

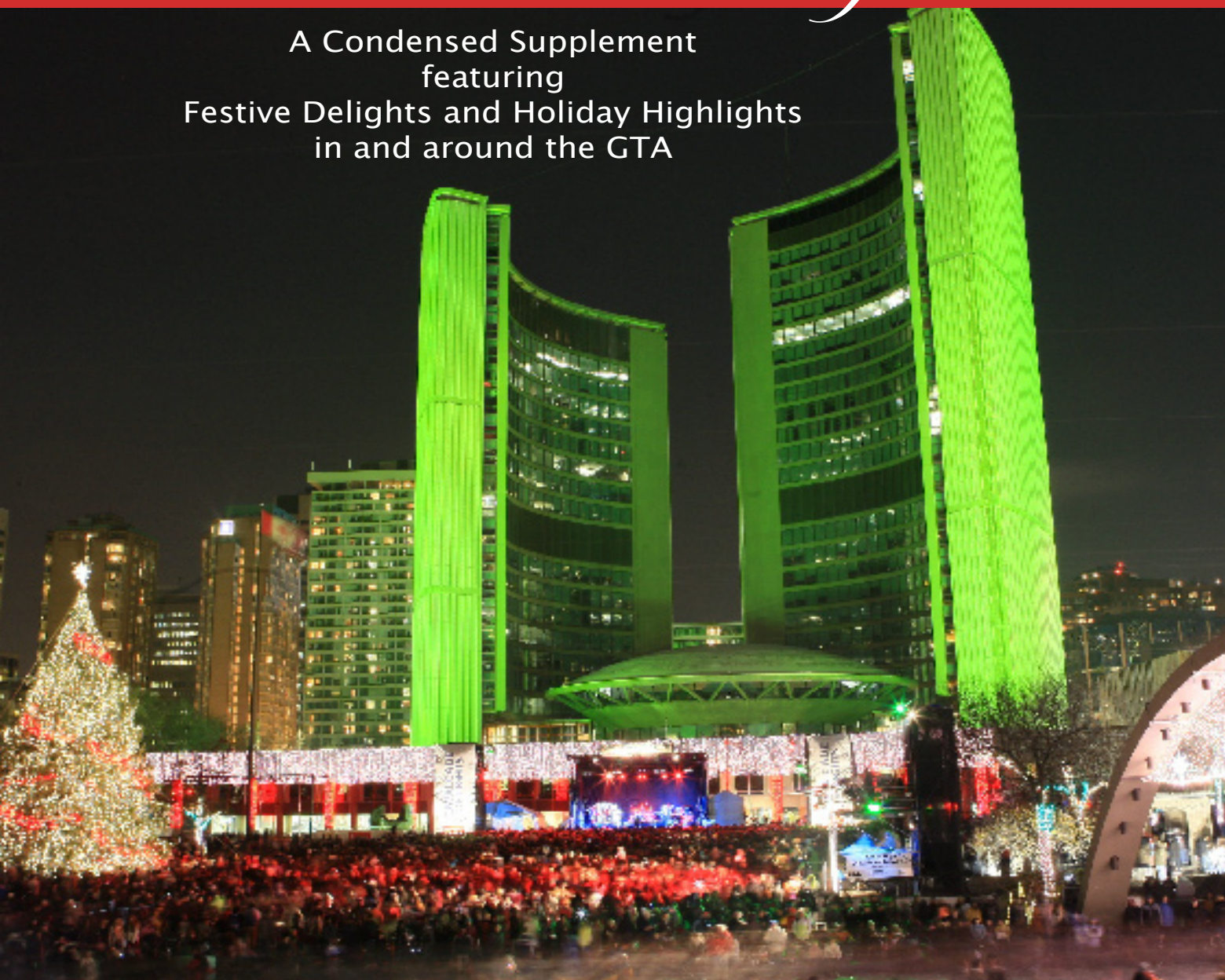
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## *Holiday Entertainment Guide*

A Condensed Supplement  
featuring  
Festive Delights and Holiday Highlights  
in and around the GTA





# WINTERCITY is WINTERLICIOUS!

## WINTERCITY: A 10-Day Celebration of Big City Fun! January 30 to February 12

The award-winning WinterCity Festival returns for its 6th year, offering a city-wide celebration of culture, creativity and cuisine. The WinterCity Festival is 3 festivals in 1: the WOW! Series at Nathan Phillips Square, the Warm Up Series at Toronto's cultural and tourist attractions, and the ever-popular restaurant promotion, Winterlicious.

