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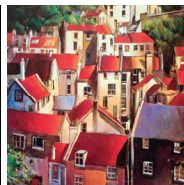
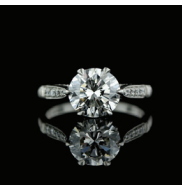
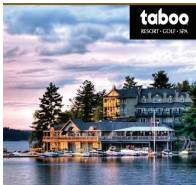
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From the editor



Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

FUNdraising season is in full swing with Galas, Fundraisers and Golf Tournaments

HOToronto Magazine, in its commitment to keeping you informed and enlightened, continues to present you with a host of new on-line download magazine titles. This addition of GALAvanting to the roster is the fourth edition to date and the response has been overwhelming. 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 be of interest to the consumer and trade sectors alike. We have compiled 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 15 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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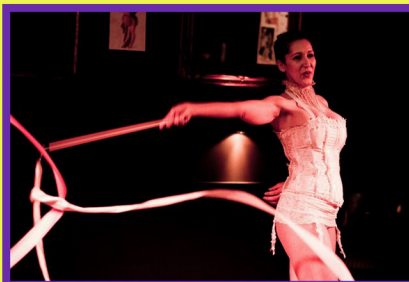


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- Rosemary Dobson

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YOUR GUIDE TO THE BEST GALAS & FUNDRAISERS

A FLIGHT OF FANTASY: WILD HORSE SALOON

May 1

**Paramount Convention Centre
222 Rowntree Dairy Road,
Woodbridge**

416-747-3859

In support of Humber River Regional Hospital Foundation.

Flights of Fantasy, one of four signature events hosted by Humber River Regional Hospital Foundation, now has an exciting new format – no longer a gala but a large cocktail party. Humber River Regional Hospital is paving the way to build a new state-of-the-art modern technologically advanced medical facility in the very near future. On a provincial and national scale, Humber River Regional Hospital will play a vital role in providing solutions to Ontario's health-care challenges. Flights of Fantasy is an event that truly embodies Humber River Regional Hospital's bright future. It is an event that inspires, awes, and takes flight.

www.flightsoffantasy.ca

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

February 20

**The Terrace Banquet Centre,
Vaughan**

416-410-5177

In support of Cancer Research at Princess Margaret Hospital.

www.acureinthefuture.com

BARBADOS CHARITY BALL “Safeguarding The Future”

June 12

Toronto Congress Centre

In support of Scholarships and HIV Aids

This 7th annual formal event includes a pre-dinner reception, four-course dinner, live entertainment, dancing, an award presentation, live and silent auctions and a midnight sweet table. A true taste of Barbados here in Toronto.

www.barbadosballcanada.com

BELL CELEBRITY GALA

October 14

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

In support of SickKids Foundation

www.bellgala.ca

BID ON THE BOYS

May 13

The Paramount in Vaughan

617-379-9509

In support of Willow Breast

Cancer Support Centre

Now in its 11th 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 3

Liberty Grand

416-925-8981 Ext. 4138

In support of Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Toronto

Celebrating 40 years of history. A special evening celebrating the people who make a difference in the lives of so many children and youth in the community. Enjoy a wonderful evening featuring silent and live auctions, gourmet dinner and fabulous entertainment.

www.bbbst.com

BOOK LOVER'S BALL

“A Night of Sheer Literary Fun”

February 11

The Fairmont Royal York, Toronto

In support of Toronto Public Library Foundation.

