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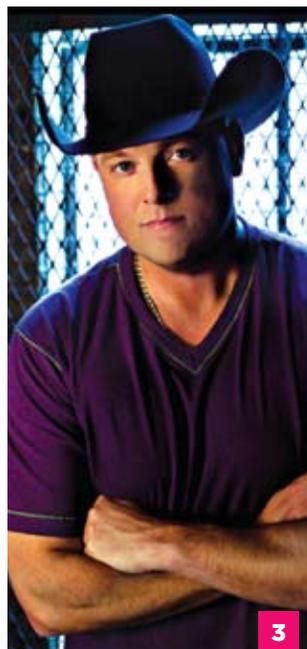
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to **SUMMER**
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From the editor



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Toronto Celebrates This HOT Summer with Great Festivals Rain or Shine!

As we celebrate our 20th 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 festivals for two decades, and each year there are more and more festivals popping up all over the city and throughout the GTA.

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Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer.



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SUMMER FESTIVAL GUIDE 2014

July 11 - 13

WATERFRONT BLUES FESTIVAL

Woodbine Park

www.waterfrontblues.ca

The 10th annual Waterfront Blues was once again marked by an outstanding array of Blues only artists and associated performances. We usually use this space to provide a snapshot of the Festival and spotlight some of the highlights of the event.

July 12

TASTE OF THE WOODS

Warden Woods Community Centre

www.wardenwoods.com

Celebrating the people and places of the Warden Woods community, this festival reaches out to everyone in Southwest Scarborough, and the whole city of Toronto. Special activities for the whole family are on hand from face painting, to bouncy castles, to the special Scarborough's Got Talent show. Local small entrepreneurs will also be given a platform to show off some of their unique offerings. Come on out to a festival that helps build and bring together everyone living in Warden Woods.

July 12 - 13

ONTARIO LATIN ARTS FESTIVAL

Mel Lastman Square

www.ontariolatinartsfestival.com

The Ontario Latin Arts Festival (OLAF) is a unique one-day event that celebrates the culture of Latin America in Toronto. This flavourful festival will showcase the finest Latin music and dance found in Canada, along with featured film, literature, traditional storytelling and educational art, music, and dance workshops. Attendees will enjoy live entertainment by top performers.

July 12 - 13

FESTIVAL OF INDIA

Centre Island

www.festivalofindia.ca

The past four decades have witnessed the Festival of India blossom into one of Toronto's most dazzling, head-turning summer events. And last year the chariots and festivities rolled into the city for the 41st time.

This year again be sure to mark your calendars and visit the 42nd Annual Festival of India (also known as Ratha-Yatra). The event begins with a euphoric parade down world-famous Yonge Street (beginning at Bloor and continuing south to Queens Quay). The celebrations then shift to Centre Island for two days of festivities expected to draw close to 40,000 people.

July 18 - 27

BEACHES INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Woodbine Park

July 24 - 26 (7pm to 11 pm)

STREETFEST

Queen Street East

(Woodbine Ave. to Beech Ave.)

www.beachesjazz.com

You're in for a few surprises this year at the 26th Anniversary Beaches Jazz Festival. After 25 years entertaining in Kew Gardens and on the boardwalk, all stages have now been moved to Woodbine Park, just west of Woodbine Avenue at Coxwell (off Lakeshore). Here you will find two weekends full of entertainment beyond compare and all for free! On the first weekend, you will be entertained at the TD Main Stage, the Party Island Stage and the Youth Stage. On the second weekend, the OLG Stage, Big Band Stage, Latin Stage and Youth Stage will be featuring dozens of great acts. In between those two weekends there is no shortage of entertainment and events. The Taste Of Jazz will take place on July 22 and 23 featuring a convoy of food trucks along with some great music on the main stage. The Jazz Workshops return to the Mennonite New Life Centre and Woodbine Park Workshops from July 21 to 27. And of course do not forget to visit the Photography and Multi-Arts Exhibit at Woodbine Park July 18-20.

During the Beaches Jazz Festival's StreetFest, Queen Street E. will be closed from Woodbine Ave. to Beech Ave. from 6:00 pm to 11:30 pm nightly. The north / south streets of Waverley Ave., Wineva Ave., and Lee Ave. will remain open throughout the evening.

July 19

THRILL OF THE GRILL

The Danforth BIA

www.thedanforth.ca

The fifth annual Thrill of the Grill is a charity event that sees the city's best barbecuers compete to see whose BBQ ribs reign supreme. With proceeds going towards kidney cancer research at the Odette Cancer Centre at the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre.

