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in TORONTO and the GTA



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From the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

Looking for a change? This is the year to consider GALAvanting!

In celebration of our upcoming 15th Anniversary of HOToronto Magazine, as Toronto's leading city entertainment planner, we are proud to introduce the premiere on-line issue of GALAvanting. Finally our readers have a magazine dedicated to one of our famous pastimes - fundraising. This online publication, available as a free download or free subscription, is designed to compile for you, a list of galas, balls, events, golf tournaments and basically anything that puts the FUN into FUNdraising.

The information compiled in this issue is derived from many sources, solicited and unsolicited. Our team of writers and photographers have been covering such galas for more than a dozen years, and each year there are more and more such events popping up all over the city and throughout the GTA. For most, it is hard to keep up with the variety of gala events that want us to attend and support their particular cause. All of them worthy of consideration.

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A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joey Cee".



GALAvanting for a Cause

A GALA IS A BALL ... and that's not all!

Since the inauguration of President Barack Obama, we have only been bombarded by the images of lavish balls and galas at celebrity driven events such as those tied in with every award ceremony such as the Grammys, Academy Awards, MTV Awards and dozens more. On inauguration day alone, ten "balls", as they were clearly being touted, were running simultaneously. Each had its own theme and fundraising component. The inaugural event was about pomp and pageantry whereas the nighttime events took the edge off the seriousness of the occasion by getting everyone who attended at chance to celebrate together in a comfortable and festive atmosphere. The average price of a ticket was \$150 (US). There were also more than twenty pre-inaugural balls and galas with tickets as low as \$75 and all were sold out.

Toronto has no shortage of galas, balls, creative fundraisers and golf tournaments. Sometimes we even have several of these events going on at the same time. We celebrate year 'round with many world class events, thanks to some of the worlds best homegrown event planners, producers and organizers whose creativity is boundless.

A "BALL" or "GALA" is a festive celebration – normally a black tie event. Many of today's balls and galas are themed to create a night of excitement and involvement by patrons who pay anywhere from \$75 to \$1500 a ticket to attend. Although most are reserved sit down dinners, some feature a buffet with reception style which is a combination of standup and limited seating.

Most Galas or Balls feature a combination of the same elements. Normally consisting of a vip reception, souvenir photos, silent auction, live auction, dinner or buffet, open or cash bar, speeches, live musical entertainment, added feature entertainment, raffles, draws, door prizes, balloon busts, late dessert tables and parting goody bag or souvenir.

Depending on the price of the ticket, some provide free valet parking and free coat check while very few others provide free self parking depending on the location of the event.

What used to be considered a night out for the rich and famous is now a favourite destination for all ages, all walks of life and not neces-

sarily for those who have a lot of disposable income. In fact, many galas are affordable and when you take in the entertainment value, and at today's prices, it's not much different than going to a concert when you factor the added expenses of going to one.

If you have already been to one or more galas, you know what to expect and know the value of having a great night out while supporting a good cause. If you haven't, you should make it a point to at least go to one this year. Although we all know that times are tight, a night out with your partner or friends to a gala is a great stress reliever and a chance to forget about everything for a night.

Dressing for a gala is not as stressful as it is made out to be. The rule of thumb is dress according to the event's theme. If it is elegant and black tie, your invitation should note that. Men: Don't go renting a tux unless the event strictly calls for one or you want to. Normally a nice suit or slacks and jacket will do. Use your discretion. Women: A ball gown is not necessary unless the event specifies that particular dress code. You don't have to spend a fortune on a new gown – this is not a wedding. Unlike the men, there are a lot of styles you can get away with but again use your own discretion. Dress to impress but dress so that you will be comfortable enough to enjoy yourself. If there is a lot of standing and dancing – concentrate on the shoes. If you're sitting most of the night – think of clothing that doesn't crease.

Galas are memorable events and worth every penny.



JUST IN!

SNAP IS BACK!

Mark your calendars for
Sunday, March 1st,

The 8th annual photography fundraiser for the AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT) promises to be the best one yet, showcasing works from both renowned and emerging artists. We are pleased to welcome Glen Baxter, host of In Fashion, reporter for FashionTelevisionChannel, and photographer, as our Honourary Chair.

The SNAP! Photo Competition is Open

All photographers - from amateur to professional - are invited to submit original works of photography or photo-based art. The competition closes on Friday, January 30; entries must be received by 5:00pm EST. The first 100 submissions will be entered to win an exclusive SNAP! Prize Package.