### WOW! Series at Nathan Phillips Square

Enjoy FREE entertainment each festival weekend: Dutch street theatre group *Close-Act* transforms Nathan Phillips Square into a secret under-water world where the mermaids live.

Saturday night concerts by *The Stills* and a double bill with *Thunderheist* and *Shad*.

At the RBC WinterCity Lodge, cozy up to the fireplace with a warm beverage and enjoy cool entertainment. Tim Hortons Ice Breakers, including interactive weekend skating parties for all ages and Friday night skating parties with DJ Deko-ze and DJ Gene King Warm Up Series at Toronto Attractions

Head indoors for a series of unique events ranging from poetry readings, art workshops and tea tastings. Kids can enjoy a treasure hunt at Casa Loma, or meet the Wonder Pets and Dora the Explorer at the CN Tower, and more!

## WINTERLICIOUS January 30 - February 12

The WinterCity Festival wouldn't be complete without Toronto's favourite winter gastronomic celebration. Winterlicious again offers two popular programs for you to savour:

Toronto's favourite prix fixe promotion, offering exclusive menus at 150 restaurants. 2009 menu categories include \$15, \$20 and \$30 for Lunch and \$25, \$35 and \$45 for Dinner. To be notified when all menus are posted, sign up for the Celebrate Toronto E-newsletter. Reservations will be accepted starting January 15.

*Winterlicious again shines the spotlight on Toronto's unrivalled culinary industry with a series of 12 mouth-watering culinary events. These unique experiences make great gift ideas for the "foodies" in your life. Purchase your tickets as of December 4 by calling the event venue directly.*



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## From the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

## HOToronto Introduces It's First "Print'n'Go Guide" ..... Just In Time for The Holidays!

With the bitter cold and snow usually comes the urge to cocoon. This year, however, the mood is much more enhanced with the effects of the downturn in the economy - and of course everyone is feeling the pinch.

Everyone is in CHANGE mode. The way they spend time and money, the way they work and play, and the way they entertain and be entertained.

We too have made some changes in our fourteen year career... and for the better. Better for you!

Now you don't have to search high and low to get a copy of HOToronto Magazine as we are now fully entering the age of technology by offering HOToronto as a download magazine via our official website. In fact, we are going to make it easier for you, the reader, to keep up with what is going on in Toronto, the GTA and elsewhere in Southern Ontario by creating a series of downloadable periodical supplements targeting the subject matter. This will add up to more than a dozen new publications annually available on line and ready to print out. This is the first of these supplements and we hope you like and use it.

For your convenience and keeping with our green initiative we have kept the number of pages you may wish to print minimal by condensing the information provided.

*Enjoy this wonderful and joyous season.  
Holiday Greetings and Best Wishes 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 lighten 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.*





# Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

## Christmas @ CASA LOMA

November 28, 2008 - January 4, 2009



### SLEEPING BEAUTY: THE LIBRARY

The classic fairy tale brought to life in an original musical comedy. It's bedtime for Beauty as the Scary Fairy unleashes a sleeping spell on her castle. Can the Handsome Prince rouse the royals and save the day or will it be endless nights of Beauty sleep for his true love?

Showtimes: 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m.\*Limited availability per show. Bench or floor seating only.