July 19

DOS

Evergreen Brick Works

www.lacarnita.com/dos

DOS brings food, street art and music to Evergreen Brick Works. There are 40 international artists on site, all with original pieces to show off. Music will be provided by DJ Platum, Grandtheft, Don Valley and Brains4-Breakfast. La Carnita, who created the event, will be joined by Chicago's Big Star to fill the event with taco creations.

July 19

GREEN TORONTO FESTIVAL

Yonge-Dundas Square

toronto.ca/greentorontofestival

Bigger, better and greener than ever, this year'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. Guest performers include Maestro Fresh Wes, Mia Martina and Emilly Reid.

July 19 - 20

SALSA ON ST. CLAIR

St. Clair Ave. West , Hillcrest

Village, between Winona Dr. &

Christie Ave.

tlntv.com/events/salsa

The Salsa party continues in July as TLN Teletatino, Hillcrest Village BIA and the City of Toronto once again join forces to present Canada's larg-

est Latino-themed festival, Salsa on St. Clair, a FREE family street party celebrating the city's vast Latin cultures. Salsa on St. Clair is Canada's fastest growing Latin themed street festival and has attracted millions of salsa lovers to the streets of Toronto since its launch in 2005. Join us for the parade of fun as midtown Toronto's Hillcrest Village is transformed into a showcase of Latin life featuring live music, dance lessons, fiery foods and family entertainment!

July 19 - 20
TASTE OF THAILAND FESTIVAL
Nathan Philips Square
tasteofthailand.ca

The biggest Thai community event in downtown Toronto with lots of activities and attractions. 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 19 - 20
BERUNA MUSIC FESTIVAL
Molson Canadian Amphitheatre
www.berunamusicfestival.com

The Beruna Music Festival takes over The Flats at Molson Amphitheatre for two days. The Christian music festival will have many international artists, speakers and performers.

July 19 - 20
BIG ON BLOOR
Bloor Street
(Dufferin to Lansdowne)
bigonbloor.com/festival

Car-free Bloor St., Toronto, Dufferin to Lansdowne, celebrates arts, culture, community & small business with a unique community and city-building festival featuring hundreds of events, activities and exhibitions including: Bloordale Market: more than 200 arts, crafts, vendors and information tables!

July 20
YOUTH DAY
Yonge-Dundas Square
www.yd-toronto.com

YD T.O now in its 8th year, is a non-profit FREE summer festival held at Yonge-Dundas Square with an unprecedented Yonge Street closure expecting an audience of over 30,000 people this summer. YD T.O features over 100 live music and dance performances on 2 non-stop stages over 12 hours; mostly by young people 14 to 29 years olds. The event also includes the YD Art Gallery, live Fashion Shows, the opening Flag Parade and much more! Yonge Street, closed from Dundas to Shuter is lined with a variety of vendors and exhibitors from food to jewelry and community organizations sharing valuable information.

July 20
BRAZILFEST TORONTO 2014
Earls Court Park
brazilfest.ca

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. The event is listed and affiliated with most of Toronto's cultural links 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.

July 20
ONTARIO OYSTER FESTIVAL
Rodney's Oyster House
rodneyoysterhouse.com/toronto

The Ontario Oyster Festival is back in its 26th year, as attendees indulge in oysters and other gourmet fair. Guests can enjoy oysters, lobster, and micro brews, as well as live performances. The event is in support of Environmental Defence, an environmental action organization that aims to secure a greener, and healthier life for everyone. The price includes two drinks, a plate of oysters or Coq au Vin. Tickets

can be purchased by phone or at the door on the day of the event.

July 20 - 21
KIDS CBC DAYS
CBC Building
www.cbc.ca

With activities, crafts, and live performances by the stars of Kids' CBC, Kids' CBC Days invites families to two summer-fun filled days at the CBC in downtown Toronto. With appearances by Patty, Sid, and Mamma Yamma, as well as the Doodlebops, there's no shortage of activities.

July 22 - August 12
TORONTO SUMMER
MUSIC FESTIVAL
Koerner Hall
www.torontosummermusic.com

Bringing outstanding classical music experiences to the city in the summer, Toronto Summer Music Festival features renowned Canadian and international artists performing in mainstage concerts at Koerner Hall plus an elite Academy for emerging classical musicians. Masterclasses, lectures, interviews, workshops, free outreach concerts, and more. The 2014 TSM Festival celebrates the music of the early 20th Century. From the late romanticism of STRAUSS, RACHMANINOFF, and VAUGHAN WILLIAMS to the iconoclasm of PROKOFIEV and BARTOK, the 20th Century also marked the ascension of popular music fuelled by the recording industry, radio, and phonograph.