Submission fee is \$25 (per submission); all fees collected benefit ACT. Fast and easy online submission at: www.snap-toronto.com

Your participation allows ACT to continue to deliver free programs and services to people living with, affected by, and at risk for HIV/AIDS, and to develop new initiatives to reduce the spread of HIV in our communities.

Why enter?

Have your work viewed and judged by photography professionals.

Win fantastic prizes and gain industry recognition.

Support ACT's programs and services for people with HIV/AIDS and those at risk.

Event Details

Sunday, March 1, 2009
National Ballet School (400 Jarvis Street, Toronto)

Tickets

SNAP! Pak \$95, General Admission \$65
5pm: SNAP! Pak VIP Cocktail Reception; Doors Open at 6 pm
Live Auction, Silent Auction, complimentary beverages & culinary delights
SNAP!Stars Awards: selected from Image Art schools nationwide, sponsored by TD Canada Trust
To purchase tickets visit: www.snap-toronto.com

Want more information?

SNAP! Hotline: 416.340.9255
or online: www.snap-toronto.com

Questions about tickets: tickets@actoronto.org

Competition: snaphoto@actoronto.org

YOUR GUIDE TO THE BEST 2009 GALAS & FUNDRAISERS

“A NIGHT IN THE PAST FOR A CURE IN THE FUTURE” RETRO GALA

February 21
The Terrace Banquet Centre
1080 Creditstone Road, Vaughan
416-410-5177 / 905-264-3550
www.acureinthefuture.com

In support of Princess Margaret Hospital Platinum Music and Entertainment presents its 3rd Annual “A Night in The Past For A Cure In The Future” Retro Gala. Guest emcee is Breakfast Television’s Dina Pugliese.

ART WITH HEART

October 2009
The Carlu
In support of Casey House

BELL CELEBRITY GALA

October 8
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
bellgala.ca
In support of SickKids Foundation

BID ON THE BOYS

May 29
The Paramount in Vaughan
617-379-9509
bidontheboys.ca

In support of Willow Breast Cancer Support Centre

Now in its 10th year, this prestigious event is set to raise over \$200,000 for a new beneficiary, Willow Breast Cancer Support Canada. Willow provides immediate assistance to women with breast cancer.

Situated in the elegant surroundings of the Paramount, guests are treated to a welcome reception, featuring both oyster and martini bars. Even the fashionably late won’t want to miss the introduction of the stellar line-up of bachelors. There will be plenty of entertainment throughout the five-course dinner, including a raffle and silent auction. The evening’s highlight will be the bachelor auction, where each of these scrumptious boys will unveil a fantastic prize package. Sorry ladies, you can only take the prizes home!

BLOOR STREET ENTERTAINS

November 2009
Various Dinner Locations
After Party at The ROM
canfar.ca
In support of CANFAR

BOHEMIAN BALL

February 20
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
www.bohemianball.ca
In support of SickKids Hospital
For 2009 the Czech and Slovak communities are coming together again, at the Bohemian Ball 2009 organized by the Canada Czech Republic Chamber of Commerce under the auspices of the Consul General of the Czech Republic.

BOOK LOVER’S BALL

February 12
The Fairmont Royal York
416-393-7237
bookloversball.ca



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In support of the Toronto Public Library Foundation

In its fourth year, The Book Lover's Ball will again be the "must attend" event of the year and better than ever. Make your grand entrance on the red carpet and dazzle the crowd in black tie. Mingle with Celebrity Authors at the cocktail reception and savour exquisite hors d'oeuvres inspired by Chef Massimo Capra of Food Network Canada's "Restaurant Makeover". Then, dine with a famous author and get into the heads of today's most talked about writers. Afterwards, enjoy an exclusive fashion show inspired by 60 years of Harlequin romance, and featuring stunning couture designs from top Canadian designers. This year over 50 authors will attend The Book Lover's Ball. Celebrity Authors in attendance include Margaret Atwood, Joseph Boyden, Christie Blatchford, Debbie Travis, Vincent Lam, Richard J. Gwyn, M.G. Vassanji, and many more

BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL BALL

Saturday April 25

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
905-475-2520

www.brazilianball.com

In support of SickKids Foundation

His Royal Highness The Duke of York will attend the 43rd Brazilian Carnival Ball. This is the largest and most spectacular Brazilian gala in the world. Celebrate in true Carnival spirit with a dazzling evening of mesmerizing dancers, electrifying musicians and magnificent costumes. The Brazilian Carnival Ball is Canada's pre-eminent charity gala; more than \$53 million net has been raised over the years to support crucial initiatives in health care, research, culture and education. Proceeds from the 2009 Brazilian Ball will benefit SickKids Foundation, more specifically, the SickKids Research Institute.

