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from the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

Out of the Showroom and onto the Exhibit Floor - Toronto vendors have a lot to show off!

No matter what the state of the economy dictates, history has shown that at times like these, many try to escape the news of gloom and doom by transferring their energy and thoughts into something more positive and entertaining. Cocooning is not the answer. Getting out and staying involved or entertained are cures for the economy blues - even if you can't afford what you see - it's always nice to dream. After all isn't that we buy lottery tickets? Going to an exhibition of any kind will guarantee you a lot of easy walking exercise. You are usually so wrapped up by what you see that you usually forget you have walked the length of a convention hall several times over. That alone is a good incentive to get out during the winter and spring months.

In this first edition of our on-line magazine SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS, we have compiled and condensed a listing of indoor and outdoor consumer shows and exhibitions.

There is definitely no shortage of productions as you can see in this issue. Throughout the year, this edition will be updated and be available as a free download. Regular listing updates and additions can be found at any time by going to our website and clicking on the Shows and Exhibitions button in the instant links section.

I highly recommend that you pass on this PDF format publication to your friends and associates and also let them know that they can visit our website at www.HOToronto.com and download this and our other publications for FREE.

I hope you enjoy and use this new magazine as your guide. Your comments and recommendations are always welcome.

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CONSUMER SHOWS

March 13 – 15 **PERFORMANCE WORLD CUSTOM CAR SHOW**

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The show for hardcore automotive enthusiasts, with 350,000 sq. ft. over 600 custom cars & trucks. Always new features, plus Racetracks, car clubs, speed & custom accessories & over 250 vendors. www.performanceworldcarshow.com

March 13 - 15 **TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BICYCLE SHOW**

Direct Energy Centre

The Toronto International Bicycle Show is the best place to shop for bicycles and accessories, preview the newest trends in cycling from the top manufacturers and distributors plus enjoy thrilling action-packed events. The show is celebrating its 23rd year in production and is one of the largest exclusive bicycle consumer shows in North America. Some of the events will include the exhilarating Toronto BMX Jam 09 contest in the Heritage Court. This exciting Pro/Am Street contest series returns to Toronto for the 9th year, featuring many of the world's biggest names in BMX Street Course pulling unbelievable tricks on an indoor street course. Add the Toronto X Track Challenge (Mountain Bike and BMX 4X Races and the Freestyle Dirt Jump Contest) and the CFO Pro/Am BMX Flatland Freestyle Competition and you get lots of value for your admission. The show also provides valuable cycling information such as where, when and how, club enrollment opportunities, Extreme Theatre, Mountain Bike Trials show, and much more. www.bicycleshowtoronto.com

March 17 - 22 **CANADA BLOOMS** **Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building.**

Canada Blooms: The Toronto Flower & Garden Festival invites you to visit a paradise bursting with six acres of glorious gardens in full bloom, more than 100,000 square feet of green thumb shopping and much, much more at Canada's largest and most prestigious flower and garden festival. Interested in learning more about gardening? With four different stages going non-stop, the show offers over 200 hours of seminars, workshops and demonstrations in five days from some of the best garden experts in North America. And it's free with your admission to Canada Blooms. www.canadablooms.com

March 18 - 20 **TORONTO SPORTSMEN'S SHOW** **Direct Energy Centre**

For more than 60 years, the Toronto Sportsmen's Show has been a rite of spring for everyone who revels in the great outdoors. More than 450 exhibitors are preparing for the 2008 edition. The Ontario Out Of Doors Hunting Hall is headquarters for the avid hunter and outdoorsman. It features firearms, bows and archery products, camouflage clothing, decoys, global positioning systems, accessories, bird calls, knives, gun cases and safes, scopes, night vision products, binoculars, scents, books and much more. Bow hunters can even test before they buy at the Archery Test Drive Centre. The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.) presents the Hunting Seminar Stage, where experts will conduct a series of seminars on hunting waterfowl, bear, moose and whitetail deer. Over five days, an expected 125,000 visitors will see and handle all they need for hiking, camping and boating. It will be the most extensive assortment of fishing / hunting equipment and outdoor gear in the show's illustrious history - including the latest in fishing and leisure boats, tents and backpacks, ATVs and motorcycles, and canoes and kayaks. In addition to the vastly popular Ontario Out Of Doors Hunting Hall, show organizers have prepared crowd-pleasing features and special exhibit areas that make the Toronto Sportsmen's Show truly unique.