In its fifth year, The Book Lover's Ball will again be the “must attend” event of the year and better than ever. More importantly, proceeds from this extraordinary event will enhance the work of Toronto's Library. Mingle with celebrity guests at the cocktail reception and savour exquisite hors d'oeuvres inspired by Celebrity Chef Patrick McMurray of Starfish Oyster Bed & Grill. Dine with a famous author and get into the heads of today's most talked-about writers. Enjoy an exclusive fashion show inspired by famous scenes in literature and featuring stunning couture designs from top Canadian designers.

www.bookloversball.ca

BRAZILIAN CARNIVAL BALL “Destination Brazil”

May 8

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

905-475-2520

In support of Toronto East General Hospital

Welcome to a time when travel was romantic and the unknown was the most exciting part of the adventure. Let the excitement begin from the moment you step off the plane with exotic music, majestic costumes and mesmerizing dancers. You might need a guide to experience everything – from the tantalizing aroma of authentic cuisine and bustle of a local market to the vibrant spirit and revelry of the Carnival Parade. And just as you decide that you never want to leave, you realize, you're not that far from home. Welcome to Rio's Carnival – brought to you in the heart of downtown Toronto.

www.brazilianball.com

BUTTERFLY BALL

May 20

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 SPRING SOCIAL

April 10

Distillery Historic District

In support of Windfall

Buy Design Spring Social is Windfall's seventh annual dress up party.

www.buydesignforwindfall.ca

CANADIAN SONGWRITERS HALL OF FAME

6TH ANNUAL GALA

March 28

Toronto Centre for the Arts

416-870-8000

Rush and Robert Charlebois are among the 16 influential inductees to be honoured at 2010 Canadian Songwriters Hall Of Fame Gala. Also included are 16 timeless songs and two Legacy Award recipients. For further information please visit www.cansong.ca

THE CHOCOLATE BALL

"Disco Decadence"

October 22

Palais Royale Ballroom

416-923-4686

In support of the Ava Rose Fund - SickKids

Dance, dance, dance! A tribute to the music and discos that Torontonians grew up with in the 70's and 80's. 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 Auction plus draws and raffles. Dust off your disco accessories and clothes and come dressed for the occasion in your best authentic disco wardrobe. You could win the prize for the best single or couple! The Chocolate Ball is the signature event of ChocolateFest 2010, the Toronto Chocolate Festival. www.TheChocolateBall.com
www.TorontoChocolateFestival.com

THE CHOCOLATE BALL

(SPRING)

"Coco-Motion"

May 5

Eagles Nest Golf Club, Vaughan

In support of Vaughan In Motion

The spring version of the famous Chocolate Ball heads north of the city to the city of Vaughan as a Mothers Day prelude event. This is the perfect gift for moms of all ages. In the tradition of The Chocolate Ball Galas held in October in Toronto, this one will be just as full of chocolate and choc full of entertainment. Live band, DJ and plenty of chocolate, chocolate infused food, drinks and a goody bag make this the event to be at this spring. The theme of this inaugural event is Coco-Motion, featuring the music of the 60's, 70's and 80's.

www.TheChocolateBall.com

CREDIT VALLEY HOSPITAL ANNUAL GALA

February 26

Mississauga Convention Centre

In support of Credit Valley Hospital

Foundation

www.cvhfoundation.ca

DA VINCI GALA

April 28

La Primavera Convention Centre

77 Woodstream Blvd, Vaughan

416-586-8203 ext. 8749

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

The Honourees for this fifth annual event will be Julian and Liviana Fantino. This event will help ensure that this centre of excellence will remain at the frontier of knowledge and apply the latest advances in the diagnosis and treatment for patients with thyroid cancer. The gala dinner includes a silent auction, as well as live entertainment.

www.davincigala.com

D.A.N.I. GALA

February 8

Richmond Hill Centre for the Arts

In support of Developing and

Nurturing Independence

905-731-6606

www.dani-canada.com

DO YOU BELIEVE IN MAGIC

March 27

Rattlesnake Golf Club

905-827-7961

In support of the Critical Care Unit at SickKids

This is the Fourth Annual Sydney Clark Fundraiser '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

DRAGON BALL

February 6

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

In support of Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation

Dragon Ball is the largest Chinese New Year celebration of its kind in North America and it is Yee Hong's annual signature fundraising event. Since 1998, the event has averaged \$1 million net in funds raised each year. The proceeds go towards Yee Hong's programs and services for 15,000 seniors and their families across the GTA. Dragon Ball is known for its exquisite cuisine, lavish entertainment and auction. The success of this event is attributed to the generous support of the corporate community and the significant involvement of volunteers. In its 21st year, the 2010 gala will welcome the Year of the Tiger and is expected to attract 1,200 patrons.

