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From the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

Have a Ball at one of this year's Galas or other Fundraising Events!

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 FUNdraining.

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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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 - most of them going to charity.



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YOUR GUIDE TO THE BEST 2009 GALAS & FUNDRAISERS

A PASSION FOR FASHION

March 26

Spirale Banquet Centre
888 Don Mills Road
In support of Princess Margaret Prostate Cancer Research

Mark Dailey from CityTV is the keynote speaker in regards to his fight against prostate cancer. Russell Smith from the xyz.ca is the emcee and fashion guru. Clothing is provided by Got Style. A silent auction is also taking place as well as a four-course meal.
www.passion4fashion.ca

ART WITH HEART

October 2009

The Carlu
In support of Casey House
www.artwithheart.ca

BARBADOS CHARITY BALL

"Sunset In Barbados - Indulge Your Senses"

June 13

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
In support of Scholarships and HIV Aids

BELL CELEBRITY GALA

October 8

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

BID ON THE BOYS

May 29

The Paramount in Vaughan
617-379-9509
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!
www.bidontheboys.ca

BIG NIGHT OUT

June 4

Liberty Grand
In support of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto
416-925-8981 Ext. 4138

A special evening celebrating the people who make a difference in the lives of so many children and youth in our community. Enjoy a wonderful evening featuring silent and live auctions, gourmet dinner and fabulous entertainment.

www.bbbst.com


BLOOR STREET ENTERTAINS

November 2009

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

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BLUE BAYOU: A FLIGHT OF FANTASY
March 28

Paramount Convention Centre
222 Rowntree Dairy Road, Woodbridge
416-747-3859

In support of Humber River Regional Hospital Foundation.

Flights of Fantasy presents Blue Bayou, a New Orleans-themed party, with live performances by Tim Laughlin and his New Orleans All-Stars. Considered one of the best clarinet players in the Big Easy, Laughlin music transports the audience to the heart of Bourbon Street. The evening includes Cajun and Creole cuisine, the Mississippi Queen Riverboat Casino and the Zydeco beat of Swamperella.
www.flightsoffantasy.ca

BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL BALL
April 25

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
905-475-2520

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.
www.brazilianball.com

BUTTERFLY BALL
"GET READY TO ASSEMBLE"
May 21

Four Seasons Hotel
416-515-1100

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 each year.
www.boostforkids.org

BUY DESIGN IN SPACE
April 18

Distillery Historic District
In support of Windfall
Buy Design In Space is Windfall's sixth annual dress up party. The Fermenting Cellar in Toronto's Distillery Historic District will transform into an intergalactic gala featuring a go-go dance floor, over-the-moon cocktails and the best live and silent auctions in the solar system. Blast off with your host, Adrian Mainella of CBC's Fashion File. Shop the Beauty Lab's beakers of cosmetics and fragrances or drop some coins for a game of arcade Space Invaders. Take home a gift

capsule full of stellar goodies. Get lost in Buy Design's legendary silent auction full of got-to-bid-on-it buys donated by top companies, designers and boutiques. Previous participants include Tiffany & Co., Air Canada, Virginia Johnson, Kiehl's, The Yorkville Club and hundreds more.

Jenny Bird handbags, an H&M shopping spree and gift certificates for the city's best restaurants, spas and salons are already confirmed.
www.buydesignforwindfall.ca

CARIBBEAN BALL
May 2

Angus Glen Golf Club
10080 Kennedy Rd., Markham
416-439-9009

In support of Tropicana Community Services Enjoy a formal dinner, dancing, and live entertainment. It's an evening of fun, merriment and incredible gifts. Tropicana provides all youth, newcomers, people of Black and Caribbean heritage and others in need with opportunities that lead to success and positive life choices.
www.tropicanacommunity.org

CELEBRATE THE WOMEN
IN YOUR LIFE
May 7

Grand Banking Hall
The Suites at One King West
416-364-4144 Ext. 227

In support of The Assaulted Women's Helpline Features delicious hors d'oeuvres and dessert stations, a performance by Samba Squad, the popular "Pampering Zone" and a silent auction perfect for mother's day gift shopping.
www.awhl.org

THE CHOCOLATE BALL
"CHOC 'N ROLL"

October 23
Palais Royale Ballroom
416-923-4686

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'oeuvres served at several food stations. The highlight of the evening will be the 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 Auctionplus 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 ChocolateFest, the Toronto Chocolate Festival.
www.TheChocolateBall.com
www.ChocolateFestivalWeek.com

