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Toronto Celebrates Summer With Festivals Lots of Them!

Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

As we celebrate our 18th year of publishing, 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.

The information compiled in this issue is derived from many sources, solicited and unsolicited. Our team of writers and photographers have been covering festivalss for more than a dozen years, and each year there are more and more festivals popping up all over the city and throughout the GTA.

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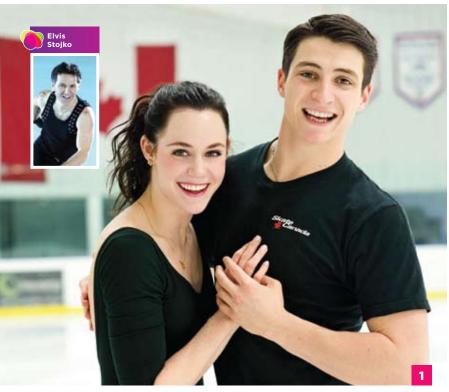
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- **President's Choice SuperDogs**
- **Illusionist Ted Outerbridge**













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TORONTO SUMMER + FALL **FESTIVALS GUIDE 2012**

July 6 - 22 SUMMERLICIOUS **Various Dining Locations throughout Toronto**

For an unforgettable Summerlicious experience, take advantage of the incredible value and exlusive prix fixe menus offered at 180 of Toronto's favourite restaurants. Participating restaurant menus will be available early in June on the officiial website.

www.toronto.ca/special events

July 9 - 10 **AFROFEST**

Queens Park Afrofest is the African cultural event of the summer, with plenty to see and do! It is a FREE weekend-long celebration of African culture and diversity centred on the non-stop music and dance taking place on three outdoor stages. Afrofest features world-renowned African music acts, as well as dozens of highly-rated African musical groups based in Canada. With a bustling African marketplace, food and craft vendors, artistic displays, a Children's Village, a drum stage, music workshops, and organized fun and educational activities for youth and children, Afrofest provides guaranteed fun for the whole family, to people of all ethnicities and communities.

www.muiscafrica.org

July 17 - August 12 CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL TORONTO **Various Locations PARADE: August 4** Lakeshore Blvd. W. at Exhibition Place

KING + QUEEN COMPETITION: Aug.12 **Lamport Stadium**

The Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival Toronto Festival is an exciting two-week cultural explosion of Caribbean music, cuisine, revelry as well as visual and performing arts. In its 44th year it has become a major international event and the largest cultural festival of its kind in North America. As Carnival is an international cultural phenomenon, the great metropolis of Toronto and its environs will come alive as the city explodes with the pulsating rhythms and melodies of Calypso, Soca, Reggae, Hip Hop, Chutney, Steel Pan and Brass Bands. This colourful exhibition and display of genius is truly a musical panorama that is certain to bring a pleasing smile to the ancestral titans of Pan and Calypso music.

The Caribbean Carnival Toronto Festival is an expression of Toronto's multicultural and multiracial society. An increasing number of attendees and participants come from the US and overseas. The events are planned months in advance. The costumes and mas band

displays are elaborate and oh so delicately worn and designed for movement. Move they do, in a breath-taking spectrum of colours that is best refl ected in the King and Queen Showcase on Parade Day. No Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival Festival is complete without African Drumming along with the Arts and Crafts displays celebrating "Things Caribbean"!

July 20 - 29 BEACHES INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Oueen Street East / Woodbine Park / Kew Gardens

The Beaches International Jazz Festival has grown steadily since that first year of an afternoon of Jazz in the park into a world-class event that attracts an annual audience of 1 million people. Now, in celebration of its 24th anniversary, Beaches Jazz - voted Toronto's #1 music event in a 2006 Toronto Star Decima Poll - has been enhanced to include an additional weekend at Woodbine Park to complement the well-established Main Stage concerts at Kew Gardens, StreetFest, and Jazz related workshops. Also new this year is the Latin Square on the boardwalk near the Leuty Lifeguard Station.

WOODBINE PARK

Be on hand lakeside at Woodbine Park for the launch of the Beaches International Jazz Festival and the kick-off to the Festival's 24th year celebrations. Multiple outdoor stages featuring free concerts. Featuring the "New Generation" and "Youth" stages celebrating young upcoming musicians that are making an impact. Located at the western edge of the Beach community, Woodbine Park is located at the corner of Northern Dancer Boulevard and Lake Shore Boulevard East (Northern Dancer is between Coxwell and Woodbine Avenues).

STREETFEST

Oueen Street East Woodbine to Beech Ave. StreetFest is a Beaches International Jazz Festival original event showcasing the finest in Big Band, Swing, Dixieland, Smooth, Post-Bop, Afro-Cuban, Fusion, Funk, R&B and Soul sounds that Canada has to offer. Upwards of 50 bands entertain you along a closed 2 km stretch of Queen Street East! It's an annual evening pilgrimage for close to a million folks who come out to groove to the music and soak in the ambience.

