacy exhibitor booths to discover new writers, new publications, and new talent. Take in readings, ask questions, and get your books signed by almost 200 authors, performers, and storytellers. Enjoy great programming all day at any one of 18 performance venues, which include a Bestsellers Stage, Children's Activity Tent, and the Wordshop: The Place for Writers. Last year more than 200,000 people enjoyed The Word on the Street; come see what all the type is about

September 27

**SOUPALICIOUS
Artscape Wychwood Barns
soupalicious.ca**

With the bounty of Ontario's fresh harvest and the talents of local chefs, the creation of soups is the perfect opportunity to showcase Ontario's culinary, agricultural, environmental and social connections in a fun and tasty way! Soupalicious is presented by the Plant a Row.

Grow a Row program: Building upon the long standing traditions of gardeners loving to share their harvest with those in need, Plant a Row: Grow a Row is a national initiative that encourages folks to grow an extra row of food and share extras from their harvest with those in need. The program is spearheaded by The Compost Council of Canada and Garden Writers Association, with the support from local food banks. The roots of Soupalicious began in Toronto during the late 1990s and Compost Week celebrations when the story, Stone Soup, was read on top of a compost pile.

October 3

**A SPIRITED AFFAIR Black
Creek Pioneer Village
blackcreek.ca**

Black Creek Pioneer Village presents A Spirited Affair, a celebration of beer, whiskey and wine of the 1860s and 1920s. The event allows guests to experience the drinks and social cultures of the time periods, with live music, a silent auction, fun games and Charleston dancing. Guests are immersed in the 1940s as they are able to interact with characters while sampling gourmet food paired with beer, whiskey and wine.

October 3
SCOTIABANK NUIT BLANCHE
Citywide
scotiabanknuitblanche.ca

Toronto's free all-night contemporary art event. For one sleepless night experience Toronto transformed by artists. The familiar will be discarded as the city becomes the artistic playground for a series of exhilarating contemporary art experiences. One night only. All night long. All free.

October 15 - 17
CREATIV FESTIVAL 2015
South Building, Metro Toronto Convention Centre
csnf.com

Creativ Festival is trend spotting, inspiration, new products, spectacular shopping, hands-on conference workshops, industry experts, how-tos, make 'n takes, seminars, fashion, style & trunk shows, exquisite displays, meet and greets (tv hosts, authors, designer and artist), door prizes and more. It's where you go to get the insider tips, trade secrets and stay-in-the-know on what's hot, what's new and what's next in the world of sewing, knitting, beading, quilting, needlework, paper crafts and more!

October 15 - 23
TORONTO AFTER DARK FILM FESTIVAL
Bloor Cinema
torontoafterdark.com

October 17 - November 8
TORONTO CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL
TorontoChocolateFestival.com
The 10th Annual Toronto Chocolate Festival celebrates everything chocolate. Signature features of the festival include The Luxury Chocolate Show, The ChocElite Dinner+ Show and The Chocolate Ball.

October 22 - November 1
INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS
Harbourfront Centre
lfoa.org/festival

The 36th Edition of the International Festival of Authors (IFOA) brings together the best writers in contemporary world literature.

November 5 - 15
THE REEL ASIAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
Toronto and Richmond Hill
reelasian.com

November 6 - 15
ROYAL AGRICULTURE WINTER FAIR
Exhibition Place
royalfair.org

November 8
TORONTO LUXURY CHOCOLATE SHOW
Roy Thomson Hall
torontochocolateshow.com
(SIGNATURE EVENT OF THE TORONTO CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL)
The Toronto LUXURY CHOCOLATE SHOW celebrates everything chocolate under one roof. A diverse array of fine chocolates and chocolate-inspired products will be featured. Various vendors will be displaying, sampling and selling their fine chocolate products at show prices, just in time for the holiday season.

November 19 - 22
GOURMET FOOD AND WINE
Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building
www.foodandwineexpo.ca
Celebrity guests, a fine wine tasting lounge, a Food Network stage, a spirituality pavilion and an extensive food and beverage exhibitor showcase are highlights of this annual event, which offers ample opportunities to sample gourmet foods and wines from around the globe.