THE CRYSTAL BALL
November 2009

Congress Centre
In support of Reach For The Rainbow
www.reachfortherainbow.ca

D.A.N.I. GALA
March 25

Toronto Centre for the Arts
In support of Developing and Nurturing Independence
www.dani-canada.com

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC
March 28

Rattlesnake Golf Club
905-827-7961

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.
www.believeinmagic.org

EASTER SEALS GALA BALL
September 2009

Four Seasons Hotel
In support of Easter Seals
www.easterseals.org

EAT TO THE BEAT
September 2009

Roy Thomson Hall
In support of Willow Breast Cancer Support Centre
www.eattothebeat.ca

FANDANGO!
May 2

Four Seasons Hotel
416-461-8252 Ext. 2247
In support of Bridgepoint Health Foundation Inspired by India's lively form of music and dance, the 2009 gala continues the Fandango! tradition of bringing the world's best parties to Toronto. Past years have featured the fiestas of Spain, Latin American salsa dancing and the chic café culture of France. But Fandango! Bhangra will top them all with exciting music and dancing, fantastic food and divine décor. Attire: Indian Exotic or Black Tie Entertainment: Nu Rhythm Band/Host: Ken Shaw, CTV News
www.bridgepointhealthfoundation.ca

FEAST FOR THE PALATE
June 15

Royal Ambassador Event Centre, Caledon
In support of Family Transition Place The beautiful Caledon Hills will come alive with the pure enjoyment of sumptuous food and drink at the Feast for the Palate, featuring the Chef's Challenge. Chefs and caterers will

showcase their signature dishes in a celebration of the culinary senses. Joining the preferred list of culinary specialists will be a select group of wineries, providing an evening to sip and savour the fabulous gourmet specialties of the region.

www.feastforthepalate.com

FLOURISH

October 2009

Hazelton Lanes

In support of Reena Foundation New

Leadership Endowment Fund

www.flourishforreena.com

FULL CIRCLE

April 16

Le Treport Banquet & Convention Hall

1075 The Queensway East, Mississauga

905-891-0002

In support of Sponsor A Child - Mississauga

Waterfront Festival

www.mississaugawaterfrontfestival.com

INNOVATOR'S BALL 2009

FEMME FATALE: AN EVENING OF INTRIGUE

April 30

Ontario Science Centre

In support of the Ontario Science Centre

416-696-4630

Become a part of an event that TO Life called one of the best parties of the year! Unravel the mystery around the true identity of the women with the painted red lips. Her mysterious and sinister ways have intoxicated men and women the world over. Become entranced by her ominous attempts for attention and her inevitable fall from grace. In support of the Ontario Science Centre, the Innovator's Ball helps bring their community programs to life.

www.innovatorsball.ca

KNOCK OUT CANCER

Spring Date TBA

On The Park (formerly Inn On The Park)

1095 Leslie Street

416-946-2353

In support of Princess Margaret Hospital

Gastrointestinal Cancer Research Fund

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. This event will provide a venue for athletes to showcase talent, while gaining needed international experience in fully sanctioned bouts.

www.knockoutcancer.ca

LIVERight GALA

April 4

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

In support of the Canadian Liver Foundation

You and your family are invited to give it up

for your liver at the Canadian Liver Founda-

tion'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.

liverightgala.ca

MASSIVE PARTY

April 2

Art Gallery of Ontario

317 Dundas St. West

In support of the AGO

The Art Gallery of Ontario will welcome back more than 1,600 partygoers for its first major fundraising event on-site since the opening of the Gehry-designed building. The fifth installment of Massive Party promises a high-energy celebration of contemporary art including art featuring innovative installations, cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, entertainment and much more. Attendance for ages 19 and over.

www.ago.net

MOZART UNLACED

April 28

Telus Centre for Performance and Learning

273 Bloor Street West

416-408-2824 Ext. 311

Rock me Amadeus! The talented young musicians of The Glenn Gould School invite you to an evening of musical outbursts, spontaneous song and gourmet tastings in The Royal Conservatory's new home, the Telus for Performance and Learning. Mozart Unlaced is a celebration of music, a joyous mingling of classical concertos with cocktails and cabaret. Young students of The Glenn Gould School dazzle and delight you on staged venues and in unexpected, inspired musical interludes throughout the dazzling new Telus Centre.