KEW GARDENS

Continuous free concerts over the weekend by notable jazz music headliners on the main stage in Kew Gardens, located in the heart of Toronto's Beach community. A unique yearly opportunity to witness up front and personal, jazz musicians who've created that special buzz on the international music scene. Bring along friends and family. Settle in on your beach blanket or chair, or check out our outdoor licensed lounge located within viewing distance of the stage! Limited capacity special viewing area will be set aside for those who use wheelchairs/scooters.

Check out the official website for a full listing of performers or download the official program from the www.HOToronto.com www.beachesjazz.com

July 16

GREEN TORONTO FESTIVAL

Yonge-Dundas Square

Bigger, better and greener than ever, this vear's Green Toronto Festival will transform Yonge-Dundas Square into a celebration of all things green! Stroll through more than 100 exhibits of green products and services, sample some scrumptious locally grown food and enjoy live bands & special guest speakers, all in a car-free environment — Yonge Street will be closed to traffic from Dundas to Queen. www.toronto.ca/greentorontofestival

July 16 - 17 SALSA ON ST. CLAIR

St. Clair Ave. West, Hillcrest Village, between Winona Drive And Christie Ave.

Salsa on St. Clair is Canada's largest Latinothemed festival and wraps- up the Latino week in Toronto. Salsa on St Clair has attracted over 1 million salsa lovers to the streets of Toronto since its launch in 2005. Join in on the parade of fun as midtown Toronto's Hillcrest Village, between Winona Drive and Christie Street will be transformed into a showcase of Latin life. The festival features: Live Music, Dance Lessons, Latin Flavours, Family Fun.

July 16 - 17 TASTE OF THAILAND FESTIVAL **Nathan Philips Square**

The biggest Thai community event in downtown Toronto with lots of activities and attractions and in honor of the 50th anniversary of Thai and Canadian, Thai community of Ontario are hosting a celebration; Taste of Thailand 2011. Visitors will experience the tastes of Thailand at authentic Thai food cooking and fruit carving demonstrations. Several Thai restaurants will sell specialties. Entertainment will include Thai cultural dancing, fashion shows, Mouy Thai, a Thai parade, Thai massage and shopping for unique Thai handicrafts and products. The Tourism Authority of Thailand and several Canadian tour operators will provide information on travel to Thailand.

July 17 - August 4

TORONTO SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL Edward Johnson Building (Faculty of Music) at the University of Toronto

An international classical music festival and academy now entering its fifth season, Toronto Summer Music (TSM) brings world-renowned performing artists to Toronto for an unparalleled combination of performances and summer music education.

Programmed by celebrated Artistic Director Douglas McNabney the TSM Festival offers classical music lovers a feast of engaging concerts, enriched by master classes, lectures, exhibitions and workshops. During four weeks of programming, Toronto audiences step into an intimate world imbued with musical energy and creative activity, a world where classical music expresses its power to unite body and

The only summer music program of its kind in Ontario, the TSM Academy offers instruction at the highest level to musicians at thethreshold of their professional careers through individual master classes and string quartet, composition and chamber music workshops.

www.torontosummermusic.com

July 21 - 24 TIRGAN IRANIAN FESTIVAL **Harbourfront Centre**

Tirgan 2012 will present Iranian art and culture through a four-day festival in Toronto – a city that rightfully prides itself in welcoming diversity. We are making a deliberate effort to include contributions from various ethnic groups in Iran in as many artistic and cultural disciplines as possible, showcasing internationally acclaimed as well as local artists and performers of Iranian descent, who celebrate Iranian heritage through music, dance, theatre, cinema, literature, and visual arts. Tirgan also features Iranian cuisine and special arts and crafts presentations made available by vendor kiosks. This is going to be an engaging, educating, and entertaining experience for a wide range of audiences.

tirgan.ca

July 22 **BRAZILFEST TORONTO 2012 Earlscourt Park**

The Festival will offer its attendees the opportunity to be closer to the performers, get a chance to enjoy a taste of Brazil with Brazilian style foods and a family area for families with children to enjoy the day. BrazilFest is now considered a part of the Toronto calendar list of many great events that stimulates and celebrates the collective heritage and multicultural diversity of Toronto. A huge variety of styles of music and dance from all parts of the country, with something to offer for all tastes; rhythms and melodies that reflect the rich cultural heritage of Brazil. Free admission www.brazilfest.ca

August 3 - 6

IRIE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2012

Nathan Phillips Square and Queens Park

The 10th annual TD IRIE Music Festival is a multi-media extravaganza featuring dance, visual art, spoken word and of course great music from the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and North America. Dance from the African Diaspora, spoken word/literature, visual arts exhibition, film, food and drinks. Conveniently located in the heart of downtown Toronto, taking place in two great locations: Nathan Phillips Square.