BUTTERFLY BALL

"GET READY TO ASSEMBLE"

May 21

Four Seasons Hotel
416-515-1100

boostforkids.org

In support of BOOST For Kids

This annual major fundraising event supports the work Boost does for children at risk in our community. Boost offers specialized programs to the thousands of children who come to us each year.

THE CHOCOLATE BALL

"CHOC 'N ROLL"

October 23

Palais Royale Ballroom
416-923-4686

TheChocolateBall.com

In support of the Ava Rose Fund - SickKids

A step back in time to the 50's and 60's era. This is the Original Chocolate Gala powered

by Chocolate. It's where chocolate is not the theme but the event. The night will start off with specialized chocolate infused coco d'euvres served at several food stations. The highlight of the evening will be our infamous Chocolate Buffet packed with a wide variety of chocolate desserts and Chocolate Stations – a feast for the gods! Also back again is the grand Silent Auction ...plus draws and raffles. Door Prize: WIN a counter top juke box. Come dressed for the occasion in your best 50's or 60's costume You could win the prize for the best single or couple! The Chocolate Ball is the signature event of ChoctoberFest, the Toronto Chocolate Festival.

CREDIT VALLEY HOSPITAL "SALUTE" GALA

February 27

Mississauga Convention Centre
905-813-1100

cvhfoundation.ca

In support of the Credit Valley Hospital Foundation

THE CRYSTAL BALL

November 2009

Congress Centre
reachfortherainbow.ca

In support of Reach For The Rainbow

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC

Saturday, March 28

Rattlesnake Golf Club
905-827-7961

www.believeinmagic.org

In support of the Critical Care Unit at SickKids This is the Third Annual Sydney Clark Fund-raiser 'Do You Believe in Magic?' Sydney is an Oakville teenager who was diagnosed with Reyes Syndrome and this event celebrates her life and raises funds for the Critical Care Unit at SickKids. Join in for a magical evening - a fabulous dinner, great entertainment and a silent and live auction featuring the Terrific Ted Logan.

DRAGON BALL

20th Anniversary Dragon Ball 2009

January 24

Metro Toronto Convention Centre – South Building

In support of Yee Hong Centre

EASTER SEALS GALA BALL

September 2009

Four Seasons Hotel
easterseals.org

In support of Easter Seals

EAT TO THE BEAT

September

Roy Thomson Hall
eattothebeat.ca

In support of Willow Breast Cancer Support Centre

EYES WIDE OPEN

May 2009

This Is London

416-586-8203

openyourmindevent.com

In support of Mt. Sinai Hospital Foundation

FESTA DAS AMIGAS 2009

February 7

Ambiance Banquet Hall, 501 Alliance Ave., Toronto

647-308-5036 or 416-569-8936

sickkidsfoundation.com

In support of SickKids Foundation

A night for women only to celebrate ... Join hundreds in a night of dinner, dancing and tons of fun with live entertainment!

FLOURISH

October 2009

Hazelton Lanes

flourishforreena.com

In support of Reena Foundation New Leadership Endowment Fund

FROM THE HEART

February 6

Le Jardin Special Event Centre,
8440 Hwy. 27, Woodbridge

416-999-5081

www.fromthe-heart.net

In support of Cardiology at SickKids

FULL CIRCLE

April 16

Le Treport Banquet & Convention Hall
1075 The Queensway East

Mississauga

905-891-0002

mississaugawaterfrontfestival.com

In support of Sponsor A Child - Mississauga Waterfront Festival

KNOCK OUT CANCER

Spring Date TBA

On The Park (formerly Inn On The Park)
1095 Leslie Street

416-946-2353

www.knockoutcancer.ca

In support of Princess Margaret Hospital

A one of a kind sporting event combining the excitement of International Boxing, with a fabulous dinner, open bar, great jazz, shooter girls and more. Help support our future Olympic Boxers as they host England in the beginning of their ascent to the London Games. All proceeds to The Princess Margaret's Gastrointestinal Cancer Research Fund. This event will provide a venue for athletes to showcase talent, while gaining needed international experience in fully sanctioned bouts.