*Sleeping Beauty Admission*  
Adults (18-59) \$15.00 Children (4-13) \$8.25 Youth (14-17) \$9.50 Seniors (60+) \$9.50 All prices include GST, Capital Improvement Surcharge of \$1.00 (\$0.50 for children) and Library Show surcharge (\$2.00 for adults and \$1.00 for seniors youth and children)

### THE CONSERVATORY: Toy Castle

From the Gemini Award-winning TV show, The Toy Castle "live" unfolds in a visually charming production told in the compelling language of dance, mime and music. The colourful dancing cast of adorable characters animates stories in a fun and whimsical way. © 2008 Toy Castle Productions Inc. Produced by Sphere Entertainment www.sphereentertainment.com Showtimes: 11:00 a.m., 12:00 noon, 1:00 p.m., 2:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

### THE SWIMMING POOL:

#### The Evil Fairy Queen's Wicked Lair

Join the Queen of Mean in her devilish den as she plots a bad case of bed head for the kingdom. This nasty noble spells trouble, so enter only if you dare....then again you may just want to sleep on it.

### SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY- East The Fairy Queen's Magic Mirror

Who's the fairest in the land? Why you are. Put your face in this place and be the fairy tale princess or prince you've always dreamed of.

### SECOND FLOOR HALLWAY West or Austin Room on Third Floor The Royal Portrait Gallery

Beautiful gowns and costumes allow you to immortalize your little prince or princess with a timeless period photograph. (Extra charge attraction)

### THIRD FLOOR The Enchanted Hallway

Fantasy cut outs will transform your little ones into their favourite fairy tale characters from Beauty and the Prince to the King and Queen and the Scary Fairy. These colourful scenes make for the perfect photo-op.

### THE BILLIARD ROOM 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 Flying Fairies

Watch for the Flying Fairies as they zoom through the hallways bringing fun and frivolity to every nook and cranny in the castle.

### ELVES IN THE WORKSHOP All Elves in the Workshop Programs are Sold Out

### BREAKFAST WITH SANTA Now Sold Out

## CITYWIDE EVENTS

### To December 10 TWELVE TREES OF CHRISTMAS Gardiner Museum

**November 22 - December 31  
CHRISTMAS REMEMBERED**  
Black Creek Pioneer Village  
1000 Murray Ross Parkway  
Step back in time to the magic of a Victorian country Christmas. Festive demonstrations and hands-on activities include homemade presents, decorations, and tasty treats. Don't miss one of Toronto's favourite holiday experiences!

### November 25 - December 16 CAVALCADE OF LIGHTS & SATURDAY NIGHT FIREWORKS

Nathan Phillips Square  
This year the 40th annual Cavalcade of The entire city is marking the season with celebrations and lighting displays in the following Toronto neighbourhoods and tourist attractions:  
Albion Islington Square  
Bloorcourt Village  
Bloordale Village  
Bloor West Village  
Bloor-Yorkville  
Chinatown  
Church-Wellesley Village  
CN Tower  
Downsview Park  
Downtown Yonge  
Emery Village  
The Kingsway  
Korea Town  
Little Italy  
Queens Quay Harbourfront

Rosedale-Main Street  
St. Clair Gardens  
St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood  
Toronto Eaton Centre  
Yonge Lawrence Village

### Saturday Night Concerts & Fireworks

**Top Three Tour**  
**December 6** : 7:00 pm  
Concert featuring Canadian Idol's *Theo Tams, Mitch MacDonald, Drew Wright* plus special guests *Mookie Morris* and *Sebastian Piggott*  
8:00 pm : **Fireworks**  
8:05 pm: **Skating Party with DJ Cajimere Wray**

**December 13**: 7:00 pm - **Dragonette**  
8:00 pm: **Fireworks**  
8:05 pm: **Skating Party with DJ Tricky Moreira**

**December 20** : 7:00 pm  
**Serena Ryder**  
8:00 pm: **Fireworks**  
8:05 pm: **Skating Party with DJ Denise Benson**

**December 3, 10 & 17  
MUSEUMS OF MISSISSAUGA**  
Bradley Museum  
1620 Orr Road  
and  
Benares Historic House  
1507 Clarkson Rd. N.