www.YeeHong.com

EAT TO THE BEAT

October

Roy Thomson Hall

In support of Willow Breast Cancer Support Centre

www.eattothebeat.ca

FANDANGO! CON AMORE

May 1

Four Seasons Hotel

416-461-8252 Ext. 2247

In support of Bridgpoint Health Foundation

Inspired by the sun-drenched hills and dramatic azure coastline of Amalfi, Fandango! Con Amore

showcases everything you love about Italy. This fabulous gala continues the Fandango! tradition of bringing the world's best parties to Toronto. Lively music, delectable cuisine and fine wines will transport you to the lemon-scented landscape of la Costa Amalfintana - an experience you won't want to miss!
www.bridgepochthealthfoundation.ca

FESTA DAS AMIGAS 2010

February 6

Ambiance Banquet Hall

647-308-5036

In support of cancer care at SickKids

Festa Das Amigas is a night for women only and has been raising money for cancer care at SickKids for the last 5 years. Music by Starlight and Michelle Tavares. Hosted by Christina Costa from Chin Radio.

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GALA TO CURE CANCER

March 26

Terrace Banquet Centre

1680 Creditstone Road, Vaughan

905-832-8298

In support of Vaughan In Motion To Cure Cancer

Featuring George St. Kitts with special guests Juno Award winner Billie Newton Davis & Sounds of Motown. Dinner & dance includes antipasto bar, dinner, dessert, open bar + martini bar and silent auction
www.vaughaninmotion.com

INNOVATOR'S BALL 2010

TBA

Ontario Science Centre

In support of the Ontario Science Centre

416-696-4630

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April 10

La Vita Banquet Hall,

4000 Steeles Avenue West

Woodbridge

grafinej@uwaterloo.ca

In support of SickKids Hospital

An evening of great food and entertainment at a gala dinner to raise donations for Jalal's Fund. All proceeds will go towards finding a cure for childhood leukemia.

LATIN LOVERS BALL

February 13

Arcadian Court

Enjoy a fun-filled evening of singing, dancing and a gourmet meal. This fundraiser will feature vocal selections by Louis Simao, entertainment by Cafe Cubano, dance demonstrations and salsa coaching, gourmet dinner with Latin/Spanish flair and a deluxe silent auction.

MEAGAN'S WALK DINNER DANCE

February 18

Eglinton Grand,

400 Eglinton Ave.W.

416-239-7843

In support of Meagans Walk, Sickkids Hospital

The 9th Annual Meagan's Walk Dinner and Dance Gala is the "kick off" for Meagan's Walk on Mother's Day. A time to celebrate a year of achievement and look forward to another dynamic year for Meagan's Walk. Fun, fine food and wine and entertainment. Tickets are \$150.00 per person which includes cocktails, dinner, dancing, auctions and entertainment.
www.meaganswalk.com

MOZART UNLACED

May 12

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March 27

The Berkeley

315 Queen St. East

In support of the Reena Foundation

This high profile event attracts over 600 professionals between the ages of 25-50.

www.reenafoundation.org

OPERANATION 6: "Habanera"

February 26

Four Season Centre for the Arts

416-306-2305, Sarah Jarvis

In support of the outreach programs of the Canadian Opera Company

At Operanation 6, Habanera over 1000 of Toronto's urban elite will celebrate the essence of Bizet's most beloved opera, Carmen. Operanation 6, Habanera is comprised of two fabulous events:

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Habanera: Discover the passion of Carmen, as Habanera captures the seductress' fatalistic soul and desire to live and love freely, whatever the cost. Held in the Isadore and Rosalie Sharp City Room, Habanera encourages guests to explore their inner Carmen, as they enjoy a sizzling performance and a night of Latin-inspired

music and dance. Indulge in fine tapas cuisine, custom cocktails, a silent auction, a raffle and so much more.