LIVERight GALA

April 4

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

liverightgala.ca

In support of Canadian Liver Foundation

' meets 'chic' in a gala that celebrates the best of youth culture. You and your family are invited to give it up for your liver at the Canadian Liver Foundation's inaugural LIVERight Gala. The first of its kind, this event has an eclectic formula that will amaze and inspire you. This family friendly event is "Taking it to the Streets" with renowned indie band Tokyo Police Club rockin' the stage, an adrenalin-pumping opening dance number featuring a half pipe and trampoline, and a fashion show presenting the latest styles by the hippest designers. You won't want to miss talented comedian Sabrina Jalees, of Much Music's Video on Trial and CBC fame, as host emcee, stimulating interactive zones, auctions showcasing the latest 'got to have it' items, and much more. Don't forget to check out the Teen Co-Host Contest. The 2009 LIVERight Gala is searching for a teen co-host aged 13-19. All you have to do is fill out the application form at www.liverightgala.ca and upload a picture of yourself. Hurry and register – the contest closes on February 20!***

**MY FUNKY VALENTINE:
GRAND PAS DE DEUX 2009
A GALA IN HONOUR OF
KIKI & IAN DELANEY**

February 7
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
416-961-3780 # 2146
nbs-enb.ca

This year's theme, My Funky Valentine, is in keeping with the most romantic time of year, merging all the classic traditions of Valentine's with contemporary culture. Experience a party that is funky, original and fun. Guest list consists of Toronto's most influential taste-leaders – as they gather to honour Toronto philanthropists and cultural icons Kiki & Ian Delaney. My Funky Valentine combines the best of classic, Valentine traditions with the most dazzling contemporary pop culture, all in the name of Love. Listen to your favourite love songs mashed up with a contemporary beat; sip on signature martinis; enjoy an exquisite culinary experience and witness an inspiring repertoire of dance performances showcasing the exceptional talent of our students. After dinner, before indulging your sweet-tooth, raise your paddle high to bid on tempting Live Auction items and experiences, and then get ready to dance the night away.

**NOT JUST ANOTHER SATURDAY
NIGHT**

March 21, 2009
Academy of Spherical Arts
reenafoundation.org

In support of the Reena Foundation Reena Foundation will, for the 5th consecutive year, host Not Just Another Saturday Night. This high profile event attracts over 600 professionals between the ages of 25-50. The evening will begin with a Texas Hold'em Poker Tourna-

ment where entrants compete for the title of "Reena Poker Champion".

ROGERS CONN SMYTHE SPORTS CELEBRITIES DINNER AND AUCTION

February 14
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
South Building
easterseals.org
In support of Easter Seals

RAINBOW BALL 2009

September 2009
Mississauga Convention Centre
In support of the Kathy Drury Charitable Foundation

**ROTARY AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER
MEN'S FASHION SHOW**

March 26
Spirales Banquet Hall
pmh.ca
In support of Prostate Cancer Research at The Princess Margaret Hospital.
Russell Smith from the Globe and Mail and the XYYZ website will be talking Men's Fashion and Mark Dailey from City TV will be a Keynote Speaker.

SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL FOUNDATION GALA

May 9
Location to TBA
In support of Toronto Scarborough Hospital

SEEING IS BELIEVING GALA

February 7
La Primavera Banquet Centre,
77 Woodstream Blvd, Vaughan
905-833-3165
www.brandanseverresearchfund.ca
In support of Brandan's Eye Research Fund at SickKids Hospital.
The event will be hosted once again by Michael Landsberg host of TSN's "Off The Record". Features a cocktail reception and antipasto bar followed by a silent/live auction, and the live band Soular as the evening's entertainment.

SICKKIDS EASTER FUNDRAISER

April 4
Ukrainian Cultural Centre,
83-85 Christie Street
416-625-2664 Mario Almeida / Maria Andrade
In support of SickKids Hospital
Join in for an evening of dinner, dancing and live entertainment.