 $www. \bar{i} riemusic festival.com$

August 4 - 6 THE PIRATE FESTIVAL Milton, Ontario

Grab parrots, hooks, and eye patches and get ready to walk the plank ye scurvy dogs. Thar she blows! Landlubbers, sea cap'ns and all who share the heart of a pirate be welcome. The village stages will be filled from morning 'til evening with family friendly shows. There be buxom beauties and wenches on hand, music and comedy, feats of skill and bravery, sword fighting, and buried treasure to hunt. www.thepiratefestival.com

July 27 **QUEER BEER FESTIVAL Bandshell Park - Exhibition Place**

Toronto's Festival of Beer is proud to announce a new event, the Queer Beer Festival! The first of its kind in North America and in celebration with the queer and trans communities. The Queer Beer Festival will celebrate Canada's rich brewing history, hosted by experts of the brewing craft from around the world. Featuring more than 120 brands, great live acts and delicious food from gourmet BBQ to oyters to more! This event is part of Canada's celebration of all things beer! Featuring performances by Maggie. queerbeer.ca

July 28 MUBUHAY FESTIVAL **Metro Toronto Convention Centre**

July 29 TORONTO FOOD FESTIVAL 5138 Sheppard Ave. E.

August 3 - 6 ISLAND SOUL **Harbourfront Centre**

August 10 - 12 TORONTO'S FESTIVAL OF BEER **Bandshell Park - Exhibition Place**

A celebration of Canada's rich brewing history, hosted by experts of the brewing craft from around the country. Featuring more than 200 brands of beer on-site, this is Canada's premier celebration of the golden beverage.

www.beerlicious.ca

August 10 - 12

TASTE OF THE DANFORTH

Danforth Ave. East of Broadview Avenue GreekTown Taste of the Danforth is one of Toronto's signature events, showcasing Hellenic cuisine and culture. You can enjoy mouthwatering Greek cuisine such as souvlaki

and spanakopita. The festival also offers the multicultural tastes of the city.

The street festival is in the heart of Toronto's GreekTown, and attracts hungry mouths from all over the world for this renowned street festival. They come for the food, the entertainment, the atmosphere, and to be Greek for the weekend! This festival is a must for food-lovers as samples of a variety of the ethnic dishes available at Greek Town restaurants are available for tasting. The event also includes two stages for bands, a Healthy Eating, Healthy Lifestyle Village, a midway, a sports area, a Beer Garden, a Martini Lounge and the Greek Wines Garden.

www.tasteofthedanforth.com

August 10 - 19 PLANET INDIGENUS **Harbourfront Centre**

August 12 JERK FEST - JERK FOOD FESTIVAL Centennial Park Road and Rathburn Road jerkfestival.ca

August 18 -19 YORK-EGLINTON INTERNATIONAL STREET FESTIVAL

Along Eglinton Ave. West corridor from Marlee Ave. to Dufferin Street

The York-Eglinton International Street Festival offers everyone a weekend of hot music and fun activities. Begin your weekend with music and a sidewalk sale on Eglinton Ave. West. On Saturday, live musical performances, dancers, street magicians, buskers, face painters, a kid zone, and a variety of vendors will take over the street and offer something for everyone! There'll be exciting giveaways, kids' activities, and more. Best of all, admission is FREE! www.internationalstreetfest.com

August 18 RASTAFEST **Downsview Park** www.rastafest.com

August 18 **BLOORCOURT ARTS7 CRAFTS FAIR Bloor Street (Shaw St. to Dovercourt)**

August 16 - 19 MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL **Main Street - Unionville**

The 15th annual Markham Jazz Festival starts with the '15th. Anniversary Birthday BLUES BASH at the Flato Markham Theatre on August 16th. in the evening and then a free

weekend of high-quality performances during the day and evening on August 17, 18, 19 and 21 on Main Street Unionville at the Unionville Millennium Bandstand, Varley Art Gallery and McKay Art Centre Beer and Wine Garden, as well as various other stages around town. To compliment the Main Stage events, "Hot Spots" (a variety of venues in Unionville and Markham) present fantastic jazz artists in a 'Street Festival and Concert Environment'. Festival attendees can wander from venue to venue, soaking up the party atmosphere, the jazz music, and the historic beauty of the villages of Unionville and Markham- a truly a magical experience.

The festival will highlight a large variety of music within the family of jazz. The festival committee has worked hard to recruit a wide range of diverse, interesting and well-known artists who will present jazz in all its forms. www.markhamjazzfestival.com

August 17 - September 3 CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (CNE)

Exhibition Place

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) is Canada's largest fair and one of the top 10 fairs in North America. Founded in 1879, the CNE celebrates its 134th year in 2012, when it takes place from August 17 to September 3. Each year over the course of its late summer 18-day run, the CNE attracts approximately 1.3 million people. On average, it generates an economic impact of \$58.6 million on the Greater Toronto Area and \$80 million on the province of Ontario each year. For the past two consecutivefairs, the CNE has been awarded Eco Logo certification, confirming it as the "greenest" fair in North America, and the most "environmentally friendly" large scale event on the continent. The CNEA Horse Show and Casino open before the fair, on Monday, July 30. HorseCapades opens July 31. To learn more visit: www.theex.com You can download the CNE brochure from their official website or at our own website www.HOToronto.com

August 23 - 26 BUSKERFEST

www.theex.com

St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood

Every summer, for 4 days and nights, the streets of the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood come to life with laughter, cheering, aplause and flames when some of the best street performers from around the world gather for the Toronto International BuskerFest. Contortionists, comedians, clowns, magicians, musicians, acrobats, aerialist artists, daredevils and so many more, all strut their stuff to the delight of crowds of all ages. Admission is by donation to Epilepsy Toronto. Playing in the street has never been so much fun! www.torontobuskerfest.com

August 24 - 26 TELUS TAIWANfest: TAIWAN RISING Harbourfront Centre

www.harbourfrontcentre.com

August 25 IMPORTFEST 2012 Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building

Combine one part glitz and glamour, with one part sleek and cool design engineering; add in some lovely ladies and you have a recipe for the hottest car show in North America. Showcasing over 400 modified sport compact cars from across North America and hosting various exhibitors and manufactures including accessories, performance parts and other car merchandise; this show has something for every car enthusiast alike.