**December 6, 13 and 20  
CHRISTMAS BY LAMPLIGHT**  
Black Creek Pioneer Village  
1000 Murray Ross Parkway  
Follow the magical glow of more than 200 lamps and lanterns as they light the way to an enchanted evening of warmth and wonder. Villagers in period dress welcome you with food, drink, and merriment for three exclusive nights. A traditional Christmas Dinner is also available.

**December 14 - 20  
CHRISTMAS CENTREPIECE  
WORKSHOP**  
Colborne Lodge  
From Dec. 14 to 20, the Lodge offers morning, afternoon and evening centrepiece workshops. Create your own beautiful Christmas centrepiece using natural materials that will impress your friends and family. This two hour workshop has become a popular pre-Christmas get-together activity for groups of friends and families. Set in picturesque High Park, the course offers a cozy historic ambience for this seasonal craft

**December 19 -23  
VILLAGE LANTERN TOURS**  
Markham Museum  
9350 Hwy. 48 905-294-4576

### December 20 CHRISTMAS TRIMMINGS WORKSHOP (7-12 Year Olds)

Colborne Lodge  
1 Colborne Lodge Drive (North of The Queensway)  
Drop off the kids for a fun, Christmas-themed outing and enjoy some extra time for those last minute errands. They will make a traditional Christmas ornament to take home in the ambience of our historic kitchen. Kids will also visit the decorated parts of the house and enjoy light refreshments

### December 26 33rd ANNUAL CHRISTMAS TREATS WALK

Toronto Zoo  
Meadowvale Road & Hwy. 401 East

## ON STAGE



**November 28 - January 4  
CINDERELLA:  
THE SILLYLICIOUS  
FAMILY MUSICAL**  
Elgin Theatre

**November 28 - January 4  
SLEEPING BEAUTY &  
THE ENCHANTED CASTLE**  
Casa Loma

**To December 13  
DEAR SANTA**  
Scarborough Village Theatre  
3600 Kingston Road

**To December 30  
YOU'RE A GOOD MAN,  
CHARLIE BROWN**  
LKTYP Theatre  
165 Front St. E.

**December 3 - 21  
SCROOGE: THE MUSICAL**  
FAIRVIEW LIBRARY THEATRE  
35 Fairview Mall Dr.

**December 6 - 21  
HANSEL & GRETEL**  
Port Hope Festival Theatre  
1-800-434-5092

# Festive Delights & Holiday Highlights

## December 6 - 28 NATIONAL BALLET OF CANADA THE NUTCRACKER

Four Seasons Centre  
December 13 - January 4

### ALADDIN

Solar Stage Children's Theatre  
100 Upper Madison Avenue.

## December 14 RUDOLPH THE RED-NOSED REINDEER

Markham Theatre  
171 Town Centre Blvd.

## December 19 - 28 DISNEY ON ICE DISNEYLAND ADVENTURE

Rogers Centre

## December 19 - 20 BALLET JORGEN CANADA GROUP OF SEVEN NUTCRACKER

Rose Theatre, Brampton

## December 20 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BALLET THEATRE THE NUTCRACKER

Cardinal Carter Theatre  
36 Greenfield Avenue

## December 20 IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

The Canadian Stage Company  
St. Lawrence Centre

## December 23 FRANKLIN'S FAMILY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

The Music Hall  
147 Danforth Avenue

## December 28 A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Markham Theatre

## December 28 MOTUS O DANCE THEATRE: A CHRISTMAS CAROL

Markham Theatre

## December 29 - 30 BALLET JORGEN CANADA THE GROUP OF SEVEN NUTCRACKER

Markham Theatre

## December 30 - January 3 AGA-BOOM

Bluma Appel Theatre at  
St. Lawrence Centre



## HOLIDAY CONCERTS

### December 6 - 7 BARENAKED LADIES BARENAKED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Massey Hall

### December 6 - 7 SCARBOROUGH CHORAL SOCIETY SOUNDS OF CHRISTMAS

Markham Theatre

### December 7 GOSPEL CHRISTMAS PROJECT

Young Centre For The Performing Arts

### December 9 WINTER DANCE PARTY: A TRIBUTE TO BUDDY HOLLY, BIG BOPPER & RICHIE VALENS

Rose Theatre - Brampton

### December 10 TORONTO MENDELSSOHN CHOIR !

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS  
Yorkminster Park Baptist Church  
1585 Yonge Street