SNOWBALL 2009: LOVE & DEVOTION

February 28
Fairmont Royal York Hotel
416-962-4040 Ext. 236
caseyhouse.com
In support of Casey House
Casey House's SnowBall presents a fabulous

opportunity each February to let loose, mix and mingle with Toronto's most influential in the worlds of art, media, politics and business. An important fundraising source for vital community programs at Casey House, SnowBall is a yearly occasion to celebrate and support the love and devotion that goes into the work done at Casey House in caring for people affected by HIV/AIDS. It is a testament to the passion of the Toronto community for Casey House and its programs that last year's event tickets were sold out a full month in advance. SnowBall 2009 | Love & Devotion will also feature the presentations of The Casey Awards, Casey House's annual awards program created in loving memory of June Callwood.

TAFELMUSIK GALA

May 2009
Liberty Grand
tafelmusik.org
In support of Tafelmusik

TEDDY BEAR AFFAIR

November 2009
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
casmt.on.ca
In support of the Childrens Aid Foundation

THE PLATINUM ROSE

February 12
The Liberty Grand, Exhibition Place
647-320-0049
In support of Crohn's and Colitis Research at SickKids and the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada
An exclusive concert by Platinum Blonde, Sarina Paris and The Ending. The event features a sit down dinner, draw, silent auction and an intimate concert with special guests.

TORONTO TASTE

June 14
torontotaste.ca
In support of Second Harvest
As the original, must-attend event for gourmands, Toronto Taste offers guests succulent food prepared by over 50 of the city's finest chefs and delicious beverages provided by 30 top vintners. This one-night gourmet graze, which kicks off the summer season, is an unforgettable evening of glamour, indulgence and extravagance in support of Second Harvest.

TORONTO TRIBUTE 2009

December 2009
Four Seasons Hotel
easterseals.org
In support of Easter Seals

**TORONTOS FINEST BACHELOR
& BACHELORETTE AUCTION**

May 6
Brant House
intrakateevents.com
In support of Princess Margaret Hospital

TRILLIUM GALA: AN EVENING VOYAGE

April 24
Mississauga Convention Centre
905-848-7580 Ext. 2930
trilliumhealthcentre.org

In support of Trillium Hospital
If "Life is a Highway", your journey must include this riveting evening with Juno Award winner Tom Cochrane – a rock genre star influenced by Bruce Springsteen and Bob Seger. While music lifts your heart, you'll be helping heart patients at Trillium.
This year's Gala 2009 theme is music. The goal is to raise \$400,000 to help equip and upgrade the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratories, or 'Cath Labs', to the model standard with new custom tables, x-ray machines, television monitors and technological infrastructure for full diagnostic imaging functionality.
When you or your loved ones, friends and colleagues need the best cardiac care performed by the best clinical staff in the best facilities, Trillium Health Centre is here for you.

THE WALRUS FOUNDATION 5TH ANNIVERSARY GALA

January 22
The Fermenting Cellar,
Historic Distillery District
416-071-5004 Ext.221
In support of The Walrus Foundation
Hosted by Seamus O'Regan and Shelagh Rogers with co-publishers Shelley Ambrose and John Macfarlane, and jazz by Molly Johnson. The night will include a unique silent auction of Secret Messages in a Bottle — including messages from Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Sir Richard Branson, Margaret Atwood, Romeo Dallaire, Douglas Coupland, Ian Rankin, Stephen King, Christopher Plummer and more. There will also be a raffle to win a trip with Adventure Canada down the coast of Labrador with artists and writers including Alistair MacLeod, Donna Morrissey and Shelagh Rogers.

THE WRITERS' TRUST GALA "A LITERARY PERSUIT"

November 5
Four Seasons Hotel
416-504-8222 XT. 243
In support of Writers' Trust
The Writers' Trust Gala is a true celebration of Canadian writers with an author seated as the guest of honour at every table. Guests will enjoy a cocktail reception, with passed hors d'oeuvres and a host bar, before dining on a delectable three-course meal prepared by talented hotel chefs. During dinner guests will play a literary game that pits table against table. As in years past, a friendly spirit of competition will enliven the evening as devoted book-lovers compete in a quiz of literary trivia.

WYATT'S WARRIORS HAVE A HEART GALA

February 13 – 14
Tosca Banquet Hall, 800 Champlain Avenue,
Whitby
289-404-1021
www.totsites.com/tot/w_yatts/
In support of Cardiac Critical Care Unit, Sick-Kids Hospital
Join Wyatt's Warriors for the first annual Have a Heart Gala. February is heart month so lets all get together, have a great night out and make a difference once again in the lives of the children with Congenital Heart Defects.