More information: www.importfest.com

August 31 - September 3 HISPANIC FIESTA Mel Lastman Square

Splendid sounds, tempting treats and colorful culture that the Hispanic heritage is famous for is what's in store for you. Hispanic Fiesta features the best known local & International Hispanic performers covering 20 different countries, that speak Spanish. More than 300 local, national and international performers will be taking part in the festival.

www.hispanicfiesta.com

September 1 - 5 ARTFEST: OUTDOOR ART SHOW Distillery District

Outdoor Art Show set throughout the Distillery District. Includes Artists from across Ontario and Quebec. Painting, Photography, Sculptures, Printmaking, and Mixed Media by Canadian artists. Live music, great food and a wonderful atmosphere to experience.

September 6 - 16 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Various Theatre Locations

The Toronto International Film Festival ranks among the most prestigious international film festivals in the world. For ten days, film lovers, filmmakers, industry professionals and media watch the best in new cinema from established masters and new talent.

The Toronto International Film Festival presents one of the world's largest annual showcases of Canadian film with the Canada First!Short Cuts Canada and Canadian Open Vault programmes. TIFF receives more than 4,000 submissions and screens more than 300 films annually. It has many programmes in which films from 65 countries are screened. TIFF also presents two public screenings of virtually every invited film and at least one screening for press and industry.

With more than 1,000 internationally accred-

ited media, this festival attracts thousands of Canadian and international industry delegates. As one of the world's most important cultural events, the Festival consistently strives to set the standard for excellence in film programming. Audiences are exposed to the work of emerging talent and masters of the cinema craft from around the world.

The Festival also serves as a platform for this country's artists to share their stories. Audacious in its selection and supported by the strength and intelligence of its international audience, the Festival has become the landmark destination for the moving image - and is forging ahead, seeking new ways to engineer creative and cultural discovery through film. One of North America's premier film events. The Toronto International Film Festival attracts worldwide attention and many of the 'movers and shakers' in the movie industry. The festival is held at a variety of venues throughout the city. Internationally renowned, this film festival shows between 300 and 400 films at approximately 23 screens in downtown Toronto each year. First formed in 1976, the TIFF features blockbuster Hollywood hits, as well as independent works from Canada and around the world. www.tiff.net

September 7 - 9 SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE: BLUES + JAZZ FESTIVAL

Memorial Park - Port Credit

The Blues Pavilion plays host to a fantastic line-up of acoustic and electric musicians. A large grassy seating area directly in front of the ground level stage provides the perfect setting to relax and enjoy the music. The Food Court and Beer Garden located nearby ensure you are well-fed and refreshed for the day. As the gateway to the Festival, Mississippi Dave de Eyre Square welcomes visitors to the festival with an eclectic mix of acoustic and electric performers. Great sound, wide-open spaces and clear sightlines create a comfortable viewing area to stop and enjoy the music.

September 7 - 9 TASTE OF KINGSWAY Bloor Street (Prince Edward Drive to Montgomery Rd.)

September 7 - 9 VEGETARIAN FOOD FESTIVAL Harbourfront Festival)

September 8 ROMANIAN FESTIVAL Mel Lastman Square

September 8 - 9 CABBAGETOWN FESTIVAL Cabbagetown District (bounded by Parliament, Wellesley, Gerrard and Yonge)



September 8 - 9 TARANTELLA FESTIVAL / FIERRA STREETFESTIVAL College Street (Bathurst to Shaw)

September 11 FEAST OF FIELDS

Cold Creek Conservation Area, King Twp.

A leisurely, sumptuous experience celebrating the sustainable growth, preparation & consumption of organic food. Feast of Fields will be an afternoon of indulgence, featuring abundant samples of local wines, craft beers and farm-fresh organic delicacies created by top Southern-Ontario chefs. feastoffields.org

October 13 - 14 TORONTO GARLIC FESTIVAL Evergreen Brick Works

The 2012 Toronto Garlic Festival is for garlic farmers and urban gardeners, food lovers and chefs, and herbalists and chocolatiers to meet and mingle under one roof. - Buy Ontario garlic direct from garlic farmers.

Taste delicious food dishes from Thai, French, Italian, Mexican and other cuisines.

Watch garlic cooking demos, and taste the difference local farming makes.

Hear about the health benefits of garlic. Take home a selection of rare and heirloom garlic varieties to plant in your garden, including Czech Broadleaf, Spanish Roja, Russian, Romanian Red, Korean, Italian, and many more.Go to our website for pre-festival garlic activities throughout the summer.

Cost: \$10, Children Free. Prepared food and crafts for sale.