July 23 - 27
COLLINGWOOD ELVIS FESTIVAL
Various Locations - Collingwood
collingwoodelvisfestival.com

This summer join friends, family, and fans in the heart of Historic Downtown Collingwood, 1.5 hours north of Toronto on the shores of beautiful Georgian Bay, for four days of unparalleled entertainment. This year, Priscilla Presley will be joining the festival as guest of honor.

July 24 - 27
TORONTO BURLESQUE FESTIVAL
Gladstone Hotel
www.torontoburlesquefestival.com

2014 marks the 7th annual Toronto Burlesque Festival, coming up July

24th-27th. Featuring the best in local, national and international talent, while providing opportunities for performers to network together and build community. Presenting four fantastic showcases at The Virgin Mobile Mod Club in addition to the annual brunch.

July 24 - 27
TASTE OF TORONTO

Fort York

www.TasteOfToronto.com

Fort York will host upwards of 20,000 visitors across four days. Featuring 16 of Toronto's top restaurants and over 50 exhibitors, this is foodie heaven. Taste Extraordinary! Featuring Toronto's most celebrated chefs and rising stars, foodie entertainment and boutique food & drink market, Taste of Toronto invites you to the 1st annual celebration of everything we love about food.

July 25 - 27
T&T WATERFRONT
NIGHT MARKET
T&T Supermarket

www.waterfrontnightmarket.com

A Toronto tradition, the T&T Waterfront Night Market treats visitors to an authentic Asian night market experience, with a range of Asian street foods and vendors from throughout the province. The market also features a center stage, where a lineup of local entertainers and cultural performances keep the energy up throughout the night. With rides, carnival games, shows, and plenty of food, the market is a cultural fair that aims to make the most of Toronto's hot summer nights.

July 25 - August 3
CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL
TORONTO

Various Locations

www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com

Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival Toronto is an exciting three-week cultural explosion of Caribbean music, cuisine, revelry as well as visual and performing arts. In its 47th year it has become a major international event and the largest cultural festival of its kind in North America. As this 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. Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival Toronto 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. Every move they make, in a breath-taking spectrum of colours that is best reflected in the King and Queen Showcase on Parade Day. No Scotiabank Caribbean Carnival Toronto is complete without African Drumming along with the Arts and Crafts displays celebrating "Things Caribbean"!

July 26,
IMPORTFEST 2014
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
www.importfest.com

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.

July 26 - 27
GUILD ALIVE WITH CULTURE ART
FESTIVAL

The Guild Inn Gardens

www.guildalivewithculture.ca

The Guild Alive with Culture Art Festival is a two-day event featuring artists, vendors, music, and demonstrations. The festival showcases local talent in music, and visual arts, new eateries and more. Family friendly - there are also community groups, live entertainments and children's activities taking place.

July 27
TORONTO JAPANESE SUMMER
FESTIVAL

Yonge-Dundas Square

www.matsuri.ca

In the heart of the downtown core, comes an exploration of Japanese and Japanese-Canadian community, and a celebration of Japan, its culture, art, cuisine, and quality of life through its products and services. With traditional and modern live musical and dance performances, a fashion show and a market with the best of Toronto Japanese food illuminated in the lights of the city, this is Toronto's second Matsuri!

The festival is open to the public and free for everyone.

July 28
EID FESTIVAL

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
www.gtaeid.com/index.html

The Eid Festival is held each year to mark the Muslim holidays of Eid al Fitr and Eid al Adha. The event begins with socializing and a traditional congregational prayer; then follow a series of speeches by distinguished guests and a bounty of food and drink options for lunch. A bazaar with clothing, toys and jewelry is also available for shopping and browsing. Children's attractions include face-painting stations, a merry-go-round, and inflatable bouncing castles decorated with anything from dinosaurs to deep-sea creatures to Elmo and his friends.

July 31
HART HOUSE CRAFT BEER
FESTIVAL

Hart House

www.harthouse.ca

Hart House once again hosts the 6th annual Hart House Craft Beer Festival, featuring Canadian craft brews and BBQ. Some of the participating breweries include Granville Island, Mill St Brewery, Great Lakes Brewery, Steam Whistle Brewery, Amsterdam Brewery and more. Ticket price includes eight beer samples, a reusable sampling glass and BBQ. Additional beer tickets can be purchased on site.

BEACHES



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JULY 2014
18-27

WOODBINE PARK | JULY 18-19-20
TD MAIN STAGE • PARTY ISLAND STAGE
YOUTH STAGE
Lakeshore Blvd. East and Coxwell

WOODBINE PARK | JULY 25-26-27
OLG MAIN STAGE • BIG BAND STAGE
LATIN STAGE • YOUTH STAGE

STREETFEST • JULY 24-26
Nightly on Queen Street East
Between Woodbine Ave. and Beech Ave.