www.coc.ca

**PENCER BRAIN TRUST GALA
“Ten: Tenth Anniversary Fete”**

May 26

Liberty Grand

416-923-2999

In support of Gerry & Nancy Pencer Brain Trust

Festive, flirty and fabulously French, this event celebrates its 10th anniversary with a French-inspired lounge, fabulous silent auction, fancy French Fare, dancing and much more. 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

THE PINK BEDROOM PARTY

October 2010

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

“Jardin”

April 24

Liberty Grand

In support of Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario

www.pogo.ca/gala

THE POSSIBLE DREAM GALA

April 10

Riviera Parque, Vaughan

In support of MukiBaum Treatment Centre

MukiBaum's signature annual event, The Possible Dream Gala, continues to be the 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.

www.mukibaum.com

RAINBOW BALL 2010

TBA

Mississauga Convention Centre

In support of the Kathy Drury Charitable Foundation

www.cfofm.org

RED ROSE BALL

April 22

(location TBA)

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

Celebrating the 176th anniversary of The St. George's Society of Toronto and the 51st anniversary of York University.

www.stgeorges.to

ROOTS AND WINGS

April 23

The Eglinton Grand

In support of Trails Youth Initiatives

The gala evening starts off with a martini cocktail reception, a “not to be missed” oyster and seafood bar, followed by a sit-down dinner, silent and wish list auctions and an after-dinner party. Savour a spectacular meal, dance to tunes you've forgotten you loved. Enjoy the excitement of a Wish List Live auction and put a smile on the face of every Trails participant. Make a difference in a child's life; give them the opportunity they might not have ever had.

www.trails.ca

TAFELMUSIK GALA

May 2010

Liberty Grand

416-964-9562 Ext.234

In support of Tafelmusik

www.tafelmusik.org

TEDDY BEAR AFFAIR

November 2010

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

In support of the Childrens Aid Foundation

www.casmt.on.ca

TORONTO TASTE

June 13

Location TBA

In support of Second Harvest

The original must-attend event for gourmands, Toronto Taste is an eve-

ning that pairs cuisine and compassion, treating guests to extraordinary samplings prepared by the city's finest chefs and delicious beverages provided by 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. 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

THE VENETIAN BALL

October 16

Toronto Convention Centre

In support of Villa Charities Foundation

For one night only, the mystery of the Venetian Carnevale will once again take centre stage at the 2010 Venetian Ball! This blockbuster event is an authentic Italian celebration featuring exquisite masks, delectable food and drink, famous faces, priceless auction items, as well as a surprise live entertainer that will sure to leave you wanting more!

www.villacharities.com

TRILLIUM DIWALI 2010

October 22

Location TBA

905-848-7580 Ext. 2930

In support of Seniors Health at Trillium Hospital

www.trilliumhealthcentre.org

VALENTINE BALL

February 13

Westin Harbour Castle,

Toula, 38th Floor

416-813-0909

In support of Haiti Relief an Youth Day 2010

Delectable hors d'oeuvres, live entertainment & popular dj, dancing at a magnificent venue with an incredible view. Special featured attraction is the Cupid Celebrity Auction. Doors open 9:30 pm dress to impress - (no jeans).

www.valentineball.com

WE GOT THE BEAT

March 20

Mississauga Grand Convention Center

647-401-6225

In support of SickKids Hospital

An 80's theme fundraiser - dinner, dancing and a great cause! Tickets include a DJ to help dance the night away, full four course menu, deluxe open bar and of course come dressed to impress in your best 80s attire!

WYATT'S WARRIORS 2ND ANNUAL HAVE A HEART GALA
February 12

Tosca Banquet Hall,

800 Champlain Avenue Oshawa

289-404-1021 |

In support of the Cardiac Critical Care Unit at SickKids Hospital.

Enjoy a great evening including a delicious 5 course meal, open bar, dj, dancing, raffles, silent auction, and live entertainment provided by Singer Georgia Higgins and Comedian Dave Hemstad. !

www.wyattswarriors.ca

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