For more information 416-888-7829

September 14 - 16 QUEEN WEST ART CRAWL Queen Street West

from Bathurst to Roncesvalles

The Queen West Art Crawl began as a one-day event in 2003. Since then it has blossomed into a weekend-long festival of creativity and community. Our goal is to celebrate and cultivate the unique character, diversity and ethos of Queen West - a natural habitat for individual artists, arts organizations, artist run centres and businesses that promote art and culture. www.queenwestartcrawl.com

September 14 - 16 BLOOR WEST VILLAGE TORONTO UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

Bloor West Village

The 15th Annual Toronto Ukrainian Festival in the Bloor West Village! The Toronto Ukrainian Festival is the largest Ukrainian street festival in North America showcasing the best of Ukrainian arts and culture. The Festival is free and provides an entertainment experience for the entire family.

ukrainian festival.com

September 15 VIETNAMESE LANTERN FESTIVAL Harbourfront Centre

September 15 - 16 RONCESVALLES POLISH FESTIVAL Roncesvalles Avenue / Queen St. West

North America's largest celebration of Polish culture in Toronto's best neighbourhood. *polishfestival.com*

September 21- 30 NIAGARA WINE FESTIVAL Montebello Park and various locations in and around St. Catharines, Ontario.

September 23 THE WORD ON THE STREET Queen's Park

Celebrate reading, writing, and literacy at Canada's largest book and magazine festival: The Word on the Street. Visit any of the 250 book, magazine, and literacy exhibitor booths to discover new writers, new publications, and new talent. Take in readings, ask questions, and get your books signed by almost 200 authors, performers, and storytellers. Enjoy great programming all day at any one of 18 performance venues, which include a Bestsellers Stage, Children's Activity Tent, and the Wordshop: The Place for Writers. Last year more than 200,000 people enjoyed The Word on the Street; come see what all the type is about!

www.thewordonthestreet.ca

September 18 - 23 CANADA'S WALK OF FAME FESTIVAL Various Locations in Toronto INDUCTION CEREMONY September 22 Ed Mirvish Theatre

September 29 SCOTIABANK NUIT BLANCHE Citywide - 7:03 pm to Sunrise

Toronto's free all-night contemporary art event. For one sleepless night experience Toronto transformed by artists. The familiar will be discarded as the city becomes the artistic playground for a series of exhilarating contemporary art experiences. One night only. All night long. All free.

For event details, photos, past archives and all of the latest news, *visit*:

www.scotia bank nuitblanche.ca

September 30 SOUPALICIOUS

Artscape Wychwood Barns

With the bounty of Ontario's fresh harvest and the talents of local chefs, the creation of soups is the perfect opportunity to showcase Ontario's culinary, agricultural, environmental and social connections in a fun and tasty way! Soupalicious is presented by the Plant a Row. Grow a Row program: Building upon the

long standing traditions of gardeners loving to share their harvest with those in need, Plant a Row: Grow a Row is a national initiative that encourages folks to grow an extra row of food and share extras from their harvest with those in need. The program is spearheaded by The Compost Council of Canada and Garden Writers Association, with the support from local food banks.

The roots of Soupalicious began in Toronto during the late 1990s and Compost Week celebrations when the story, Stone Soup, was read on top of a compost pile. soupalicious.ca

October 13 - November 4 TORONTO CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL Roy Thomson Hall, Mystseriously Yours Dinner Theatre plus Various Locations In Toronto & The GTA

The Toronto International Chocolate Festival celebrates everything chocolate, and this year it is going international, with The 2nd Annual Luxury Chocolate Show, ChocElite Dinner with The Stars and The 7th Annual Chocolate Ball "Cocoa Cabaret".

(See Ad in this Issue) www.torontochocolatefestival.com

October 14 - 20 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FLAMENCO FESTIVAL

Various Locations in Downtown Toronto

The Toronto International Flamenco Festival, features very talented Canadian and International Flamenco artists. The festival also includes workshops in dance and music. torontoflamencofestival.com

October 10 - 14 PLANET AND FOCUS ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL TIFF Lightbox Royal Ontario Museum Al Green Theatre

Canada's most acclaimed environmental film festival addresses themes from urban alleyways to natural wilderness in genres that include documentary, animation, dramatic features and shorts.

October 12 - 14 CREATIV FESTIVAL 2011 South Building,

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

Creativ Festival is trend spotting, inspiration, new products, spectacular shopping, hands-on conference workshops, industry experts, howtos, make 'n takes, seminars, fashion, style & trunk shows, exquisite displays, meet and greets (tv hosts, authors, designer and artist), door pizes and more. It's where you go to get the insider tips, trade secrets and stay-in-the know on what's hot, what's new and what's next in the world of sewing, knitting, beading, quilting, needlework, paper crafts and more! Cited as "one of the best" in the July/August '03 issue of Vogue Patterns, the Creative Sew-

ing and Needlework Festival was established in 1988. Here you can learn how to put your own one-of-a-kind stamp on everything from clothes and curtains to greeting cards and accessories. From embellishing off-the-rackitems to constructing custom clothing and jewellery, the Festival is known all over the world as the premier consumer show for creative individuals who craft-it or create-it themselves. www.csnf.com