TASTE OF JAZZ • JULY 22-23
WOODBINE PARK • Lakeshore Blvd. East and Coxwell

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE
www.beachesjazz.com



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July 31 - August 3
BOOTS AND HEARTS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Mosport International Raceway
www.bootsandhearts.com

Boots and Hearts music festival brings country music to the GTA. The three-day celebration brings international stars and up-and-coming acts together on stage, with nighttime partying and overnight camping available. This year's lineup features Blake Shelton, Hunter Hayes, Sawyer Brown, Lee Brice, Luke Bryan, Deric Ruttan, Paul Brandt and Toby Keith.

August 1 - 4
ISLAND SOUL
Harbourfront Centre

www.harbourfrontcentre.com/summer/islandsoul

Island Soul celebrates the rich artistic traditions, emerging art forms, innovative expressions and vibrant lifestyles of the Caribbean.

August 1 - 4
IRIE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2014
Nathan Phillips Square
www.iriemusicfestival.com

The 12th 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.

August 1 - 4
SCARBOROUGH RIBFEST
Thomson Memorial Park
www.scarboroughribfest.com

In honour of one of the most beloved parts of the cow, the Scarborough Ribfest celebrates its 13th anniversary. Musical performances, midway rides, and games are on hand, along with karaoke competitions and an all day beer garden. Lots of different foods are also available like hot dogs, french fries, and corn on the cob, though ribs will be out in force. A number of vendors will be selling a wide variety of ribs, offering a way of tasting them you may have never experienced before. Parking is free parking and free shuttle buses are also on hand for anyone not able to make the drive.

August 2
VOICES OF THE NATIONS
Yonge-Dundas Square
www.voicesofthenations.com

Voices Of the Nations is the annual celebration of diversity and unity for the Christian community in the city. Our purpose is to bring together believers from all cultures and denominations to bring hope to the lost through the power of Music. Taking place in the heart of the city we showcase the very best in Christian artists & Praise and Worship Teams. Voices of the Nations has been happening since 2006. Since its first edition the event has witnessed tremendous growth, with over 5000 people in attendance at last year's event alone. This growth has been recognized by the city of Toronto and endorsed by City Council members.

August 2 - 3
VELD MUSIC FESTIVAL
Downsview Park
veldmusicfestival.com

VELD Music Festival brings electronic artists for a weekend concert at Downsview Park this August. This two-day event is rain or shine, and all tickets are for both days.

August 2 - 4, 2014
ARTFEST: OUTDOOR ART SHOW
Distillery District
www.artfestontario.com/artfest-shows

Artfest Toronto, in its 8th year, is emerging as one of Toronto's favorite summer art shows. Celebrating painting, photography, sculpture, fine craft, live music and more from Canada's top artists. Set throughout the cobblestone lanes of the Historic Distillery District in downtown Toronto.

August 2 - 4

THE PIRATE FESTIVAL
Milton, Ontario
www.thepiratefestival.com

3 glorious and exciting days in the Village of Dry Bluffs. All the Pirates are scurrying, busy chasing gold – in fact, anything and everything that glistens! Watch carefully, to discover what these have pirates tucked in their packs? Could it be sacks of gold, gems and stones? Treasure is as abundant as are tricky Pirate Thieves!

Be On Guard! Watch your treasure ... Some treasure may be of great value, while some may be fool's gold. For those who join us on Saturday night, the Captain's Keg will present a fun and enjoyable evening full of glistening memories!

August 3 - 4
OVO FEST
Molson Canadian Amphitheatre
www.octobersveryown.blogspot.ca/

Drake's fifth annual OVO Fest is back at Molson Amphitheatre, Drake, the Toronto-based singer/rapper created OVO Fest in 2010, a one-day concert with VIP rap stars and special guests. Since then, the concert has become an annual tradition, and will now take place over two days in August.

August 4 - 10
DUSK DANCES
Withrow Park
www.duskdances.ca

Withrow Park hosts the 20th season of the Dusk Dances festival. This year's event includes pieces by dance artists such as Susie Burpee, Melanie Kloetzal, and the Throwdown Collective. Choreographers of different dance backgrounds create ten-minute pieces inspired by the natural beauty around them. This outdoor dance festival takes place in various areas of the park as the sun sets. The event is open to anybody and audiences are encouraged to pay what they can.