March 19 - 22 **TORONTO ART EXPO** **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**

The Toronto Art Expo, Canada's premiere fine art exhibition and sale, celebrates its sixth year with its largest show ever featuring over 350 established Canadian and international artists and galleries from 12 countries. Spanning almost 150,000 square feet, the Toronto Art Expo is Canada's largest indoor exhibition dedicated exclusively to the work of contemporary fine artists. In addition to visual art, the Expo features performances by 35 dance and musical artists representing cultures from around the world. The Toronto Art Expo features rare pieces from international artists and showcases world trends in contemporary art. With literally thousands of works to choose from, the 2009 Expo attracts visiting artists around the world including China, Korea, Japan, Russia, Germany, Israel, the United Arab Emirates and East Bengal, among others. www.torontoartexpo.com

March 19 – 22 **INTERNATIONAL HOME & GARDEN SHOW** **International Trade Centre**

Canada's largest 4-day Home & Garden Show, the International Home & Garden Show invites visitors to explore over 500 vendors showcasing their home and garden products and services. Visitors can take in all the activities on our Do-It-Yourself Stage, with well-known guest speakers presenting interactive, knowledgeable seminars. They can enjoy the latest Leisure Products in the Patio, Pool & Spa World and take a stroll down Dream Builder's Walk. Everyone will have a chance to enter to win great prizes. With over 300,000 sq. ft. of displays, The International Home & Garden Show is a Must See Spring Event that will beat away those winter blahs. There is plenty of FREE parking and FREE Childcare for visitors! Great Savings Opportunity! When visitors pay to get into the International Home & Garden Show they automatically get into the Successful Gardening Show FREE! That's 2 Shows for the Price of 1! www.home-show.net

March 19-22 **SUCCESSFUL GARDENING SHOW** **International Trade Centre**

The Successful Gardening Show is an annual event geared for the practical gardening enthusiast and backyard adventurer. The Garden Marketplace features seeds, bulbs, hard-to-find plants and flowers, books, gardening décor, accessories and much, much more. As well they have helpful seminars at the Gardening Life Theatre, featuring well-known gardening experts who are happy to update visitors on the latest gardening trends. See Southern Ontario's OHA members show off their blooms and imagination as they celebrate 100 years of Keeping Ontario Beautiful at the Ontario Horticultural Association's Plant and Flower Competition. Fun for the whole family, children can participate in the "Kid's Make-It and Take-It Garden" and take home a fun garden project. Mom and Dad can drop children off at the FREE Childcare area while they shop in over 70,000 sq. ft. of vendor displays, take part in the People's Choice "Best In Show" Landscape competition, and enter the grand prize draw. www.home-show.net

March 20 - 22 **TORONTO WINE & CHEESE SHOW** **Hall 5 Entrance, International Trade Centre**

The Toronto Wine & Cheese Show is Canada's largest and leading show of its kind. In 2008, the show reached 25 years of continued success and you can be a part of it.

Canada's premier gourmet event...

The Toronto Wine & Cheese Show is known worldwide for its informative and refined selection of gourmet food and award-winning wines. It also features cuisine from renowned restaurants, exciting seminars, beers, single malt whiskies, forthcoming vintages and industry-regarded wine and beer competitions. It's a show that has a consistent loyal following, that increases in numbers every year. Enjoy the Show... Please don't drink and drive. Must be 19 years of age or older. No children, no infants.
www.towineandcheese.com

March 21 - 22
TORONTO SUPER ANIMECON

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Cosplay Idol: Are you the next Idol? Put on your best costume and flaunt it for the celebrity judges. They will make their comments and then the audience will vote to decide who makes it through to the final round! Prizes to won, fun to be had. Perhaps you could be the next Cosplay Idol!
www.hobbystar.com

March 27 - 29
ULTIMATE TRAVEL SHOW

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
Celebrating Over 24 Years of Bringing You the World! You're ready to travel. The bags are practically packed and waiting at the door. Now is the time to visit the Travel & Leisure Show. Whether you want to travel to a remote destination, explore exotic locales or enjoy a leisurely daytrip, the Travel and Leisure show is your first stop. With over 220 exhibitors, this is the premier source for destination information. Exciting contests, incredible demos and top entertainment - this is the ultimate event for anyone interested in travel! And you might just win your dream vacation! All these exciting opportunities are under one roof and so easy to access. The spring 2009 show will continue to offer deals, savings and on-site purchasing opportunities, but there will be an increased focus on the travel research component and experiential opportunity for attendees.
www.travelandleisureshow.com

March 27 - 29
THE SPRING COTTAGE LIFE SHOW

Hall 1 Entrance, International Trade Centre
It's your weekend - live it up! The Spring Cottage Life Show is Canada's largest three-day consumer show attracting more than 32,000 cottagers. Geared specifically to cottagers and those who love spending time at the lake, this show features more than 500 exhibitors showing everything from boats to bunkies, septic systems to insulation, canoes and kayaks, environmental products and services, to fun things like art and decor for any cot-

tage or cabin. Cottagers will also enjoy the informative feature areas such as the Cottage Kitchen, Cottage Workshop, Life at the Lake, Cottage Real Estate Centre and The Cottage Wildlife Centre. Whether you own a cottage, rent a cottage, or just enjoy being a cottage guest, this show celebrates your passion for lakeside living.
www.cottagelife.com