October 18 - 28 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL **OF AUTHORS**

Harbourfront Centre

The International Festival of Authors (IFOA) brings together the best writers in contemporary world literature. readings.org

October 18 - 26 TORONTO AFTER DARK FILM **FESTIVAL**

Bloor Hot Docs Cinema

Toronto After Dark Film Festival is one of the world's leading showcases of new horror, sci-fi, action and cult films. The critically acclaimed annual event, now in its 7th Year, brings attention to thrilling new short and feature films from around the world. Last year's festival was attended by a record 9,300 enthusiastic film fans and over 100 members of press and industry. In a poll of local filmgoers, Toronto After Dark was also voted Runner-Up for Best Film Festival in the City. For this year's edition, responding to popular fan demand, the festival returns to its original place in the calendar just before Halloween. The event will run for eight thrilling nights at the Bloor Hot Docs Cinema, Toronto's legendary cult movie theatre, revered by visiting filmmakers including Quentin Tarantino, Kevin Smith and Edgar Wright. www.torontoafterdark.com

October 20 **ZOMBIE WALK Nathan Phillips Square**

The parade of bloodthirsty monsters starts at Nathan Phillips Square, where Torontonians put on their best dead faces for prizes and postwalk "flesh feasting. The dead will rise for the 9th annual Toronto Zombie Walk!! Last year nearly 6000 corpses writhed, weaved

and lurched their way through the streets of Toronto feasting on those unlucky enough to be living.

torontozombiewalk.ca

October 24 - 31 **HALLOWEEK:** HALLOWEEN ON CHURCH **Various Locations in Toronto**

Revel in this week-long celebration of Halloween put on annually by the Church Wellesley Village Business Improvement Association. Halloween on Church Street runs in October in the heart of Toronto's Queer Village. This

event is full of tricks, treats and plenty of eye candy. Events include the Devilicious Culinary Festival, Jack-O-Lantern Competition and Block Party.

November 4 - 13 ROYAL AGRICULTURE WINTER FAIR **Direct Energy Centre**

November 9 - 17 RENDEZVOUS WITH MADNESS FILM **FESTIVAL**

The Workman Theatre Project, 1001 Queen Street West

Rendezvous with Madness is the world's first and longest running film festival dedicated to showcasing cinematic representations of mental health, addiction and recovery. Each screening is followed by a panel discussion with representatives from the filmmaking community, mental health professionals, and people recovering from mental illness and/or addiction. Showcasing independent Canadian and International work, the festival has screened to tens of thousands of people over the last nineteen years. Now in its 20th year you are invited to submit new films and videos in all genres that touch on issues of mental health and/or addiction.

www.rendezvouswithmadness.com

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November TBA CANADIAN ABORIGINAL FESTIVAL **Location TBA**

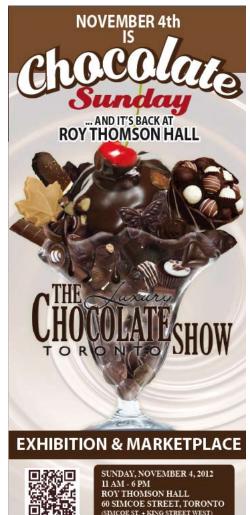
2012 marks the 19th Anniversary of the Canadian Aboriginal Festival. The Festival offers something for everyone from shopping, food, spectacular dancing, lacrosse, contemporary music, and many other items.

The 3 Grand Entries in the POW WOW are the spectacular highlight of the Canadian Aboriginal Festival. The entire family will enjoy the visually stunning display as nearly 1000 native dancers and drum singing groups from across. Each of the Pow Wow ceremonies begins with the Grand Entry, when all dancers enter the Dance Circle for the first time. The pageantry and drama of the Grand Entry make it one of the most beautiful traditional Aboriginal ceremonies and a must see for anyone interested in native culture and customs. For those not familiar with Pow Wows, it is one of the oldest, most important and colourful Aboriginal

Pow Wows traditionally have been dedicated to warriors and a way of giving thanks to the Creator for all that Mother Earth provides for Her people. In short a "Thanksgiving" ceremony. The Pow Wow is the center piece of the Canadian Aboriginal Festival with visitors from all parts of Canada and around the world gathered in Hamilton at the Copps Coliseum to witness this most beautiful traditional ceremony. All peoples of all races and creeds are invited.

Other highlights of the festival are: The Canadian Aboriginal Awards, Market Place, Fashion Show, Lacrosse Competition, Traditional Teachings and Workshops. www.canab.com

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NEW ATTRACTIONS, EXHIBITS, PERFORMERS SET FOR THE 2012 SEASON CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) has new attractions, exhibits and a wide range of performers to boast for its 2012 line-up in Toronto. Staying true to the Fair's roots, the CNE has maintained its long-standing traditions such as the Ambassador of the Fairs competition and PeeWee Baseball Tournament, which are in their 41st and 56th years respectively. The CNE also announced new initiatives and ventures this 2012 season.