August 7 - 17
SUMMERWORKS PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL
Various Locations
www.summerworks.ca/2014/

For a touch of late summer theatrics, the city of Toronto plays host to SummerWorks, a festival celebrating the original scriptwriter with plays in public places. The festival has expanded to include mentorship program, a National Series featuring works from across Canada, the Performance Bar, a Music Series and a Live Art Series. The festival boasts more than 30 plays, off-site performances, workshops of plays in development and more by established playwrights and up-and-comers from all over the country.

Waterfront Blues

July

11, 12, 13
2014



Woodbine Park

located at
Lake Shore Blvd. E & Coxwell Ave.

Friday 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Saturday Noon - 10:00 pm

Sunday Noon - 8:00 pm



"Meet me where they play the Blues"

www.waterfrontblues.ca



August 7 - 10
KULTURA FILIPINO
ARTS FESTIVAL

Artscape Wychwood Barns
www.kapisanancentre.com

The 9th annual Kultura Filipino Arts Festival is back this year and celebrates the culture of the Philippines, with live music, food, visual arts and shopping. The free festival showcases the talent of Filipino-Canadians with performances, arts exhibitions, film screenings and free art workshops. The artisan marketplace features authentic Filipino products and food for everyone.

AUGUST 7 -10

WAKESTOCK
Bala, Muskoka

www.wakestock.com/

This three-day beach blow out features professional wakeboarding challenges, lots of live music and more. It's widely known as the world's premiere wakeboarding contest, and Canada's largest action sports and music festival.

August 7 - 10

AFRICAN FASHION WEEK

Marriott Yorkville, 90 Bloor West
www.afwt.ca

African Fashion Week educates the public on African fashion while showcasing the work of African designers. In addition to runway shows, this event features designer competitions, workshops, seminars, exhibits and parties.

Several exhibitors from outside the fashion industry, including cosmetic and health food companies, will also be in attendance. New designers and students have the chance to show off their work and get feedback while mingling with some of the top professionals within the fashion industry.

August 8 - 10

PAN AMERICAN FOOD FESTIVAL

Daniels Spectrum

www.panamfoodfest.com

Daniels Spectrum is the new home for the Panamerican Food Festival 2014, located at 585 Dundas Street East, on the south side of Dundas, just east of Parliament Street.

A one of a kind gastronomic event is taking over the heart of Toronto, one

that promises to reveal the flavours of the Americas, local artists and talent. The PAN AMERICAN Food Festival will showcase the best of the best food products, celebrating the great cultural diversity of the 41 countries of North, Central and South America, and the Caribbean. Also showcased are restaurants, food producers, chefs and the variety of national and regional cuisines of the Western Hemisphere, with a spotlight on one country each year. This year Peru is being featured. A cultural festival of art, music and folklore will enhance the food experience to celebrate the region's diverse cultural expression.

August 8 - 9

DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE

JAZZ FESTIVAL

Presenting some of the finest artists and legends from all the roots and branches of Jazz including, Acid, Latin, Dixeland, Smooth, World Music, Ragtime, Swing, Blues, Fusion and much more. You will find music appealing to every member of the family, with plenty of opportunities to tap your feet and move to the vibe.

August 9

MISSISSAUGA ITALFEST:
FERAGOSTA IN THE CITY

With expectations of 12,000 attendees, the event will be filled with food, fun and festivities as you spend the day exploring all that is Italian! Food, music, wine, culture, dance and Italian heritage make for a fun-filled day for the entire family!

August 9 -10

JERK FEST -
JERK FOOD FESTIVAL

Centennial Park and Rathburn Rd.

www.jerkfestival.ca

JerkFest 2014 will be even bigger and better! It will once again be staged at the beautiful Centennial Park in Etobicoke offering great jerk food, fun for the entire family, more prizes and surprises.

August 9 - 10

ROUNDHOUSE CRAFT BEER FEST
2014

Roundhouse Park

www.craftbeerfest.ca/

Roundhouse Craft Beer Fest is back

for 2014, as Steam Whistle Brewery brings the best in Ontario craft beer to the Roundhouse Park for an August weekend. The festival offers many chances to try a wide variety of locally brewed craft beer, as well as bites from Toronto's top food trucks.

As well as a place to eat and drink, Roundhouse Craft Beer Fest 2014 is also a fundraising event in which proceeds go to support the Toronto Railway Heritage Museum, which tells the story of train travel in the city. Visitors are encouraged to bring a picnic blanket and chill.

August 9 - 11

TASTE OF THE DANFORTH

Danforth Ave. East of Broadview

www.tasteofthedanforth.com

GreekTown Taste of the Danforth is one of Toronto's signature events, showcasing Hellenic cuisine and culture. You can enjoy mouth-watering 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.