www.rcmusic.ca

NOT JUST ANOTHER SATURDAY NIGHT

March 21

Academy of Spherical Arts

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

www.reenafoundation.org

THE PINK BEDROOM PARTY

October 2009

Berkeley Church

315 Queen St. E.

In support of the Campbell Family Cancer Research Institute at Princess Margaret Hospital

www.pinkbedroomparty.com

THE POGO ANNUAL GALA

April 4

Liberty Grand

In support of Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario

Ontario

www.pogo.ca/gala

THE POSSIBLE DREAM GALA

April 4

Riviera Parque, Vaughan

In support of MukiBaum Treatment Centre

MukiBaum's signature annual event, The Possible Dream Gala, continues to be our largest

fundraiser each year. Since the first Gala in 1997, founded by Vilma Cortellucci-Fiuza, so many dreams have come to fruition thanks to this fabulous affair. Special Live Performance by Amy Sky & Marc Jordan!!!

www.mukibaum.com

RED ROSE BALL

April 1

Four Seasons Hotel

In support of The St. George's Society of Toronto

Celebrating the 175th anniversary of The St. George's Society of Toronto and the 50th anniversary of York University.

Honouring Ivan Fecan and Sandra Faire

www.stgeorges.to

RAINBOW BALL 2009

September 25

Mississauga Convention Centre

In support of the Kathy Drury Charitable Foundation

ROOTS AND WINGS

April 17

The Eglinton Grand

In support of Trails Youth Initiatives

www.trails.akaraisin.com

ROTARY AGAINST PROSTATE CANCER MEN'S FASHION SHOW

March 26

Spirales Banquet Hall

888 Don Mills Road,

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 Key-note Speaker.

www.pmh.ca

**SCARBOROUGH HOSPITAL
FOUNDATION GALA**

May 9

Location to TBA

In support of Toronto Scarborough Hospital

SICKKIDS EASTER FUNDRAISER

April 4

Ukrainian Cultural Centre,

83-85 Christie Street

416-625-2664

In support of SickKids Hospital

Join in for an evening of dinner, dancing and live entertainment.

TAFELMUSIK GALA

May 2009

Liberty Grand

In support of Tafelmusik

www.tafelmusik.org

TEDDY BEAR AFFAIR

November 2009

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

In support of the Childrens Aid Foundation

www.casmt.on.ca

TORONTO TASTE

June 14

In support of Second Harvest

As the original, must-attend event for gourmards, 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.
www.torontotaste.ca

TORONTO TRIBUTE 2009

December 2009

Four Seasons Hotel

In support of Easter Seals

www.easterseals.org

**TORONTOS FINEST BACHELOR
& BARCHELORETTE AUCTION**

May 6

Brant House

In support of Princess Margaret Hospital

www.intrakateevents.com

**TRILLIUM GALA:
AN EVENING VOYAGE**

April 24

Mississauga Convention Centre

905-848-7580 Ext. 2930

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.

www.trilliumhealthcentre.org

**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.

www.writerstrust.com

THE VENETIAN BALL

October 2009

Location TBA

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.

www.villacharities.com

UTOPIA GALA

May 20

Liberty Grand

In support of Gerry & Nancy Pencer

Brain Trust

The Gerry & Nancy Pencer Brain Trust carries out a range of exciting fundraising events to support ongoing research and patient care at The Gerry & Nancy Pencer Brain Tumor Centre. Each year, the annual gala is the highlight. With more than 1000 sponsors and guests ... a fabulous new theme each season ... and a net of over \$500,000 ... The Brain Trust's annual spring gala fundraiser has blossomed into one of the hottest tickets on the Toronto party circuit!

www.pencerbraintrust.com

VIENNESE BALL 2009

May 9

Grand Ballroom

Fairmont Royal York

416-499-2204

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!

www.torontophil.on.ca

FUNDRAISERS

**CANADA AND CANADIANS IN A
CHANGING WORLD with
PETER MANSBRIDGE**

April 1

The Brampton Rose Theatre

905-874-2800

In support of Rapport Youth & Family Services

www.rapportyouth.com

COMIC VISION

April 23

Kool Haus

132 Queens Quay East, Toronto
and

April 22

OE Banquet all & Community Centre

2245 Speers Rd. Oakville

In support of Foundation Fighting Blindness
This cross country tour of high profile, stand-up comedy guarantees a memorable night of entertainment and provides the perfect opportunity to entertain clients, colleagues and friends at the year's most highly anticipated event.

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May 27

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

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

www.davincigala.com

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.

HARRY'S SPRING RUN-OFF 5K/ 8K

April 4

High Park
In support of Prostate Cancer
www.canadarunningseries.com

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.