MIDWAY

NEW – The CNE Sky Ride - The CNE Sky Ride extends 40 feet above ground at its highestpoint. CNE visitors will be elevated into the air and transported across the grounds towards the historic Princes' Gates, or alternatively, west towards BMO Field. From this height, Sky Riders can get a bird's eye view of the entire CNE grounds as well as a view of Lake Ontario, the Toronto Islands, the Toronto Skyline, the Wind Turbine and beyond.

NEW – NITRO - Visitors will travel on more than 300 metres of track through twists, turns and steep drops in specially crafted Italian-made cars.

NEW – Zip Line - Visitors will be elevated, safely harnessed and released to zip back down to the ground.

PERFORMERS

Aerial Acrobatics & Ice Skating Show - Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir, Canadian Ice Dancers and 2012 World Championship Gold Medalists, are featured in the show for the first fifteen days of the Fair (August 17-31). The duo won Gold for Canada in the 2010 Olympic Games in Vancouver. For Labour Day weekend, Canadian Olympian Elvis Stojko returns to the CNE for the final three days of the show.

Bandshell Performers - This year has something for everyone at the CNE's Toronto Star Bandshell. Joining the superstar line-up will be Big Sugar with Flash Lightnin', Nick Carter with Andrew Allen, Boogie Wonder Band, Freddie McGregor, Motown - The

Spinners, Don McLean with Dustin Bentall and Kendel Carson, Trooper with Poor Young Things, Last Night of the "Canadian" Proms, 3OH!3 with The New Cities, Arkells with The Darcys, Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone, Paul Revere & The Raiders, The Tea Party with Jordan Cook and Arturo Sandoval. Comedic Hypnotist Terrance B - English comedic hypnotist Terrance B will be joining the lineup of CNE performers this year to mesmerize audiences in a show he has taken around the world. Illusionist Ted Outerbridge - Performing professionally since 1982, Ted Outerbridge has been featured in theatres from coast to coast and on both sides of the Atlantic, where he set box office records with his tours Illusions, Magician Extraordinaire, Magical Moments in Time and most recently the Time Capsule Tour. CiRcO LoCo - New to Buskers' Corner this year are Mexican circus artists Patto and Julie. In addition to being circus artists, both Patto and Julie are actors and Tango dancers. As well, Patto is a knife thrower and Julie, a tribal belly dancer.

ExBot - ExBot is the product of 35 years of research in the pioneering field of Technology-to-People Behavioural Psychology (the study of interrelationships between people and machines). Visitors may remember him from his role in the movie Rocky-4, and as a member of the cast of NBC's Days of Our Lives for an entire season.

EXHIBITS

Battleground CNE!

The Military History of the CNE Grounds - The CNE and the land on which it is situated have played an integral part in Canadian military history. It is the site of The Battle of York, one of the bloodiest battles of the War of 1812, it is home to both a French and British fort (Fort Rouille and Stanley Barracks) and host to large military encampments during the First and Second World Wars. This exhibit will explore the impact war has had on the CNE Grounds, with a special focus on the War of 1812 which marks its 200th Anniversary in 2012. The exhibit will also explore the impact of the First and Second World Wars on the grounds.

Rock 'n Roll Will Never Die! - Celebrating 50 years of The Rolling Stones, The Beatles and The Beach Boys, this exhibit will showcase photographs, memorabilia and pe sonal items of these three iconic bands.

KIDS

Fishing Friendzy - Daily at The Farm, this interactive kids' area encourages children to learn about fishing, nature, safety and the environment. Featuring a Bait Shop, Fish Aquariums, a Tackle Box, as well as a broad selection of stations where kids can learn about fish anatomy, how to cast like a pro, catch a fish, tie knots, water safety and more.

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Friday, August 17 to Tuesday, August 21

Bob the Builder Show

Wednesday, August 22 to Sunday August 26

Thomas the Train Live Show

Monday, August 27 to Thursday, August 30

My Little Pony Live Show

Friday, August 31 to Monday, September 3

Meet & Greets (between 11:30 am & 3 pm)

Dora and Diego: August 24, 25 & 26

Angelina Ballerina: August 27, 28, 29, & 30

Chuck the Dump Truck: August 31 to September 3

Olivia the Piglet: August 31 to September 3

Jess from Guess with Jess: August 31 to September 3

CNE 2012 BANDSHELL PERFORMERS LINE-UP

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) has something for everyone in 2012 at the Toronto Star Bandshell including pop superstars, legendary jazz players, rock bands, soul groups and more. A full list of performers can be seen below. All performances will be held in Bandshell Park.

Saturday, August 18 - 7:30 pm Big Sugar with Flash Lightnin'

Big Sugar recently released Revolution Per Minute, their first new studio release in almost a decade. Led by Gordie Johnson, the 'Godfather of scorching arena rock gone Jamaican', who took the band from Queen

Street to national institution, Big Sugar is known for their innovative style and extraordinary live performances. With a sound once described as "bad-ass sludge-boogie," the boys of Flash Lightnin' have scraped the grime off the streets to create a self-titled debut album full of sex, sweat, smoke and sleaze. This band is pure rock 'n' roll.