August 14 - 16

SAIL-IN CINEMA

Sugar Beach

www.sailincinema.com/home

Sugar Beach transforms into an outdoor movie theatre after dark for three nights during Sail-In Cinema. Whether you watch from a boat in the harbour or stick to dry land, the two-sided screen floating in the water makes this free movie event truly unique.

August 14 - 17

MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL

Main Street-Unionville

www.markhamjazzfestival.com

A free weekend of high-quality perfor-

mances during the day and evening on August 14-17. 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.

August 15 -16
TD MOSAIC 2014
SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE
FESTIVAL OF MISSISSAUGA
Mississauga Celebration Square
www.mosaicfest.com

The 9th Annual Art and Culture Festival featuring South Asian music, dance, folk, Bollywood, comedy, theatre and cuisine art will include 20 vendor booths selling exotic merchandise, sponsor booths, 10 restaurants, and children's activities, as well as a visual arts show, a pottery display and hands-on workshops. The 2014 festival will be headlined by popular Bollywood names. Admission is free and (limited) free parking available.

August 15 - 17
HOT + SPICY FOOD FESTIVAL
Harbourfront Centre
www.harbourfrontcentre.com

Hot, sour, sweet and salty! The Hot & Spicy Food Festival serves up diverse hot food and flavors from around the globe, and occasionally pairs a spicy dish with a complementary sampling of the hot sounds of the region. This is one of the most popular festivals at Harbourfront.



August 15 - September 1
CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION
Exhibition Park

Animating the grounds between the iconic Princes' Gate and Dufferin Gate within Toronto's Exhibition Place, the Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) is the ultimate staycation destination for the young, and young at heart. Marking 136 years as one of the largest fairs in North America, the CNE is celebrating all things "fun" with popular attractions such as the CNE Zip Line, Sky Ride, SuperDogs, Food Truck Frenzy, and back by popular demand, The Flying Wallendas! PLUS, an all-new line up of musical acts and entertainment including The Amazing Kreskin, Gord Bamford, Christopher Cross, These Kids Wear Crowns and many more exciting announcements to come. It wouldn't be a complete CNE experience without splurging on incredible shopping bargains, carnival games, rides; and in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the iconic Toronto Star Food Building, there's sure to be plenty of inspired and innovative food offerings.



HIGHLIGHTS & ANNIVERSARIES

Pyrotechnics Spectacle: An extraordinary dance of colour and light takes over the summer skies as pyrotechnics return to the CNE each night during the fair (excluding Labour Day).

The Princes' Gates and rooftop of the Direct Energy Centre will serve as the dramatic stage for a not-to-be-missed kaleidoscope of colour.



PC Financial Zip Line: This new exhilarating experience was added to the "fun of the fair" in 2013 and is sure to satisfy thrill seekers once again. Nerves will be tested atop the 126-foot tower that offers a bird's eye view of the CNE grounds, before being careened down more than 1,100 feet to a landing point.



The Flying Wallendas: Back by popular demand, one of the greatest acts in circus history returns to the CNE this summer to captivate audiences with dazzling daredevil stunts and amazing aerial feats! Renowned for pushing the boundaries of gravity, balance and imagination, every second will keep spectators enthralled.

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PC Financial Sky Ride: The Sky Ride extends 40 feet above the ground at its highest point, transporting riders in a leisurely and breathtaking ride across the CNE grounds with panoramic views of The Midway, Lake Ontario, and Toronto skyline.

Food Truck Frenzy: The CNE hosts one of Canada's largest food truck rallies on August 22 – August 24. Foodies can rejoice in unique offerings, internationally inspired fare and indulgent treats that have become a part of the CNE experience.

60th Anniversary of the Toronto Star Food Building: More than one million people visit the iconic Toronto Star Food Building each year to experience the vast array of foods that mix global flavours with traditional favourites, alongside innovative and healthy options to fuel up for a day at the CNE. There really is something to suit every taste and budget.

Acrobatic Show: Acrobatics return to the CNE this year with an exciting new show. The colourful extravaganza will feature cirque performers, trapeze and trampoline artists, jugglers, and more. This year's acrobatic show will be themed around 'water'.

Disco Dogs: The President's Choice SuperDogs Show: Due to its packed to capacity shows, the SuperDogs are relocating to the Ricoh Coliseum this year. From terriers, collies and bulldogs, these adorable and talented canines are sure to woof up the applause with an all-new super disco show!