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY LUNCHEON

March 13

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Constitution Hall, North Building
In support of The Ireland Fund of Canada
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SCRABBLE WITH THE STARS

April 6

The Suites at 1 King West
In support of the Performing Arts Lodge.
This is a signature fundraiser for Performing Arts Lodges, Toronto, a unique organization that offers help to performing arts professionals in the areas of health and affordable housing. Funds raised at the fifth annual Scrabble® With The Stars will fund the first steps towards providing assisted living care for PAL residents who can no longer live independently. This will allow residents whose failing health precludes independent living to remain among fellow pros with whom they share a common bond while receiving the additional care they need. Dine, mingle and play Scrabble with some of Canada's most eminent celebrities.
On April 6th, the game is the thing. But the rest of the year, the aim is the life, the health and welfare and spirit of our artistic community. They give us entertainment and food for thought. Let's give them our support!
www.scrabblewiththestars.ca

SCRUBS IN THE CITY

May 28

The Solarium at Polson Pier
11 Polson Street
In support of SickKids
Event featuring live musical performance by Chantal Kreviazuk

SHE SLEEPS WITH ANGELS

March 19

Tattoo Rock Parlour
587 Queen St. W.
In support of The Hewie Family and the Canadian Crime Victims Foundation
A benefit in memory of 13 year old Alexandra Firgan-Hewie. Featuring two bands: Phantom Black and Purrr. Tickets \$15 at the door.

TORONTO RIBFEST

July 1

Centennial Park
256 Centennial Park Road, Etobicoke
In support of community charitable organizations.
The Toronto Ribfest attracts more than 100,000 visitors each year. Presented by the Rotary Club of Etobicoke, the fest lures folks in with live music, succulent ribs, beer tents arts and crafts show as well as carnival rides, a climbing wall and pony rides for the kids. The Canada Day party includes a citizenship ceremony, live music, fireworks and food vendors selling barbeque ribs. Live entertainment is provided by George Linton - the wandering musical clown and banjo player, the Slime Dogs, Skip Tracer and New Hollywood. The Canada Day festivities finish off with a lively fireworks display at night.

TORONTO WOMEN'S HALF MARATHON AND 5K

May 31

Sunnybrook Park
In support of POGO Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario.
Be a part of one of Toronto's newest and unique events. Whether you are a competitive, recreational or newbie runner, this is the race for you! Join over 1,000 women in a celebration of health, fitness and camaraderie in the Toronto Women's Half Marathon & 5k. Run by or linger at the 19k chocolate station. Grab a drink at the Firefighter's Water Station. Enjoy the post run party – great food, free massage and lots more. Don't miss out – Registration is capped at 1000 participants in the half marathon and 300 in the 5k.
www.towomenshalf.com

ZELDA'S DRAG IDOL 2009

Starting February 3 (for 8 weeks)

Grand Finale March 24

Zelda's - Toronto
542 Church Street
416-922-2526
In support of the Casey House AIDS Hospice
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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!
www.zeldas.ca

GOLF TOURNAMENTS

BRIDGEPOINT GOLF CLASSIC

June 23

Angus Glen Golf Club, South Course
416-461-8252 Ext. 2247
In support of Bridgepoint Health Foundation
Golfing for a great cause! Our annual golf tournament supports Bridgepoint's pioneering work in the treatment and prevention of Complex Chronic Disease. Led by hockey legend Bobby Baun as its Honorary Chair, last year's tournament was our most successful ever, raising \$100,000 for Bridgepoint Health. This year another great hockey star, Ron Ellis, joins Bobby Baun as Honorary Co-Chair. This is your chance to match your skills on the golf course with these hockey legends. A great day of golf: 6:30 am - Registration & Breakfast 7:45 am - Shotgun Start 1:00 pm - Cocktail Reception & Silent Auction 1:30 pm - Lunch & Awards Presentation
www.bridgepointhealthfoundation.ca

EAST YORK OLD BOYS GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 24

Summit Golf and Country Club
416-469-6003
In support of Toronto East General Hospital
www.tegh.on.ca

GOLF CLASSIC 2009

June 16

Angus Glen Golf Club
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In support of Toronto East General Hospital
www.tegh.on.ca

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.
www.mountsinai.on.ca

**MICHAEL BRICKMAN MEMORIAL
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

July 21

Nobleton Lakes Golf Club

The Lumpy Classic will be joining forces with
BBYO (B'nai B'rith Youth Organization).
marlenegb@rogers.com