VALENTINE BALL

February 14
Liberty Grand
In support of the free family YOUTH DAY 2009 celebration at Nathan Phillips Square and Ryerson University.
The night features a delectable 4-course menu by Chef Michael Ewing; a complimentary bar; special music performances by Canadian Tenor Michael Burgess and David Warrack conducting the Canada Pops Orchestra; trumpeter Danny DePoe; fashion and dance exhibits; plus a live auction. Get on board the ship for this year's Mediterranean Cruise theme, with a lucky ticket holder winning a trip for 2! After the fun filled evening, take home gift bags and great memories. Bring your someone special or come to meet someone new – be part of this magical evening with all the pomp & pageantry of days gone by...

THE VENETIAN BALL

October 2009
Location TBA
villacharities.com
In support of Villa Charities Foundation
The wonderment and mystery of Venetian Carnevale will once again take centre stage at the 2009 Venetian Ball, which promises to continue the tradition of this centuries-old celebration with a modern day twist. You can expect fabulous masks, delectable food & drink and entertainment that will keep you dancing all night long. This is one event you do not want to miss!

VIENNESE BALL 2009

May 9
Grand Ballroom
Fairmont Royal York
416-499-2204
torontophil.on.ca
In support of the Toronto Philharmonic Orchestra
Conversations with friends old and new at your table, the joy of watching whirling couples circling the dance floor in their finest gowns and formal wear. Haute cuisine accompanied by fine wine. The Viennese Ball is simply unlike any other event on the Toronto social calendar. Following over 25 years of tradition, the

Viennese Ball is held in the Grand Ballroom of the Royal York Hotel. The ballroom is lavishly decorated with attention to every detail to duplicate the ambience of a Grand Viennese Ball of the last century. At breaks in the evening, more contemporary music is played for those couples who would like to expand their dancing beyond the waltz. A grand part of the Viennese Ball tradition is the Radetsky March led under the baton of the winning Silent Auction bidder. This is so popular that several encores are often required of the winning amateur maestro!

FUNDRAISERS

24-HOUR SPIN

February 20-21
The Hershey Centre, Mississauga
905-848-7580 Ext. 2978
24hourspin.com
In support of Trillium Health Centre Foundation
SPIN is back and better than ever! You are invited to gear up for the 24-Hour Spin in support of heart health. More than 2,500 participants ride stationary bikes for a total of 24 hours while enjoying live bands and energetic speakers. This extraordinary event has raised \$3.5 million to date for the Cardiac Challenge, a \$15 million campaign for much needed heart equipment, programs and research.

"A NIGHT IN WONDERLAND"

March 7
Frequency Nightclub,
296 Richmond St. West
In support of SickKids Foundation
This is a private and corporate event. Dynamic Productions is hosting this event to create awareness and raise money for Sick Kids Foundation and make sure the City of Toronto gets involved to help make a difference.

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA - AUSTRALIA DAY TASTING

January 30
The Fermenting Cellar
The Distillery District
416-323-1893
wineaustralia.com
In support of the Alzheimer's Society of Toronto
Wine Australia wants you to come and help them celebrate Australia Day!! They will pack a ton of Australian Wines, Wineries and Winemakers into the Fermenting Cellar @ The Distillery to celebrate Australia's birthday. Experience Australia's diversity with a spectacular selection of over 300 wines. Find all your favourite Aussie wineries and expect to encounter a few new treasures. Whether you consider yourself a wine connoisseur and are looking for gems to add to your cellar or perhaps you are just beginning to experience this wonderful world of wine, you will find yourself

surprised and intrigued by the wines in their tasting room. Get ready to celebrate! 'Celebrate Australia' will make a fabulous gift for friends and family. Be the best present-giver around by giving the gift of Australian wine! Celebrate Australia Day the right way.

DA VINCI GALA

May 27

La Primavera Convention Centre
77 Woodstream Blvd, Vaughan
416-586-8203 ext. 8749

davincigala.com

In support of Mildred Sonshine Family Centre for Head and Neck Diseases.

The gala dinner includes a silent auction, as well as live entertainment.