Live Music: Catching a concert at the CNE Bandshell is the best way to close out a great day at the fair. Span-

ning the entire musical spectrum for all ages, headlining acts in 2014 include Gord Bamford, Christopher Cross, The Mighty Diamonds, These Kids Wear Crowns with Eleven Past One/ PRTY H3RO – all concerts are FREE with admission!

Kids' World: A wonderland of amusement rides, games, activities and entertainment designed especially for kids and families. A fun-filled day includes pizza-making and art studio at the KidStreet Interactive Zone, Reptilia show, circus school, appearances by popular characters and stage shows including Splash & Boots.

Shopping and Celebrity Stages: A "marathon of marketplaces," the CNE is a treasure trove of artisan offerings, international bazaar, warehouse outlets and bargains on virtually everything from home-related products to lifestyle and leisure merchandise. Shop 'till you drop or take a break from retail therapy to partake in live demonstrations from celebrity lifestyle and design experts such as Jeanne Beker and Candice Olson, as well as North America's top chefs including Michael Smith and Christian Pritchard to name a few!

65th Annual Canadian International Air Show: The Canadian International Air Show (CIAS) soars over Lake Ontario Labour Day weekend for another awe-inspiring showcase of aerobatic stunts.

August 16 - 17
YORK- EGLINTON INTERNATIONAL STREET FESTIVAL
Along Eglinton Ave. West corridor from Marlee Ave. to Dufferin Street
www.internationalstreetfest.com

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!

August 21 - 24
BUSKERFEST
Downtown Yonge Neighbourhood
www.torontobuskerfest.com

There is much to celebrate at the 2013 Scotiabank BuskerFest - and that celebration will be taking place from Queen to College Streets on Yonge Street and nearby streets.

This is the largest Epilepsy event in the world and North America's largest Street Performer Festival!

The last of the major festivals in the Toronto summer entertainment season, the festival is spontaneous, colourful and bursting with the unexpected. There is something for everyone; silent comedy and slapstick, daredevils and magicians, high skill circus acts and a wide variety of music, clowns, contortionists, acrobats, aerialists, puppets, fire and a few things we have no words to describe.

August 22 - 24
TELUS TAIWANFEST:
TAIWAN RISING
Harbourfront Centre
www.harbourfrontcentre.com/summer/taiwanfest

Featuring tantalizing cooking demonstrations and musical performances by some of the top acts in Taiwan and much more.

August 23
RASTAFEST
Downsview Park
www.rastafest.com

Rastafest is a multi-disciplined festival showcasing different aspects of the Rastafari culture. The festival draws from the rich and diverse Rastafarian lifestyle and history. Activities include: music, dance, drumming, arts and craft market place, theatre, Italian cuisine, film and video screening and a live concert featuring international and national reggae artists. Rastafest is a continuation of international and national Rastafarian initiatives.

August 23
TOMMY THOMPSON PARK
BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL
Tommy Thompson Park
www.butterflyfest.ca

Nature lovers should head to the foot of Leslie Street at Unwin during the Tommy Thompson Park Butterfly Fes-

tival, which returns to Toronto for the sixth year. It's a chance to view moths and butterflies amongst the colourful wildflowers in the park for a day and meet others with the same interest. The Tommy Thompson Park Butterfly Festival also includes guided butterfly hikes, activities for children, a photography workshop and educational displays, providing something for everybody. From Monarch butterflies to Eastern tailed-blues, there's plenty to view and learn about for all ages. Pets and unauthorized vehicles are not permitted in the park.

August 23 - 24
IRIE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2014
Celebration Square, Mississauga
www.iriemusicfestival.com

August 25 - 30
BOLLYWOOD MONSTER MASH UP
Mississauga Celebration Square
A free, full-blown Bollywood experience for all at the 4th annual Bollywood Monster Mashup. Bringing all cultures together, BMM provides activities for the whole family to enjoy! A full week of energetic pre-events, a weekend of mouth-watering food, an interactive Danidya dance piece, the Bollywood Monster Marketplace, a crafty make-it-and-take-it KidZone and much more. Enjoy the world-class entertainment at a festival that's fun for everyone!

August 29 - September 1, 2014
HISPANIC FIESTA
Mel Lastman Square
www.hispanicfiesta.com

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.

August 29 - September 1, 2014
ARTFEST: OUTDOOR ART SHOW
Distillery District
www.artfestontario.com/artfest-shows

September 3 - 13
CARIBBEANTALES
INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
Various Locations
www.caribeantales-events.com

If there's one art form that defines the city of Toronto, it's cinema; many Hollywood flicks are shot here and we're home to one of the world's top-ranked film festivals, along with many smaller ones.