**NORTH YORK MASTERS
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

June 1

Donalda Club

In support of North York General Hospital
Cancer and Palliative Care Services
www.nyghmasters.ca

**ROSS FORFAR (4th Annual)
MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

May 26

Sleepy Hollow Golf & Country Club
Stouffville

416-281-6227 to register

In support of The Fire Fighter's Cancer Re-
search 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.
www.scarboroughfirefighters.org

**VILLA COLOMBO
GOLF TOURNAMENT (33rd Annual)**

June 2009

Date and Location TBA

In support of Villa Charities Foundation
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SPOTLIGHT EVENTS

Thursday, May 21

**STING, SHERYL CROW & THE CANADIAN TENORS
TO PERFORM AT SUNNYBROOK'S ONE NIGHT LIVE™
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BENEFITING THE WOMEN & BABIES PROGRAM**

Sunnybrook Foundation today announced that international recording artists **Sting, Sheryl Crow and The Canadian Tenors** will perform at One Night Live™, presented by Sun Life Financial, on Thursday, May 21. Now in its second year, the concert will be held at the Air Canada Centre, and hosted by Sex and the City's "Mr. Big", Chris Noth. "We are thrilled that such mega star talent have thrown their support behind Sunnybrook's Women & Babies Program," said Kevin Goldthorp, Chief Executive Officer of Sunnybrook Foundation. "All of the proceeds raised by the concert will assist in building a new state-of-the-art home for our Women & Babies Program and help Sunnybrook continue to provide the very best care for our smallest patients and their mothers, when it matters most." Tickets for One Night Live™ are now on sale. Ticket prices start at \$99 and can be purchased online at www.onenightlive.ca or through Ticketmaster. The money raised will support the construction of the province's most advanced facility for births and high-risk pregnancies. The critical care unit for premature babies, which cares for more of Ontario's most vulnerable babies than any other hospital, will be five times larger than the current facility.

Saturday, April 25

**THE END POVERTY CONCERT
THE MISSISSAUGA HERSHEY CENTRE**

The End Poverty Concert was started back in early 2006 in Mississauga, Ontario by a group of high school students. They were trying to make a positive impact in our world by organizing the World Vision 30 Hour Famine at churches & in local high schools, and wanted to end the 30 hours of fundraising and not eating with a huge concert that raised awareness of poverty and injustice. Each year the show is attended by thousands of people and features performers like Faber Drive, illScarlett, The Johnstones, Sydney, and The Knockouts. This year, the show is going to be the largest show yet, featuring 5 bands: Thousand Foot Krutch, Pillar, Turn Off The Stars, Kiros, and Late Night Sanity. Proceeds from the concert are donated to World Vision, so that they can build better lives for children & their families all over the world who are living in extreme poverty.

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Plan to attend TOAST on Thursday, May 7 (6 to 9:30 p.m.) at The Stone Distillery, Fermenting Cellar (55 Mill St., Building 6 and 7) at the Distillery Historic District. For further details, or a reminder to purchase your tickets online, please contact Linsay Michael at 416-323-7145 or lmichael@ontario.cancer.ca

Tickets are \$75 in advance and \$85 at the door and will be available online beginning April 1, 2009 at www.cancer.ca/toast. All proceeds raised are in support of the Canadian Cancer Society.



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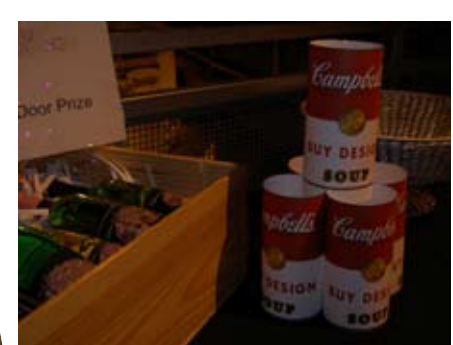
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The Fashion District Store in association with Nikki Clarke Inc. will be celebrating an amazing year of business at the Gladstone Hotel, Sunday, March 29 from 8 pm to 1 am.

The night will be hosted by Nikki Clarke (Nix on da Mix) of AND THE BEAT GOES ON , www.thatchannel.com ! Come out and celebrate a night of high fashion and talented musical guests! Tickets are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door . The ticket cost cover entertainment, light refreshments, and swag bags. You can purchase your tickets in advance at the Fashion District Store, 555 Queen Street West or call 647-430-7433 or through Nikki Clarke Inc.474 Richmond Street East/ 647-235-7531.

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