March 28 - 29
NATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SHOW

Direct Energy Centre
Shop for new and used motorcycles, parts, accessories, clothing, information and much more, right when you want to - the start of motorcycle season! Custom bike show, used bike lot and the motorcycle auction are all back.
www.nationalmotorcycleshow.com

April 1 - 5
ONE OF A KIND SPRING SHOW & SALE

Direct Energy Centre
The One of a Kind Show is Canada's finest craft show, bringing innovative artists, craftspeople, and designers together to share their unique creations with the rest of the world. With a proud focus on homegrown talent, the Spring Show brings together the best of Canada, for a personal shopping experience like no other.

April 3 - 5
INTERNATIONAL ANTI-AGING SHOW

International Centre
Every spring men and women in the Ontario region wait in anticipation for the one show that's totally dedicated to helping them look and feel better about themselves. They range from thirty to sixty years of age and come by the thousands, many with a certain gleam in their eyes because they know, when the doors open it's time for them. They leave their every day worries at home and come to explore the hundreds of anti-aging products and services available at the show! You too can feel good about yourself again! Bring your spouse, your friends, your mom and dad ... discover the ever-changing world of anti-aging!
www.theantiagingshow.com

April 3 - 5
BABY TIME SHOW... PRENATAL TO PRESCHOOL

Hall 5, International Trade Centre
Today's Parent Baby Time Show is the three day event designed to keep you up-to-date with the latest products and innovations providing you with everything you need for your belly, birth, baby and toddler. Try and buy essential baby gear, those must-have maternity outfits and that little something special! Speak one-on-one with pregnancy and parenting experts; grab a seat for one of

our informative seminars; shop with over 200 exhibitors with everything from maternity fashions; nursery furniture and decor; baby gear, toys, clothing and more. It's the perfect place for grandparents and friends to share the exciting experience with you.

April 3 - 5
SPRING CLASSIC COLLECTOR CAR AUCTION & SWAP MEET
Hall 3, international trade centre

For nearly three decades, RM Auctions has had the privilege of offering the world's finest motor cars to a discerning clientele. From humble origins in the field of classic car restoration, this has grown to emerge as the industry leading collector car auction house. We are driven by a love of vintage automobiles, coupled with a desire to preserve the history of automotive design and technology. In support of this mission, RM Auctions create exciting, memorable auction experiences that feature the best in classic cars and attract enthusiasts from across the globe.
www.rmauctions.com

April 3 - 5
YOGA THE CONFERENCE AND SHOW 2009
Metro Toronto Convention Centre

With over 10,000 anticipated participants, 150 exhibitors, 100 workshops, classes, demonstrations and entertainment, this show will be the ultimate one stop shop for everything YOGA! Be sure not to miss the International best selling authors, educators and presenters, including world renowned Yoga master Rodney Yee. Rodney has received international respect and admiration for his practice of Yoga and has been featured on Oprah. Master Yogis Seane Corn, Baron Baptiste (Yoga instructor to the NFL Philadelphia Eagles), David Swenson, Liliias Folan, Dharma Mittra and more are here to impart their wisdom and expertise with the beginner and seasoned Yoga enthusiast alike!
www.theyogaconference.com

April 4 - 5
TORONTO SPRING MOTORCYCLE SHOW
Hall 1, International Trade Centre

This giant retail extravaganza features fabulous bargains from rows and rows of accessory dealers; helmets, leather jackets, tires, accessories ... all your riding needs. Used Bike Clearance Sales with -bargains on all makes and models in the USED BIKE MARKET! To sell your motorcycle, bring it along with \$40 to the International Centre Friday April 3rd between noon and 11 pm or Saturday April 4th 8 am - 9:45 am. Swap Meet features used & hard to find parts for American, British, European and Asian motorcycles ... Memorabilia, magazines, books, videos, clear out items and more! Feature Displays include Ontario's finest Motorcycle Clubs and Racing Organizations and the

best of the Marque Clubs will show British, American, European and Asian Vintage bikes from around the world.
www.supershowevents.com

April 10 - 12
ALL ABOUT PETS

Hall 3, International Trade Centre
All About Pets Show is Canada's premier consumer pet show and is dedicated to promoting the responsible ownership of pets.