Sunday, August 19 - 7:30 pm Nick Carter with Andrew Allen

Hot on the heels of the release of his new album, I'm Taking Off, American singer-songwriter, dancer, musician, entertainer and actor Nick Carter takes over the CNE Bandshell on the first Sunday of the fair. Well known as a member of the pop group Backstreet Boys, Nick went on to release his first solo album called Now Or Never during the group's hiatus.

Tuesday, August 21 - 7:30 pm Boogie Wonder Band

If anyone can prove that disco is still very much alive, it's this 10-piece band set to bring the greatest hits of the 70's to vibrant life.

Wednesday, August 22 - 7:30 pm Freddie McGregor

In celebration of 50 years of Jamaican Independence, Grammy® nominated singer, songwriter and producer Freddie McGregor brings his multi-platform reggae sound to The Bandshell for the first time.

Thursday, August 23 - 7:30pm The Magic of Motown - The Spinners

The greatest soul group of the 70's returns to The Bandshell this year after being rained out in 2011. Powered by a soul-infused backing band with sparkling strings and horns, and four lead voices singing in perfect harmony, the lush, seductive sound of one of soul music's greatest treasures continues to wow fans the world over.

Friday, August 24 - 7:30 pm Don McLean with Dustin Bentall and Kendel Carson -

Don McLean is one of America's most enduring singer-songwriters and is forever associated with his classic hits American Pie, Vincent (Starry Starry Night), Crying, And I Love You So, and Castles In The Air. McLean has sold over 40 gold and platinum records worldwide.

Dustin Bentall and Kendel Carson channel the great couples of music history. They share an intense spark on stage that makes every performance magical. Both singers, Dustin also plays guitar and Kendel plays the fiddle.

Saturday, August 25 - 7:30 pm Trooper with Poor Young Things

One of Canada's own multi-award winning, multiplatinum selling classic rock and roll bands comes to Raise a Little Hell on the second Saturday night of the CNE. Thunder Bay, Ontario's Poor Young Things' brand of emotive working-class rock sounds like a kind of raw mix of Tom Petty meets Powderfinger. Their debut EP, Let It Sleep, is the precursor to a full length album to be released later in 2012 which they are currently working on with producer Jon Drew (Arkells).

Sunday, August 26 - 7:30 pm Last Night of the "Canadian" Proms

The Proms come from the British Tradition of popular concerts famous for lots of sing-along numbers, patriotic flag-waving and audience participation. As well as traditional Proms pieces, this concert will also feature Canadian music and other numbers from the Elmer Iseler Singers, The Band of The Royal Regiment of Canada, and Special Guests from the Pipes and Drums of the 48th Highlanders of Canada, led by conductor Dr. Lydia Adams.

Tuesday, August 28 - 7:30 pm 3OH!3 with The New Cities

3OH!3, a fun, American electro-pop duo comprised of Sean Forman and Nathaniel Mott, bring their eclectic sound to The Bandshell this year. The group will be releasing their new album in the Fall. Montreal-based six-piece band, The New Cities is as much of a real electro band, as they are a real rock band. Having racked up an inspirational array of accolades, including a JUNO Award nomination, an ADISQ and two Canadian Radio Music Award nods for Best New Group, The New Cities are set to release their second album in September.

Wednesday, August 29 - 7:30 pm Arkells with The Darcys

Canadian rock band Arkells make their debut at the CNE Bandshell after a coveted win at the Junos® this year in the Group of the Year category. They also

captured the New Group of the Year award at the 2010 Junos®. Toronto art rock quartet, The Darcys' latest release is an interpretation of Steely Dans AJA, and the second in a three album deal with Arts & Crafts. DOWNLOAD the album for FREE at www.thedarcys.ca.

Thursday, August 30 - 7:30 pm Herman's Hermits starring Peter Noone plus Paul Revere & The Raiders

Regarded as one of Rock and Roll's finest and most versatile entertainers, the multi-talented singer/actor Peter Noone is well known to audiences worldwide as "Herman" of the 1960s era British pop/rock band, Herman's Hermits. Also performing will be equally impressive Paul Revere & The Raiders. Their combination of goofy slapstick comedy with impeccable musicianship and vocals is what makes this band a unique, "over the top", rockin' entertainment experience.

Friday, August 31 - 7:30 pm The Tea Party with Jordan Cook

After the better part of a decade apart, Jeff Martin, Stuart Chatwood and Jeff Burrows are together again! One of Canada's premiere rock bands, The Tea Party's unique brand of Eastern influenced progressive rock sounds as fresh, vibrant and powerful as ever. They have spent much of the past year playing rave reviewed shows in Canada.

Saturday, September 1 - 7:30 pm Arturo Sandoval

A protégé of the legendary jazz master Dizzy Gillespie, Arturo Sandoval is one of the world's most acknowledged guardians of jazz trumpet and flugel horn, as well as a renowned classical artist, pianist and composer. Arturo Sandoval has been awarded six Grammy Awards, and nominated 12 times; he has also received six Billboard Awards and one Emmy Award.

NOTE ABOUT WEATHER: Bandshell Concerts go on RAIN or SHINE. The only time they are postponed or cancelled, is when there is an electrical storm, which could compromise the safety of both CNE performers and visitors. In that case, an announcement will be made from the stage. About the

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