### December 10 THE CELTIC TENORS CHRISTMAS

Rose Theatre, Brampton

### December 12 MICHELLE WRIGHT A WRIGHT CHRISTMAS

Living Arts Centre, Mississauga

### December 13 TORONTO ALL-STAR BIG BAND: A CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

St. Lawrence Centre

### December 13 EMILIE-CLAIRE BARLOW WINTER WONDERLAND

Markham Theatre

### December 13 CHRISTMAS WITH THE SALVATION ARMY

Roy Thomson Hall

### December 13 HANNAFORD STREET SILVER BAND: CHRISTMAS JOY

Metropolitan United Church

### December 13 AMADEUS CHOIR SEASON OF FESTIVITY

Yorkminster Baptist Church  
1585 Yonge Street

### December 13 CELEBRATION CHOIR AND VOCAL MOSAIC: LET THERE BE SONG

Bloor Street United Church  
300 Bloor St. West

### December 13 NORTH YORK CONCERT ORCHESTRA: MESSIAH AND HOLIDAY CAROLS

Grace Church-on-the-hill  
300 Lonsdale Road

### December 13 EAST YORK CHOIR: WINTER'S NIGHT CONCERT

Eastminster United Church  
Jackman Ave. & Danforth Avenue

### December 13 HEALEY WILLAN SINGERS: FOLK SONGS FOR THE FOUR SEASONS

Church Of St. Martin In-the-fields  
151 Glenlake Avenue

### December 13 - 14 STUART MCLEAN: VINYL CHRISTMAS CAFÉ

Massey Hall

### December 12 - 13 ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR SCHOOL: A CHRISTMAS OVERTURE

Massey Hall



### December 14 20TH ANNUAL BENEFIT CONCERT FOR YORK CENTRE FOR CHILDREN: MICHAEL BURGESS JACKALYN SHORT TORONTO MASS CHOIR BACH CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Unionville Alliance Church  
4896 16th Avenue

### December 14 CANADIAN SINFONIETTA MESSIAH

Glenn Gould Studio

### December 15 - 16 THE CANADIAN TENORS with the COCO

Winter Garden Theatre

### December 16, 17, 19, 20 & 21 TORONTO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA: TORONTO'S FAVOURITE MESSIAH

Roy Thomson Hall

### December 17 (At Noon -free) TORONTO MASS CHOIR: A GOSPEL CHRISTMAS

Roy Thomson Hall

### December 17 THE BARRA MACNEILS

The Music Hall

### December 17 - 18 SOWETO GOSPEL CHOIR: 'AFRICAN SPIRIT' CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Massey Hall

### December 17 - 20 TAFELMUSIK: HANDEL MESSIAH

St. Paul's Trinity Church

### December 17 - 20 NATHANIEL DETT CHORALE: INDIGO CHRISTMAS ... GREAT JOY

Glenn Gould Studio

### December 19 - 20 SARAH SLEAN AND FRIENDS

Enwave Theatre  
231 Queens Quay W.

### December 20 TORONTO'S CHILDREN CHORUS

Roy Thomson Hall

### December 21 TAFELMUSIK: SING-ALONG MESSIAH

Massey Hall

### December 22 JOHN MCDERMOTT with guests GOWAN, ERIC BOGLE, SUZIE VINNICK and THE ARROGANT WORMS

Roy Thomson Hall



### December 25 SHLOCK ROCK FAMILY CHANUKAH CONCERT

Chabad Lubavitch Of Markham  
83 Green Lane, Thornhill  
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