EVAN'S DREAM

HOT HAVANA NIGHTS

Wednesday, February 25th, 2009

Tryst Nightclub

82 Peter Street

www.icrftoronto.org

In support of Evan's Fund at SickKids and the Israel Cancer Research Fund

This event includes signature cocktails, open bar, delicious hors d'oeuvres, live auction, silent auction, live entertainment, DJ and a night of dancing.

EVOLUTION

April 16

St. Ignatius of Loyola Secondary,
1505 Nottinghill Gate, Oakville
905-847-0595 Ext. 392

In support of SickKids

A charity fashion show.

HIP-HIP HOORAY!

May 31

905-848-7580 Ext. 2786

Trillium Health Centre – Mississauga

In support of Orthopaedic Program and The Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation.

Since 1993 this hip event has raised more than \$300,000 for Trillium Health Centre's first class Orthopaedic Program and the Canadian Orthopaedic Foundation. Former patients of the Program and their families are invited to participate in the walk to raise funds for essential equipment and increase awareness around bone and joint health. Three cheers for the Ortho Program and the patients served!

HOCKEY DAY FOR SICKKIDS FOUNDATION

Monday, February 16

Powerade Centre,

7575 Kennedy Road South, Brampton
905-876-5377

In support of SickKids Foundation

The \$40 registration fee, includes Jersey, admission for the game, and dinner after the game. The \$10 ticket price includes admission to game and dinner after the game. Come out

for a very memorable day of great hockey, and great food while supporting a wonderful cause!

KIDDIE CORNER CHARITY FASHION SHOW

February 1

Meadowvale Theatre,
6315 Montevideo Road, Mississauga
416-316-7667

kiddiecornerfashionfest.com

In support of SickKids Foundation and Make A Wish Foundation

TESTICLE FESTIVAL 2: APRÈS SKI

February 27, 2009

Steam Whistle Brewery

The Round House

testiclefestival.ca

In support of Testicular Cancer Research at Princess Margaret Hospital

Hang up those skis and unzip your one-iece, because Steam Whistle is turning back the clock to après ski in the 80's! They are dusting off their spandex and getting amped for the most bodacious event of the season. The mood is going to be hype – hypercolour that is – and the crowd stoked as they settle in and enjoy an urban après ski soiree. Tickets start at \$40 and include two Iceberg Vodka speciality cocktails, as well as your photo taken in our signature 'Chairlift Photo Booth'. Get in from the cold, sip your mulled wine and take it to the max at TF2: Après ski! Join in on this special evening to help kick cancer in the balls!

ZELDA'S DRAG IDOL 2009

Starting February 3 (for 8 weeks)

Grand Finale March 24

Zelda's - Toronto

542 Church Street

416-922-2526

zeldas.ca

In support of the Casey House AIDS Hospice The wildest, wackiest exdragavanza on Church Street this winter! Zelda's Drag Idol 2009 will be hosted by the amazingly talented Miss Conception, with her two partner commentators and performers, the evil twin bitches, Georgie Girl & Lena Over!

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

EAST YORK OLD BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 24

Summit Golf and Country Club

416-469-6003

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In support of Toronto East General Hospital

GOLF CLASSIC 2009

June 16

Angus Glen Golf Club

416-469-6003

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MEN'S CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 22

Wyndance Golf Club

Uxbridge

416-586-8203 ext. 8749

In support of Mount Sinai Hospital

The Mount Sinai Classic, presented by

Equitable Trust, is celebrating its 15th year.

The event is organized by Leadership Sinai, the young professional group at Mount Sinai Hospital. Proceeds from the event will support Mount Sinai's outstanding research, medicine and patient care. Since inception this event has raised in excess of \$2.2 million.

ROSS FORFAR (4th Annual)

MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 26

Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club

Stouffville

416-281-6227 to register

scarboroughfirefighters.org

In support of The Fire Fighter's Cancer Research Fund at Princess Margaret Hospital
Start Time: 8:00 am

Registration fee includes continental breakfast, hot lunch buffet, on-course contests, raffle prizes, gifts and 18 holes of golf with a cart. The tournament is held in memory of Ross Forfar, former Deputy Chief of the Scarborough Fire Department.

VILLA COLOMBO

GOLF TOURNAMENT (33rd Annual)

June 2009

Date and Location TBA

villacharities.com

In support of Villa Charities Foundation

This popular charitable sporting event attracts business professionals and avid golfers from across Toronto and York Region for an exciting day of golf in celebrated Italian style. More details to be announced.