April 10 - 12
METRO HOME SHOW

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
The Metro Home Show is the ultimate resource for planning your home for the new Spring Season. Realize your dream, from accessible and affordable interior and exterior design, hot new trends in decks, patios gardens kitchen design and décor, to organizing tips, green ideas for the home, healthy cooking and small space solutions. Experience Toronto design from your favorite local celebrities, shop over 250 reno, landscape, kitchen and décor exhibits and meet with experts – all under one roof. Get out of the winter funk and into the hot spring trends at this years Metro Home Show.

April 17 - 19
TORONTO POSTAGE STAMP SHOW

Direct Energy Centre
Postage stamp exhibition and marketplace with dealers from across Canada, the United Kingdom and the United States, Canada Post, society and club information, stamps for kids, hourly draw prizes and much more. Sponsored by the Canadian Stamp Dealers' Association with exhibits by the North Toronto Stamp Club.
www.csaonline.com

April 17 - 19
TOTAL HEALTH 2009

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
The focus for the 2008 show is devoted to the SLOW MOVEMENT, a cultural shift toward slowing down the pace of life. The aim of the slow movement is to gain time to "do nothing", live slow and enjoy the moment. It advocates replacing the Fast Food culture with Slow Food, enjoying regional produce and traditional foods, often grown organically. Such a lifestyle preserves agricultural biodiversity, provides the pleasure of eating with a global conscience and returns us to a simpler and calmer way of life.

April 18 - 19
TORONTO COMICON
(Fan Appreciation Event)

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
The Toronto ComiCon features many fantastic comic book professional guests. Comic

book retailers, all in one place at one time! At Toronto Comicon you will find everything you are looking for from the hottest comics, graphic novels, toys, games, videos, DVD's, memorabilia, artwork, posters, trading cards, costumes, t-shirts and much more.

April 18 - 19
TORONTO TOY, TRAIN & DOLL COLLECTOR'S SHOW

International Trade Centre
Doug Jarvis has been organizing toy shows in Canada for over 35 years. Along with the very capable and dedicated staff of Toronto Show Promotions they have been able to expand their collectible TOY SHOWS and TRAIN SHOWS into the largest shows of their type in Canada. See the selection and mix of toys, dolls, teddy bears, and holiday decorations. There is something at the show for everybody!
www.antiquetoys.ca

April 24 - 26
CREATIV FESTIVAL

International Trade Centre
It's about trend spotting, inspiration, fabulous shopping, new products, industry experts, how-to's, make 'n takes, seminars, fashion shows, book signings, exquisite displays, & exciting door prizes! When the economy gets tough, the fashion conscious get creative. Creativ Festival offers budget-friendly opportunity to discover the DIY diva within. Create your own singular style -- all the while embracing the less-is-more attitude of the new economy. It's all here ... appliqué, beadwork, bear making, brass embossing, card making, crafting, crochet, cross stitch, cutwork, designing, digitizing, embroidery, fabric dyeing, felting, finishing, fitting, framing, goldwork, heirloom sewing, knitting, lace making, long arm stand-up machine quilting, loomwork, machine embroidery, needle tating, needlepoint, paper crafts, patchwork, pattern alterations, pattern drafting, punch art, quilting (hand & machine), rug hooking, scrapbooking, serging, sewing, shadow work, silk ribbon embroidery, smocking, stamping, stencilling, surface embellishment + much, much more.
www.creativfestival.ca

April 24 - 26
THE GREEN LIVING SHOW

Direct Energy Centre
Over 150 free cooking lessons, food talks and demonstrations; Hundreds and hundreds of FREE food and drink samples to taste; oodles of expert advice; and thousands of new and unique products to buy to take home at special Festival prices.
www.greenlivingonline.com/torontoshow

April 24 - 26
ELLE CANADA

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In true Canadian style, the opening night will host the Toronto Fashion Incubator's New Labels Fashion Design Competition - a tradition in Toronto for more than 16 years. Proceeds are in support of the Toronto Fashion Incubator's efforts in helping young Canadian fashion design talent get started.

May 1 - 3
SPORTSCARD & MEMORABILIA EXPO

International Centre
www.sportscardexpo.com

May 1 - 3
THE CLOTHING SHOW

Better Living Centre, Exhibition Place
www.theclothingshow.com

May 12-15
KIDS WORLD OF ENERGY FESTIVAL

Bandshell Park, Exhibition Place
The Kids' World of Energy Festival offers a fun learning experience for grade five students with an important message about the need to conserve, understand, and respect energy in our homes and communities. With over 50 educational activities, speakers and performers contributing to this celebration, students will gain a new perspective on energy in their lives. The Kids' World of Energy Festival brings together over 4000 students from across the GTA to explore the relationship of energy to our lives and life on the planet. Kids have the unique opportunity to discover the science and manifestations of energy in an urban environment.
www.trec.on.ca

June 5 - 6
PEOPLE IN MOTION

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Canada's premier event for persons with disabilities, seniors with special needs and professionals working in related areas.

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