November 28
TORONTO CAVALCADE OF LIGHTS 2015
Nathan Phillips Square toronto-travel-guide.com/cavalcade-of-lights
Fabulous fireworks, magnificent music and dazzling lights – the annual Toronto Cavalcade of Lights features wonderful combination of these electrifying actions, right in the heart of the city centre. The Cavalcade of Lights kick-starts Toronto's festive holiday season with the sparkling illumination of Nathan Phillips Square and city's official Christmas tree in the final weekend of November.

August 21 - September 7
CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (CNE)
Exhibition Place
www.theex.com

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) is Canada's largest fair and one of the top 10 fairs in North America. Founded in 1879. You can download the CNE brochure from their official website or at our own website www.HOToronto.com or TorontoOnDemand.ca

The 137th edition of the Canadian National Exhibition marks the culmination of a spectacular summer in the city of Toronto. The excitement and thrills continue following the closing ceremonies of the Pan Am Games with Canada's largest and favourite fair, the CNE, which runs August 21 – September 7, 2015. New and exhilarating attractions join many returning favourites in the 2015 CNE line-up including an all-new Craft Beer Festival in the heart of the Food Truck Frenzy, performances by Olympic gold medalists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir starring in a new Acrobatic & Ice Skating Show Bon Voyage!, the gravity-defying XPogo Stunt Team, and feel the adrenaline RUSH with Parkour demonstrations showcasing the extreme sport of free-running and leaping from buildings and urban spaces.

2015 CNE HIGHLIGHTS:

NEW – XPogo Stunt Team: Be awed as the best extreme pogo performance team takes to the CNE grounds to perform flips and tricks on next-generation pogo sticks that can bounce up to 9 feet in the air!

NEW – West Coast Lumberjack Show: This "chock-a-block" 45-minute show features mighty lumberjacks who will compete and showcase high-energy stunts including: Axe Throwing, Chainsaw Carving, Underhand Chop, Pole Climbing and Log Birling on water!



Food Truck Frenzy: The CNE hosts one of Canada's largest food truck rallies on August 28 – August 30. Foodies can rejoice in unique offerings from 23 of Toronto's trendiest food innovators featuring internationally inspired fare and indulgent treats that have become part of the CNE experience.

NEW – Craft Beer Fest: Enjoy a refreshing cold one in the heart of the Food Truck Frenzy featuring 11 regional master craft brewers.

NEW – RUSH: Parkour Demonstrations: Witness the excitement of Parkour, the sport of free-running, jumping, climbing, and vaulting through urban obstacle courses and buildings. Set to high-energy music, the show features athletes from Toronto's Monkey Vault Training Movement Centre whose movements are as fluid as they are rigorous.

NEW – Concerts: Catching a concert at the CNE Bandshell is the best way kick-start an evening at the Fair. This year's line-up spans the entire musical spectrum, headlining some of music's hottest acts including Alan Doyle, Cody Simpson, Brett Kissel, Tokyo Police Club, MKTO, Dallas Smith to name a few, as well as classic icons America, Chubby Checker, Rick Springfield and Foghat. All concerts are FREE with admission!

NEW – Bon Voyage! Acrobatic & Ice Skating Show: Canadian ice dancers and Olympic gold medalists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir star in a new Acrobatic & Ice Skating Show inside Ricoh Coliseum. Performing twice daily throughout the run of the Fair, the theatrical skating show is complemented by a stunning aerial acrobatic showcase featuring the husband and wife team Karen Goudreault and Dominic Lacasse, aka "The Flag Man," who has appeared on The Ellen DeGeneres Show and America's Got Talent.

Northern Comfort Saloon: Back by popular demand, the CNE's country music bar is always bustling with young crowds, great music, comfort food, cold refreshments, and a saloon staple: the mechanical bull! Performances

by country artists Kelly Prescott, Jaydee Bixby and Cory Marquardt to name a few, are sure to get the line dancing started.