WOMEN'S GOLF CLASSIC

ClubLink's Wyndance, Uxbridge

June 2009

In support of the Children's Aid Foundation Imagine a golf course so uncommonly beautiful you occasionally forget why you're there in the first place. Complimentary spa services, continental breakfast and customized morning golf lessons hosted by LPGA professional Sandra Post prepare you for an enjoyable day of golf, conducive to networking and entertaining clients. While on course, enjoy cart snacks, a gourmet lunch and refreshments at sampling stations along your way. Interactive contest holes will also test your skills as you compete for wonderful prizes. Your day ends in the Clubhouse with an evening of fine food, fantastic prizes and a chance to take home a fabulous selection of silent auction items. Trade the boardroom for the back nine while truly making a difference in lives of the abused and neglected children the foundation serves.

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An Evening At The Chefs Table
 Angel Ball
 Art of Time Ensemble Gala Benefit
 Asian Heritage Month Gala
 Barbados Ball
 Beggars Blues Banquet
 Best Buddies Gala
 Big Night Out Gala
 Black and White Gala DX Centre
 Breast Darn Show
 Bridle Bash III
 Caribana Ball
 Community Rocks
 Emerald Ball
 Fashion Cares Gala
 Field Of Dreams Gala
 Fu-Gen Fire Gala
 Gallery Art Hop
 Gerry Pencer Golf Tournament
 Heart of Fashion
 Imagination Ball
 Innovators Ball
 It's Always Something
 Lancaster Ball
 Look Good Feel Better Ball
 Mad Hatters Ball
 Mad Hot Ballet Gala
 Markham Jazz Festival Gala
 Mississauga Arts Awards Gala
 New Orleans Riverboat Gala
 Niagara Wine Gala Dinner & Dance
 One Wish Gala
 One x One
 Operanation
 Pencer Brain Trust Gala
 Pink Bedroom Party
 Pink Opal Ball
 Possible Dream Gala
 Power Ball 11
 Red Rose Ball
 Sante: Bloor-Yorkville Wine Festival
 Scrubs In The City
 Spirit of Toronto
 Starr's On The Credit
 Stars of the 21st Century
 The White Party

Toast
 Vino Della Vita: Wine Tasting Event
 Vive La Danse
 We All Need Love Gala
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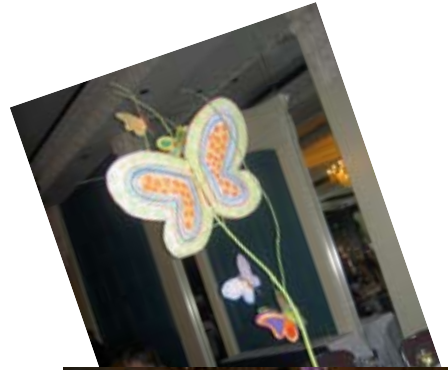


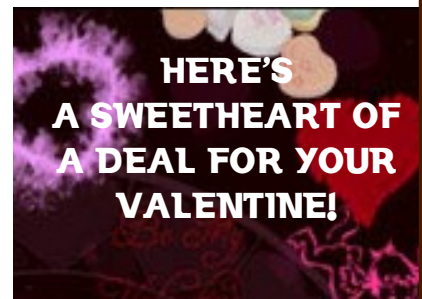
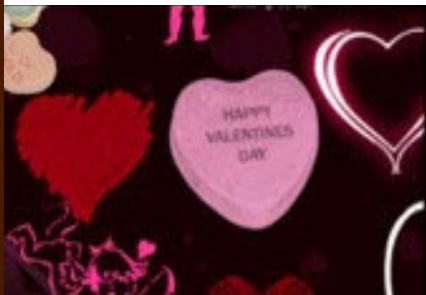
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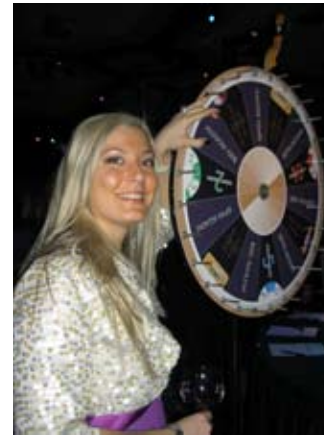
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