September 4 - 14
TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL
Various Theatre Locations
www.tiff.net

The Toronto International Film Festival is the leading public film festival in the world, screening more than 300 films from 60+ countries every September. TIFF programmers have earned a reputation for excellence, and a diverse array of films are shown: Hollywood galas, complete with red carpet glamour; the best in international cinema, the latest homegrown comedies... and everything in between. 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.

September 5
TASTE OF KINGSWAY
Bloor Street (Prince Edward Drive to Montgomery Rd)
www.kingswaybia.ca

Discover international cuisines, quality entertainers, a fresh food market, and celebrity chefs at a culinary theatre - all conveniently located at Royal York Station on the subway line. I mean, who can drive on a full stomach? This annual fall festival, presented by the Kingsway BIA that runs along Bloor Street West between Prince Edward Drive and Montgomery Rd., isn't the same old food festival - this is a culinary experience! Two main stages at either ends of Bloor

Street feature continuous live entertainment from well-known artists, performers and musicians. Over 200 exhibitors will be participating in this year's event along with the ever popular Scotiabank Dog Show, Rock Climbing Walls and Street Performers.

September 5 - 7
SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE:
BLUES + JAZZ FESTIVAL
Memorial Park-Port Credit
www.southsideshuffle.com

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 5 - 7
VEGETARIAN FOOD FESTIVAL
Harbourfront Centre
www.harbourfrontcentre.com/whatson/today.cfm?id=4832

Regarded as the largest event of its kind in North America, the annual Vegetarian Food Festival gives you an unparalleled opportunity to enjoy a diverse cross-section of vegetarian cuisine.

September 5 - 7
CABBAGETOWN ART FESTIVAL
Cabbagetown District (bounded by Parliament, Wellesley, Gerrard and Yonge)

www.cabbagetownartandcrafts.org
The Cabbagetown Art & Crafts Sale is held each year during the Cabbagetown Festival and Riverdale Farm Fall Festival. The sale takes place on the weekend after Labour Day and attracts over 20,000 visitors to Riverdale Park West, in the heart of Toronto's historic Cabbagetown.

September 6
JESUS IN THE CITY PARADE
Queen's Park
www.jesusinthecity.com

It's a party in the streets as thousands join in this year's Jesus in the City Parade, meeting at Queen's Park, for a day of music, worship and celebration. With a colourful display of banners, floats, biblical costumes, gospel music and more, the event aims to spread a message of peace, love and joy through the downtown streets.

September 6 - 7
RIOT FEST
Downsview Park
www.riotfest.org

Riot Fest takes over Downsview Park for two days this September, showcasing top acts like the Billy Talent, The Cure, Rise Against, The Flaming Lips, City an Colour, Metric and dozens more. The festival celebrates punk, rock and alternative music and during the nine years that the festival has been in operation, organizers have focused on their mandate of putting music first.

September 7
25th Anniversary
Organic Advocates
FEAST OF FIELDS
Cold Creek Conservation Area,
King Twp.
www.feastoffields.org

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.

September 12 - 20
TORONTO BEER WEEK
Various Locations
www.torontobeerweek.com

The weeklong event features some of the city's experts in the industry. Attendees have the opportunity to visit top restaurants, bars, breweries, markets and more to learn and appreciate the amber brew. Participating venues include Mill St. Brew Pub, the Monarch Tavern, Beer Bistro, Bar Hop, The Painted Lady and more. The Homebrew Competition is back as well, and features the best in homemade beers.

September 12 - 14
BLOOR WEST VILLAGE TORONTO UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL
Bloor West Village
www.ukrainianfestival.com

The 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.

September 13 - 14
RONCESVALLES
POLISH FESTIVAL
Roncesvalles Avenue /

Queen St. West
www.polishfestival.ca

Czesc! North America's largest celebration of Polish culture in Toronto's best neighbourhood! Now entering its eighth year, the Festival adds an old-world charm to today's Roncesvalles Village, well-known as one of Toronto's most vibrant, diverse and creative communities.

September 18 - 27
JFL 42
Various Locations
www.jfl42.com

Just For Laughs presents a new kind of interactive festival, JFL42. Over 10 days, there will be 42 'cool things' happening in the city, including art, comedy, music, dance, and more. One pass gives access to all 42 events, in a schedule decided by the audience. Smart phone users can select what they want to see and based on interest events can change locations or have an extra date added. This year's headliners are comedians Seth Meyers, Lena Dunham, Joe Rogan, Nick Offermen, Wanda Sykes and Amy Schuner. Each pass comes with four credits, which give access to the 42 shows. Use your smartphone to check in immediately before or after an event to earn back a credit and see even more events. Pass options include access to all three of the headliners, or to one headliner of your choosing.



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