Yate Dance & Acrobatic Team: One of the most dynamic acrobatic acts to hit the CNE International Stage, the Yate Dance & Acrobatic Team will captivate audiences with their sheer gymnastic power, artistry, dance and theatrical costumes. Performances include human pyramids, contortion, and an amazing hula-hoop act that will leave visitors in awe.

NEW – The Tivoli Youth Guard: The 100 boys (aged 8 to 16 years) who make up The Tivoli Youth Guard are the most recent incarnation of a tradition that began in 1844 to celebrate the opening of Copenhagen's famous Tivoli Gardens. An iconic symbol recognized far beyond Denmark's borders, The Tivoli Youth Guard regularly travels around the world to entertain audiences in full pageantry (characteristic uniform of bearskin hats, red jackets and white trousers) to represent Denmark's unique sound.

Celebrity Chef Stage: Canada's top chefs take to the stage inside the Enercare Centre, formerly Direct Energy Centre, to share tips, cooking demos and their diverse culinary perspectives with foodies alike. Chefs Lynn Crawford, Bob Blumer, Michael Smith, Chuck Hughes and Vikram Vij are some of the food superstars participating.

Celebrity Butter Sculptures: The art of carving butter into beautiful sculptures and life-sized replicas will be showcased in The Farm. This year's theme of "celebrities" features iconic stars of film, television and pop culture.

The PC Financial Sky Ride: The Sky Ride returns to the CNE, extending 40 feet above ground, transporting riders across the grounds with breathtaking panoramic views of The Midway, Lake Ontario, and the Toronto skyline.

NEW – HollyWoof: The President's Choice SuperDogs Show: The SuperDogs return to the Enercare Centre for a brand-new blockbuster show celebrating all things Hollywood, from movie soundtracks to storytelling magic.

Kids' World: A wonderland designed just for kids with amusement rides, onstage entertainment and animals in the park. A fun-filled day includes pizza-making and art studio at the KidStreet Interactive Zone, performances of Peter Pan and Cinderella by DuffleBag Theatre Company, appearances by popular characters like Applejack, Barbie and SpongeBob SquarePants, as well as daily performances by Splash'N Boots.

KINDER® SURPRISE® Interactive Zone: KINDER® is making family time more fun with an interactive Smile Booth offering souvenir keepsake photos to capture memories at the CNE, as well as the KINDER® Smile Play Zone and much more at Kids' World, presented by KINDER® SURPRISE®.

66th Annual Canadian International Air Show: The Canadian International Air Show (CIAS) soars over Lake Ontario Labour Day weekend for another awe-inspiring show featuring amazing feats of aerobatics.

TICKET PRICES:

Before Aug. 20:
General Adult Admission
\$14 (\$4 savings)
Ride All Day Pass**
\$38 (\$20 savings)

*Savings calculated based on General Admission.

**Includes grounds admission and unlimited midway rides.

Aug. 21 – Sept. 7:
General Admission (14-64)
\$18

Adults 65 & Better
\$15

Children (13 and under)
\$15

Children 4 and under
FREE

CNE Family Pass
\$52
(2 adults & 2 children or 1 adult & 3 children)

Ride All Day Pass
\$40 (rides only; does not include admission)

Before the CNE:
Online at TheEx.com
At participating Pizza Pizza restaurants (walk-in only)
At GO Transit stations and Union Station
CNE Gift Card Tickets will also be available in major grocery stores within the GTA

During the CNE:

Online at TheEx.com
At GO Transit Stations and Union Station
Onsite at the CNE gates

About the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE)
The Canadian National Exhibition is Canada's largest fair and one of the top 10 exhibitions in North America. The CNE generates an economic impact of approximately \$69.3 million for

the Greater Toronto Area and \$102.3 million for the province of Ontario each year. It is celebrated as the "greenest" fair in North America. In 2014, the CNE attracted 1.43 million visitors over its 18-day run.



WHERE TO BUY TICKETS: