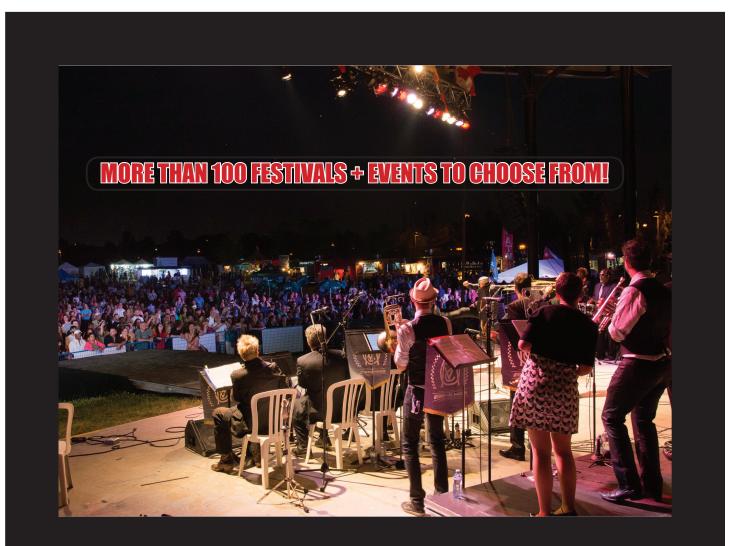
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From the editor



We are predicting a HOT and STEAMY Summer of Activity in and around Toronto!

Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

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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 almost 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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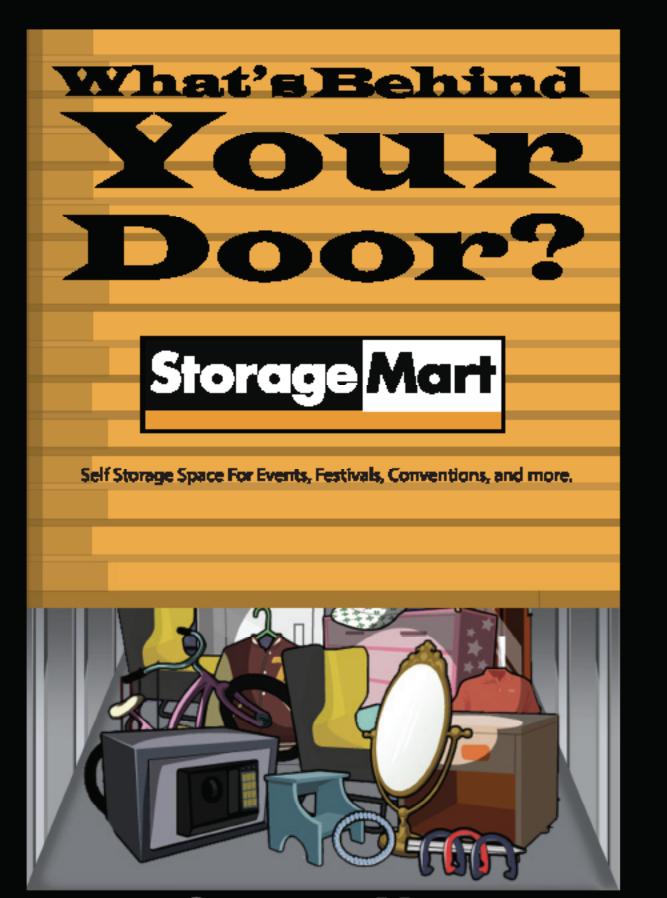
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SUMMER/FALL FESTIVALS GUIDE 2016

June 1 - July 3 PRIDE MONTH 2016 Various Locations pridetoronto.com

Pride Month in Toronto is one of Canada's premier arts and cultural festivals and one of the largest Pride celebrations in the world. Together with the thousands of individuals. community groups, businesses and participating sponsors, we are proud to celebrate the lives and stories of Toronto's Queer Communities. Pride Week features a month of world class arts and cultural programming, community activities, one of the world's largest street festivals, Pride Parade, Dyke March, Family programming, Blackness Yes and Youth and much more

June 3 - 5 MAC 'N CHEESE FESTIVAL Ontario Place

The growing festival will be teaming up with 45 of the best chefs in the 6ix to re-open Ontario Place and serve up Canada's favourite comfort food: mac and cheese!!!

What does this mean? With access to over 600,000 square feet of event space (that's the size of almost 12 football fields) they have rounded up Toronto's hottest chefs, savvy cooks and food entrepreneurs, competing to win your heart with the city's best mac and cheese. Prizes for the best mac and cheese dish include "Best of Fest", "Judge's Choice" and "People's Choice". Also fesatured are Craft Beer and Cider Bay, Carnival Corner, Food Truck Island, an Artisanal Market. Dairy Farmers of Canada and Metro Cooking Stage, plus more live entertainment. This year the festival has partnered with the National Wildlife Rehabilitation Foundation. A Canadian organization created solely to fund wildlife rescue organizations in the care, raising and release of orphaned and injured wildlife.

June 18 - 19 28TH TORONTO INTERNATIONAL DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL Centre Island

dragonboats.com

A two-day fun-filled event that brings sports, team spirit and community spirit to Toronto Centre Island. The Festival, which started in 1989, entered the international arena in 1993. From the humble beginning of only 27 teams participating in the first festival back in 1989, it has evolved to a much bigger operation over the past two decades. Organized by the Toronto Chinese Business Association and the Toronto International Dragon Boat Race Festival, the Festival in 2015 will once again expect 180 to 200 teams with 5,000 athletes. Paddlers of different backgrounds from all over the world will take part in the ancient Chinese tradition and friendly competition.

June 18 - 19 50th Anniversary CHIN INTERNATIONAL PICNIC College + Markham Streets Little Italy chinradio.com

This 2-day event attracts 250,000 people annually and remains the largest, free picnic in the country. Come and experience the sights and sounds of the CHIN International Picnic. Best of all, admission to all events and shows are FREE.

June 24 - July 3 TORONTO DOWNTOWN JAZZ FESTIVAL Nathan Philips Square & Various Locations torontojazz.com

What began in 1987 as an eight day showcase of jazz now attracts in excess of 500,000 loyal patrons annually over 10 days. Attractions include more than 350 performances with over 1,500 musicians performing at approximately 40 locations around Toronto.

June 29 - July 10 FRINGE FESTIVAL-"TORONTO'S THEATRE FESTIVAL" Various Locations fringetoronto.com

The Fringe is Toronto's largest theatre

festival. Last year it hosted over 150 theatre companies from around the globe -most from right here in Toronto! With over 30 different venues and 800+ artists, the Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival is Toronto's largest theatre festival. Join the excitement and beat the economic blues with 60,000 other Fringers as you sit back and see Broadways' next hit, or something wild and wacky-all for under \$10. Productions range from dramas to musical extravaganzas to improv and take place in local theatres as well as in unusual spots: playgrounds, parking lots and more. A Fringe Kids! The festival also hosts a beer tent, two outdoor patios and a free nightly Cabaret. Unjuried, unexpected, unforgettable.

June 30 - July 3 TORONTO RIBFEST Centennial Park torontoribfest.com

Toronto Ribfest, the largest Canada Day celebration, is held over the long weekend at Centennial Park in Etobicoke. Make Ribfest your family destination; there's fun and excitement for all! This popular event put on by the Rotary Club of Etobicoke attracts over 100,000 visitors who come to enjoy live music, succulent ribs and the beer tents. Children are delighted with candy floss, carnival rides, the climbing wall and pony rides. On Canada Day, a lively fireworks display celebrates Canada's birthday at dusk.

July 2 - 24 28th BEACHES INTERNATION-AL JAZZ FESTIVAL Queen Street East / Woodbine Park beachesjazz.com

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 28th anniversary, Beaches Jazz-voted Toronto's #1 music event in a 2006 Toronto Star Decima Poll.

July 3 PRIDE TORONTO PARADE Downtown Toronto pridetoronto.com

July 5 - August 12 CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL TORONTO Various Locations torontocaribbeancarnival.com

Caribbean Carnival Toronto is an exciting over three-week cultural explosion of Caribbean music, cuisine, revelry as well as visual and performing arts. In its 48th 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 Caribbean Carnival Toronto is complete without African Drumming along with the Arts and Crafts displays celebrating "Things Caribbean"!

July 8 - 10 ONTARIO LATIN ARTS FESTIVAL Mel Lastman Square 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 such as Cafe Cubano, one of Toronto's most popular salsa bands, Santerias, a modern fusion band, Mariachi Fuego Band, a refreshing and exciting twist on mariachi repertoire, Samba Toronto, a dance company with roots in Brazilian spirit and energy, Carlos Bastidas, an award-winning musician and promoter supported by his Latin Jazz band, Cabildo Dance Group and much more.

July 8 - 10 TORONTO OUTDOOR ART EXHIBITION Nathan Phillips Square torontooutdoorart.org

As the largest outdoor art exhibition in Canada, the TOAE offers a fresh-air alternative to conventional art shows and galleries. Approximately 400 artists participate and over 100,000 visitors attend the exhibition every year. Side by side, established artists, undiscovered talents and innovative students sell their work directly to the public and make lasting connections with art dealers and collectors. We welcome applications from artists working in a wide range of traditional and experimental art forms.

July 8 - 10 TASTE OF LAWRENCE FESTIVAL Lawrence Avenue East between Warden Avenue to Pharmacy tasteoflawrence.com

Savour the flavour of the multicultural tastes and talents of Scarborough at the 2016 Taste of Lawrence festival. It's a celebration of diversity from throughout Scarborough, across the GTA and around the world. Three davs of nonstop food and entertainment take over Lawrence Avenue East as 200,000 people come together to show their Scarborough spirit and their incredible spirit for life and all of its delicious possibilities. Experience nonstop international talent on two stages. Win fantastic prizes. Shop for tasty specials at the diverse merchants of the Wexford Heights BIA.

July 8 - 24 SUMMERLICIOUS Various Toronto Dining Locations toronto.foodontario.com

Summerlicious 2016 will feature over 300 of Toronto's restaurants providing three course lunch (\$15, \$20 or \$25) and/or dinner (\$25, \$35 or \$45) menus for your dining pleasure.

July 9 THRILL OF THE GRILL Danforth Bia thedanforth.ca

The sixth 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. Judges select the dishes along with the public, to decide who will be crowned this year's BBQ Master.

July 9 - 10 AFROFEST Woodbine Park musicafrica.org

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 iin 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.

July 9 - 10 SALSA ON ST. CLAIR St. Clair Ave. West , Hillcrest Village, between Winona Drive & Christie Ave.

tintv.com/events/salsa

The Salsa party continues in July as TLN Telelatino, Hillcrest Village BIA and the City of Toronto once again join forces to present Canada's largest 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 in 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 14 - August 7 TORONTO SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL Koerner Hall 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.

July 16 - 17 FESTIVAL OF SOUTH ASIA East Gerrard Street (between Greenwood and Coxwell) www.festivalofsouthasia.com/

Much like the Italian and Greek festivals, this festival offers the taste of South Asia. If you are interested in sampling their food, it's a great way to. The main stage features dancing, fashion shows, and authentic South Asian cultural programs reflecting Indian, Afghani, Pakistani, Bengali and Sri Lankan cultures.

July 16 - 17 FESTIVAL OF INDIA Centre Island 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 44th time. The celcebrations then shift to Centre Island for two days of festivities expected to draw close to 40,000 people.

July 20 - 21 KIDS' CBC DAYS CBC Building 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. There's no shortage of activities.

July 20 - 24 COLLINGWOOD ELVIS FESTIVAL Various Locations in 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.

July 21 - 23 28th BEACHES INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL STREETFEST Queen Street East beachesjazz.com

More than 50 bands perform on the streets during Beaches Jazz Festival StreetFest each nightf of Streetfest. This is the ORIGINAL and LONGEST street festival in Canada. 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 22 - 23 BOLLYWOOD MONSTER MASH UP Mississauga Celebration Sq.

BollywoodMonsterMashup.com

A full day of fun for everyone. Free events include a film festival, a KidsZone for children's crafts & games, a Bollywood concert with a Bollywood headliner, spectacular dancers, the tastiest food in town and a Bollywood marketplace to celebrate 100 years of Indian cinema! Join thousands of people at the Bollywood celebrations in Mississauga while brilliant musicians and dancers perform your favourite songs from the early takes to modern club hits.

July 22 - 24 TORONTO'S FESTIVAL OF BEER Bandshell Park Exhibition Place beerlicious.ca

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.

July 23 - 24 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 23 - 26 TASTE OF TORONTO Garrison Common @ Fort York TasteOfToronto.com

Fort York will host upwards of 20,000 visitors across four days. Top restaurants and over 50 exhibitors, make for a foodie heaven.Taste Extraordinary! Featuring Toronto's most celebrated chefs and rising stars, foodie entertainment and,boutique food & drink market.

July 24 YOUTH DAY Yonge-Dundas Square yd-toronto.com

Over 30,000 attendees expected! Proclaimed an Event of Municipal Significance by the City of Toronto Over 100 live performances including music, dance, and speakers. Includes the work of over 350 youth 14 – 29 Headliner & Feature Performances! A number of recording artists support Toronto's youth and endorse YD with the contribution of their time Youth Gallery Expansion! High demand has grown the gallery both in size and in diversity to now include 2D, 3D, audience interactive and live art and photography. Featuring a variety of styles of youth and mentor artist work Yonge Street Closure! Vendors, of a variety of types, will be lined on Yonge Street to host the festival visitors Fashion Show! Featuring youth and mentor designers showcasing a variety of styles for all ages, sizes, and backgrounds!

July 24 BRAZILFEST TORONTO 2016 Earlscourt 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 28 HART HOUSE CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL Hart House harthouse.ca

Hart House once again hosts the 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.

July 28 - 31 TORONTO BURLESQUE FESTIVAL Gladstone Hotel torontoburlesquefestival.com

The ninth annual Toronto Burlesque Festival is coming up Thursday, July 28th to Sunday, July 31st, 2016 at Revival Bar and The Virgin Mobile MOD Club! We are thrilled to present a sizzling four-day extravaganza of performances and parties with a dazzling cast of innovative artists from all across the globe. Come uncover the titillating tricks of the tease with star faculty at our Burlesque University not to be missed!

July 29 - 31 TORONTO FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL Woodbine Park torontofoodtruckfestival.com

Bring your Friends! Bring your Family! Enjoy some delicious local farm fresh food from more than 30 Food Trucks at one of Canada's premier Food Truck Festivals. Join in on an eating challenge or just point and laugh. There's something for everyone

July 29 - August 1 ISLAND SOUL Harbourfont Centre harbourfrontcentre.com

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

July 29 - August 1 SCARBOROUGH RIBFEST Thomson Memorial Park scarboroughribfest.com/

In honour of one of the most beloved parts of the cow. the Scarborough Ribfest celebrates its 15th 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.

July 30 - 31 IRIE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2015 Historic Fort York iriemusicfestival.com

The 13th 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.

July 30 - 31 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.

July 30 - August 1 THE PIRATE FESTIVAL Marden Park Guelph, Ontario thepiratefestival.com

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.

July 31 - August 18 CNE HORSECAPADES Horse Palace, Exhibition Place

HorseCapades introduces horses to the young and the young at heart. This is a FREE CNE interactive horse program.

July 31 - August 1 OVO FEST Air Canada Centre

Drake's 7th annual OVO Fest moves to the ACC with special guests Kanye West, Rihanna, Futures, Snoop Dogg, Wiz Khalifa and of course, Drake himself. 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 midsummer.

August 1 - 7 DUSK DANCES Withrow Park duskdances.ca

Withrow Park hosts the 22nd season of the Dusk Dances festival. Chore-





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CHOCOLATE DEMO STAGE

ographers of different dance backgrounds create ten-minute pieces inspired by the natural beauty around them. This outdoor dance festival takes places 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 4 - 7 BOOTS AND HEARTS MUSIC FESTIVAL Burl's Creek Event Grounds Oro-Medonte, Ont. (just north of Barrie) bootsandhearts.com

Boots and Hearts music festival brings country music to just north of the GTA in Oro-Medonte. The threeday celebration brings international stars and up-and-coming acts together on stage, with nighttime partying and overnight camping available. This year's line-up features Blake Shelton, Tim McGraw, Dierks Bentley, Jake Owen, Sam Hunt, Chase Rice, and a whole lot more.

August 4 - 14 SUMMERWORKS PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL Various Locations summerworks.ca/2016/

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 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.

August 5 - 6 DOWNTOWN OAKVILLE JAZZ FESTIVAL George & Lakeshore - Oakville oakvilleiazz.com

The Downtown Oakville Jazz Festival is underway with road closures on both days beginning at 5 pm and reopening at midnight. The Jazz Festival provides great opportunity for you to discover and appreciate arts & culture and all that Downtown Oakville has to offer!

August 5 - 9 KULTURA FILIPINO ARTS FESTIVAL Nathan Phillips Square, OCAD, Kapisanan Philippine Centre and several other locations in Toronto

kapisanancentre.com

The 11th 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 6 VOICES OF THE NATIONS Yonge-Dundas Square voicesofthenations.com

Toronto's number one multicultural Christian Music Festival is back! Celebrate with thousands of believers from every culture and join local musicians and teams at Voices of the Nations. It's free! Help spread the Good News among the nations through music, dance, drama, and more.

August 6 IMPORTFEST 2016 Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building 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.

August 6 - 7 TASTE OF THE DANFORTH Danforth Ave. East of Broadview Ave. 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 6 - 7 JERK FEST -JERK FOOD FESTIVAL Centennial Park and Rathburn Rd. at the base of the ski hills. Jerkfestival.ca

JerkFest 2016 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 12 TD MOSAIC 2016 SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL OF MISSISSAUGA Mississauga Celebration Square

mosaicfest.com

Now in its 11th year, Mosaic is the largest free South Asian arts, culture and heritage festival of North America. Mosaic 2016 will feature dance, music, literature,main stage performances, youth stage and food and commercial vendors.

August 12 - 13 WHEELS ON THE DANFORTH Oakridge Park wheelsonthedanforth.ca/

Toronto's only "on the street" judged Car show featuring Classics, Exotics, Tuners, Muscle Cars, Hot Rods, and Motorcycles all lined up on the closed section of Danforth Ave/Danforth Rd. Local cycle groups will be participating in a structured ride to the event.

August 12 - 14 HABARI AFRICA FESTIVAL Harbourfront Centre harbourfrontcentre.com

Habari Africa festival is a multi-disciplinary music and arts celebration. Learn about the rich and diverse cultures spanning the African continent at this weekend-long exploration of art, food, film, music and more.

August 12 - 14 FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES 550 Belsyde Ave. E., Fergus, Ontario fergusscottishfestival.com

If you've never been to Scotland, attending this festival will make you feel you have. Held out in Fergus, it celebrates everything Scottish and you don't have to be part of a Clan to enjoy yourself!! There are children's activities such as dance lessons, story-telling; competitions, e.g., tossing the caber; Highland dancing; piping; scotch tasting and many other entertaining events to watch or participate in.

August 13 -14 PAN AMERICAN FOOD FESTIVAL Yonge-Dundas Square panamfoodfest.com

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 13 - 14 TORONTO REGGAE FEST Polson Pier torontoreggaefest.com

Toronto Reggae Fest features a line-

up of reggae artists including Warriour King, Super Cats, MR Vegas, Sanchez and Chris Martin. The festival is part of Toronto's popular reggae series, Redemption, which organizes five events in the city annually. Other events have included Redemption Christmas, Redemption Past vs. Present, and an All-White Dancehall party. Redemption is considered the largest reggae series in North America, with over 10,000 fans attending events over the course of the year.

August 13 - 14 ROUNDHOUSE CRAFT BEER FEST 2016 Roundhouse Park craftbeerfest.ca

Roundhouse Craft Beer Fest is back for 2016, 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.

August 13 - 14 YORK-EGLINTON INTERNATIONAL STREET FESTIVAL Along Eglinton Ave. West corridor from Marlee Ave. to Dufferin Street 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 17 ALBION ISLINGTON FUSION OF TASTE FESTIVAL Albion Islington Square fusionoftaste.com/

The 8th Annual Albion Islington Fusion of Taste Festival is an open house for the Albion Islington Business Improvement Area. It features live music, arts and crafts, a free raffle and a diverse selection of dining options representative of the neighbourhood's residents. Children are welcome to partake in amusement rides, play midway games and try the on the spot drawing competition.

August 18 - 21 MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL Main Street - Unionville markhamjazzfestival.com

A free weekend of high-quality performances during the day and evening on August 18-21. 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 Markhama truly a magical experience. The festival will highlight a large variety of music within the family of jazz.

August 18 - 20 SAIL-IN CINEMA Sugar Beach 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 18 - 21 AFRICAN FASHION WEEK Design Exchange 234 Bay Street 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.



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August 19 - 21 HOT & SPICY FOOD FESTIVAL Harbourfront Centre 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 19 - 21 DUNDAS CACTUS FESTIVAL Dundas, Ontario dundascactusfest.ca/

The Cactus Festival of Dundas, Ontario is a large, street festival showcasing Dundas businesses & area artists. The festival includes 3 entertainment stages, event zones and over 100 street vendors and kicks off with the Parade

August 19 - 21 MISSISSAUGA BUSKERFEST Port Credit, portrcreditbuskerfest.com

A three-day event with International performers, numerous performance sites, continuous shows and non-stop action in Port Credit by the lake in Mississauga.

Friday night the streets will be filled with music, magic, merriment and madness – it's like a feast for the senses! On Sasturday keep your eyes peeled for daredevil stunts, stilt walkers and roving entertainers of every description – all afternoon and evening! The merriment, mirth & music continues through Sunday afternoon. Try to pick a favourite — it won't be easy!

August 20 TOMMY THOMPSON PARK BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL Tommy Thompson Park butterflyfest.ca

Nature lovers should head to the foot of Leslie Street at Unwin during the Tommy Thompson Park Butterfly Festival, which returns to Toronto for the 8th 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 20 MISSISSAUGA ITALFEST: FERAGOSTO IN THE CITY Celebration Square, Mississauga Civic Centre mississaugaitalfest.com

ITALFEST the first event of its kind, returns to the city of Mississauga! This event celebrates and shares with the residents of Mississauga and beyond, the wonder of Italian culture; its people, its history, its music, its arts, its landscape and of course, it's delicious food! Complete with local and international entertainment including. Enjoy the Heritage Square, food demos, bocce ball, car display and spaghetti eating contest. Lots of children's attractions and special Italian flavoured experiences for the entire family all day.

August 20 RASTAFEST Downsview Park 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, ital 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 20 - 21 SCARBOROUGH AFRO-CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL Albert Campbell Sq, Scarborough Civic Centre Scarboroughafrocaribfest.com/

A Fun-filled family event that offers live performances by local and international artists, visual art exhibitions, Afro-Caribbean cuisine and dance competitions for adults and children. There's a Kids Zone which includes games, face painting and more! 40 vendors featuring food, crafts, local businesses, Non profit organizations will be present to showcase their products and services.

August 20 - 21 TORONTO CHINATOWN FESTIVAL Dundas St. West (between)

Dundas St. West (between Spadina Ave. & Beverley St.) www.chinatowntcf.com/

The Toronto Chinatown Festival will be held on Dundas St. West (between Spadina Ave. & Beverley St.) as well as Huron St. (between D'Arcy St. & Dundas St. West) in Toronto Chinatown. Showcasing a mixture of Chinese culture including Lion Dance, Kung Fu Performances, Chinese street food, traditional Chinese arts & crafts.

August 26 - 28 TELUS TAIWANFEST: TAIWAN RISING Harbourfront Centre

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

August 26 - 28 CARIFESTIVAL Woodbridge Fairgrounds, Vaughan carifestival.com/

Experience the Caribbean in Vaughan: Family-friendly Caribbean festival, celebrating the culture with Live music, food, kids zone and beautiful carnival costumes.

August 27 CITYFEST Canoe Landing Park (Fort York Blvd & Spadina Ave)

Festival celebrating the best of Toronto's local talent, eats and drinks, urban art, and on-site experiences held in CityPlace. Line up includes DJs and local talent.

August 27 COCONUT FESTIVAL CANADA David Pecaut Square, King St W (beside Roy Thomson Hall) http://www.coconutfestival.ca/

A fun day awaits the foodies and the

adventurous as hundreds of products from coco jams to full meals will be presented by a diverse lineup of vendors. The festival will also feature artisan merchandise like jewelry, clothing, accessories, house stuff and amazing health books plus native music and everything else. Coconut games for kids will be held with exciting prices to be won! A great family activity!

August 27 - 28 MUSLIMFEST Mississauga Celebration Square muslimfest.com

MuslimFest celebrates the best in arts, culture and entertainment. The event features local and international artists who showcase their talent in various areas. Concerts featuring popular Muslim artists, comedy shows, a multicultural bazaar, and a kids carnival are just some of the fun things one can expect at MuslimFest. MuslimFest provides the opportunities to share culture with the community. We believe in education through the language of art, humour, and meaningful entertainment; something that we feel can break through even the toughest cultural barriers.

September 2 - 5 BUSKERFEST Woodbine Park torontobuskerfest.com

There is much to celebrate at the 2016 BuskerFest - and that celebration will be taking place this year at Woodbine Park in the Beach area.

September 2 - 5 HISPANIC FIESTA Mel Lastman Square 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.

September 2 - 5 ARTFEST: OUTDOOR ART SHOW Distillery District artfestontario.com/artfestshows

Celebrating summer in Toronto and the arts, 65 artists & artisans from across Canada are gathering at the Historic Distillery District for three days only. Enjoy handmade Canadian pottery, glass, leather, jewellery, gourmet food, textiles paintings, live music and more. Set throughout the magical Historic Distillery District.

September 7 - 17 CARIBBEANTALES TORONTO FILM SHOWCASE Harbourfront Centre harbourfrontcentre.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. Harbourfront Centre presents the CaribbeanTales Toronto Film Showcase, a large showcase of movies from the Caribbean diaspora. This festival is a gold mine for film screenings and networking, as well as an opportunity to learn about contemporary Caribbean culture. It's only one of many weekend festivals that are taking place at Harbourfront Centre over the summer months, celebrating culture from all around the globe.

September 8 - 18 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL Various Theatre Locations tiff.net

Celebrating 40 years, 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 8 - 17 TORONTO INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL Carleton Cinemas film-fest.ca/

The Toronto Indie is Toronto's own film festival for truly independent films - a headline event for micro-budget and no-budget films in North America. It presents the best of low-budget filmmaking from around the world, and mixes it up with relevant industry discussions and targeted social networking events. An indie film festival by and for indie filmmakers.

September 9 - 11 TASTE OF KINGSWAY Bloor Street (Prince Edward Drive to Montgomery Rd) kingswaybia.ca

Discover international cuisines, guality 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 9 - 11 SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE: BLUES + JAZZ FESTIVAL Memorial Park - Port Credit southsideshuffle.ca

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 9 - 11 VEGETARIAN FOOD FESTIVAL Harbourfront Centre vegfoodfest.com

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 9 - 11 CABBAGETOWN ART FESTIVAL Cabbagetown District (bounded by Parliament, Wellesley, Gerrard and Yonge) 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 10 JESUS IN THE CITY PARADE Queen's Park 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. This year's festivities include a t-shirt design contest and multi-cultural kick-off concert.

September 10 - 25 NIAGARA WINE FESTIVAL Montebello Park and various locations in and around St.Catharines, Ontario www. niagarawinefestival.com/page/ home

September 16 - 18 BLOOR WEST VILLAGE TORON-TO UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL Bloor West Village

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.

For more information contact, phone: 416-410-9965

September 17 - 18 ANNUAL PIONEER HARVEST FESTIVAL Black Creek Pioneer Village blackcreek.ca

Black Creek's Annual Pioneer Harvest Festival celebrates the Mennonite and Pennsylvania-German pioneers with food, arts and crafts and activities for the whole family. Highlights of the festival include a guilt auction, featuring hand-made Mennonite guilts, horsedrawn wagon rides, demonstrations and various foods to eat there and take home.Demonstrations including apple pressing, butter churning, cheese making, sausage meaning, apple schnitzing and candle dipping, Food provided includes homemade pies, hand-made ice cream, apple butter, cheese curds, sausages and more.

September 17 - 18 RONCESVALLES POLISH FESTIVAL Roncesvalles Ave/ Queen St. West 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 oldworld charm to today's Roncesvalles Village, well-known as one of Toronto's most vibrant, diverse and creative communities.

September 18 TORONTO GARLIC FESTIVAL Artscape Wychwood Barns torontogarlicfestival.ca

The 2016 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: \$5, Children Free. Prepared food and crafts for sale. For more information 416-888-7829

September 18 - 26 TORONTO BEER WEEK Various Locations torontobeerweek.com

Toronto Beer Week is back this year, with an even bigger celebration of beer in the city of Toronto. 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 21 STEAM WHISTLE'S OKTOBERFEST Steam Whistle Brewing steamwhistle.ca

Cities around the world love to observe their own versions of the famous German Oktoberfest festival, and Toronto is no exception, especially at the Steam Whistle Brewery. This year, the Brewery celebrates Oktoberfest for the third year, filling an entire Saturday with giant pretzels, sausages, sauce and, of course, Steam Whistle beer. Steam Whistle founders Cam & Greg, along with Brewmaster Marek, start things off with a ceremonial kegtapping; George Kash and the Oktoberfest Express host the festival. The first Oktoberfest took place in 1810 in Munich, with horse races; today, the Munich festival is a world-famous event that lasts 16 days.

September 22 - 25 TORONTO PALESTINE FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations

The Toronto Palestine Film Festival begins with several pre-festival screenings leading up to the Film Festival The unreleased film program includes a variety of films as well as special, non-film programming. With multiple locations, the festival is a non-profit, volunteer-run initiative that also hosts cultural events outside of the annual festival.

September 22 - October 1 JFL 42 Various Locations ifl42.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.

Featured this year areJim Gaffigan, Roseanne Barr, Trevor Noah, Emo Phillips, Margaret Cho, Sinbad, Jim Jeffries and many more. 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

September 25 THE WORD ON THE STREET Harbourfront Centre thewordonthestreet.ca

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

September 25 SOUPALICIOUS Artscape Wychwood Barns soupalicious.ca

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.

October 1 NUIT BLANCHE Citywide

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.

October 1 - 2 QUEEN WEST ART CRAWL Queen Street West from Bathurst to Roncesvalles queenwestartcrawl.com

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.

October 13 - 21 TORONTO AFTER DARK FILM FESTIVAL Bloor Cinema torontoafterdark.com

October 17 – November 8 TORONTO CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

TorontoChocolateFestival.com

The 11th Annual Toronto Chocolate Festival celebrates everything chocolate. Signature features of the festival include The Luxury Chocolate Show and Chocolate Afternnoon Tea

October 20 – 30 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS

Harbourfront Centre Ifoa.org/festival

The 37th Edition of the International Festival of Authors (IFOA) brings together the best writers in contemporary world literature.

October 27 - 29 CREATIV FESTIVAL 2016 South Building, Metro Toronto Convention Centre csnf.com

Creativ Festival is trend spotting, inspiration, new products, spectacular shopping, hands-on conference workshops, industry experts, how-tos, 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!

November 4 - 13 ROYAL AGRICULTURE WINTER FAIR Exhibition Place royalfair.org

November 8 TORONTO LUXURY CHOCOLATE SHOW Roy Thomson Hall torontochocolateshow.com (SIGNATURE EVENT OF THE TORONTO CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL) The Toronto LUXURY CHOCOLATE SHOW celebrates everything chocolate under one roof. A diverse array of fine chocolates and chocolateinspired products will be featured. Various vendors will be displaying, sampling and selling their fine chocolate products at show prices, just in time for the holiday season.

November 10 -19 THE REEL ASIAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL Toronto and Richmond Hill reelasian.com

November 17 - 20 GOURMET FOOD AND WINE Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building foodandwineexpo.ca

Celebrity guests, a fine wine tasting lounge, a Food Network stage, a spiritology pavilion and an extensive food and beverage exhibitor showcase are highlights of this annual event, which offers ample opportunities to sample gourmet foods and wines from around the globe.

November 26 TORONTO CAVALCADE OF LIGHTS 2016

Nathan Phillips Square toronto-travelguide.com/cavalcade-of-lights Fabulous fireworks, magnificent music and dazzling lights – the annual Toronto Cavalcade of Lights features wonderful combination of these electrifying actions, right in the heart of the city centre. The Cavalcade of Lights kick-starts Toronto's festive holiday season with the sparkling illumination of Nathan Phillips Square and city's official Christmas tree in the final weekend of November.

August 19 -September 5 CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (CNE) Exhibition Place www.theex.com

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) is Canada's largest fair and one of the top 10 fairs in North America. Founded in 1879. You can download the CNE brochure from their official website or at our own website www.HOToronto.com or TorontoOnDemand.ca

The 138th edition of the Canadian National Exhibition marks the culmination of a spectacular summer in the city of Toronto. The excitement and thrills continue with Canada's largest and favourite fair, the CNE, which runs August 19 – September 5. New and exhilarating attractions join many returning favourites in the 2016 CNE line-up.

2016 CNE Makes a Splash with All-New Waterfront Programming! August 19 – September 5

plus

CNE Innovation Garage, Star Trek: "50 Artists. 50 Years.", Paleo World, Augmenting Reality Exhibit, and Star-Studded Concert Series Featuring Randy Bachman, Dean Brody, Scott Helman & Tyler Shaw, Ria Mae & Coleman Hell, Walk Off The Earth and more!

A tidal wave of the world's most gifted watersport athletes and awe-inspiring water ski daredevils will converge on Toronto's waterfront as one of the many new and exciting features of the 138th edition of the Canadian National Exhibition, August 19 to September 5, 2016. The Great Canadian Water Ski Caper, a brand new waterfront stunt show performed daily. and two premier extreme watersport competitions, the Nautique Canadian Wakesurf Nationals and Nautique WWA Wakeboard World Championships, will dazzle on the lake while the thrills continue in-land with returning

favourites such as RUSH: Parkour, XPogo, and the Aerial Acrobatics and Ice Skating Show featuring Olympic medalist Joannie Rochette and special guest Elvis Stojko.

The all-new CNE Innovation Garage presented by HP showcases the latest in consumer products and services: a 38 ft. T-Rex skeleton invades Kids' World as part of a new Paleo World feature; musical legend Randy Bachman kicks off the first night of the CNE's concert series at The Bandshell; and new exhibits include Augmenting Reality, a multisensory experience that transforms the real world with digital technologies; and Star Trek: "50 Artists. 50 Years." with themed trivia nights and a galactic Star Trek themed bar - offering something for everyone.

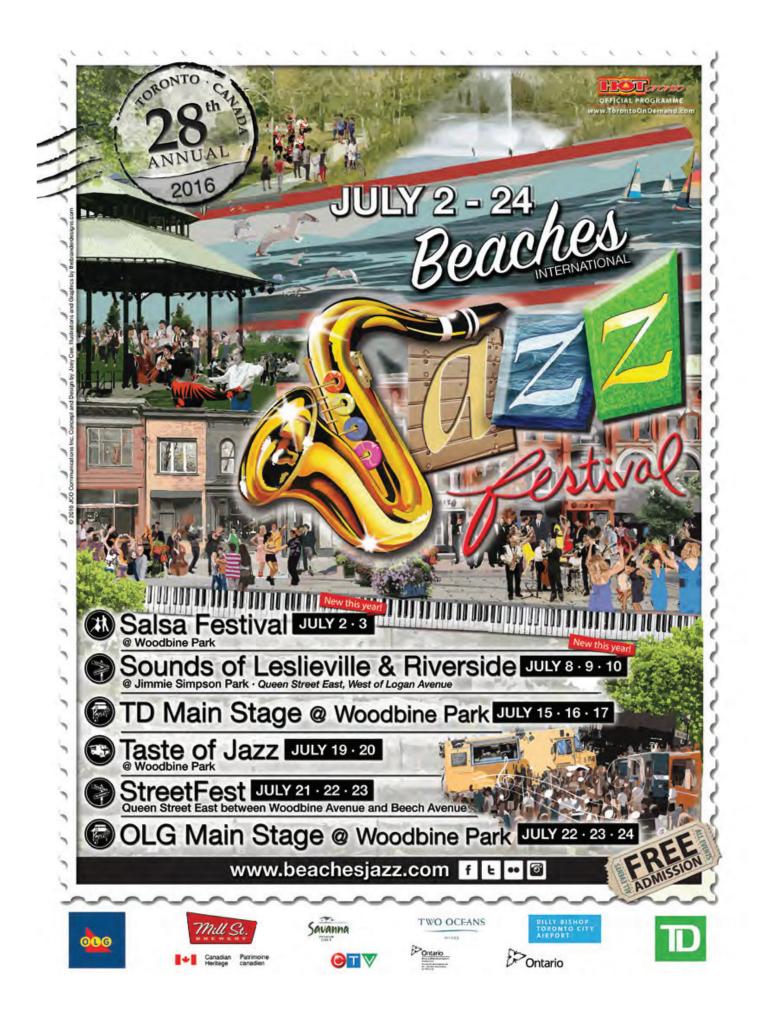
Always putting the 'FUN' in funnel cake, the CNE will surely raise the bar with all-new carnival eats this year...so stay tuned for the big reveal.

2016 CNE HIGHLIGHTS:

NEW – CNE Innovation Garage

presented by HP (August 19 to 21): Discover the latest and greatest in consumer products, services and more at this all-new innovation hub! Engage in interactive experiences, browse new products and technology, meet young entrepreneurs presenting at the CNE Emerging Innovators Pitch Competition, and be inspired by talks featuring innovation influencers, industry vanguards and Canadian Space Agency astronaut Jeremy Hansen.

NEW – Waterfront Shows: The CNE returns to the waterfront for the first time in decades thanks to a \$5.5 million infrastructure investment by the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario to rehabilitate the West Channel watersports course just south of the CNE grounds. New Waterfront programming features a daily waterfront show, The Great Canadian Water Ski Caper, the Nautique Canadian Wakesurf Nationals on opening weekend (August 19 to 21), and the Nautique WWA Wakeboard World Championships (August 25 to 28).



NEW – Star Trek "50 Artists. 50

Years.": Over 50 artists from 10 countries, including works by Canadian artists Johnathan Begeron, Maria Bergeron, Mark D'Alfonso, and photographs by the late Leonard Nimoy, will be on display in this global art exhibition commemorating the 50th anniversary of the iconic series. All featured illustrations, photography, sculptures, paintings and graphics were commissioned specifically for this exhibit. Trekkers should also mark their calendars for trivia nights, a Star Trek pop-up shop, and themed bar.

NEW – Aerial Acrobatics and Ice Skating Show: An all-new themed Aerial Acrobatics and Ice Skating Show returns to the CNE each day during the fair. This year's show will feature 2010 Olympic bronze medalist Joannie Rochette (August 19 to 22 & August 26 to September 5), and special guest Elvis Stojko (August 23 to 25).

Bandshell Concert Series: Catching a concert at the CNE Bandshell is the best way to end a great day at the fair, with performances spanning the entire musical spectrum for all ages. Headlining acts in 2016 include Randy Bachman, Jefferson Starship, Headstones, Ricky Nelson Remembered, Luciano, George Canyon, Dean Brody, Scott Helman & Tyler Shaw, A Great Big World, Ria Mae & Coleman Hell, Walk Off The Earth and more. All concerts are FREE with admission!

Food Truck Frenzy & Craft Beer

Fest: One of Canada's largest food truck rallies just got bigger with six NEW food trucks ready to take position along Princes' Blvd. from August 26 to 28! Foodies can rejoice in 25 unique offerings from Toronto's trendiest food innovators including FeasTO and Made in Brazil, previous winners of Food Network Canada's Food Truck Face Off. Enjoy a refreshing cold one in the heart of the Food Truck Frenzy from 10 local master brewers including Muskoka Brewing Inc., Wellington Brewery, and Beaus All Natural Brewing Company.



RUSH: Parkour Competitive Demonstrations: Parkour returns to the CNE this year in a sensational new show where athletes will compete with one another in the sport of free-running, jumping, climbing and vaulting through urban obstacle courses and buildings, and the audience will decide who is best! Set to high-energy music, the show features athletes from Toronto's Monkey Vault Training Movement Centre.

XPogo Stunt Team: Back by popular demand! Flying up to 9 feet in the air on next-generation pogo sticks while executing incredible, jaw-dropping tricks, witness the best extreme pogo performance team in the world.

NEW – Augmenting Reality Exhibit:

Take a journey through reality, where technology and the physical world intersect to create a new experience. Augmenting Reality presents an insider's view into a world of technological innovations that enhance reality through digital means. Try, touch and experience throughout this multisensory exhibit.

Celebrity Chef Stage: Learn from industry masters including MasterChef Canada judge Claudio Aprile, Michael Smith, Lynn Crawford, Anna Olson, Mark McEwan and more! A talented lineup of celebrity chefs will take the stage daily inside the At Home Pavilion to share their tips, cooking demos and diverse culinary perspectives. Enjoy daily preserving demonstrations from food and nutrition specialist, cooking demonstrator and cookbook author, Yvonne Tremblay.

NEW – Rides: Visitors of all ages can soar to new heights as two electrifying rides, The Himalaya on the Main Midway and Chopper Charlie on the Kiddie Midway, make their CNE debuts this summer. Living right next door to its sister ride, the ever-famous Polar Express, the mighty Himalaya travels at extreme speed as it moves backwards and forwards over multiple peaks and valleys, with sirens blaring and lights flashing, all while pumping out the best music on the midway!

NEW – Rock & Roll Over President's Choice SuperDogs Show:

The SuperDogs return to the Enercare Centre with a brand new production celebrating all the fun, energy and excitement of rock and roll. Watch and laugh as they put their own canine band called "Five Directions" to work and cheer them on as they jump, weave and dance to electrifying hits from past and present! **NEW – Paleo World:** This year the CNE's Kids' World introduces an all-new interactive and educational exhibit, Paleo World. Unleash your junior paleontologist and get face to face with a Mososaur skull, Triceratops skull, a super croc skull, a fullsize 38 ft. T-Rex skeleton and more!

Kids' World: Other fun-filled activities in Kids' World include Pizza Nova Pizza Making and an Art Studio at the KidStreet Interactive Zone; performances including The Incredible Magic of Professor Wick, Barney, Bob the Builder, Thomas and Friends and Mike the Knight; popular character meet and greets with Angelina Ballerina and Little Charmers Hazel; as well as dynamic, high energy performances by Splash'N Boots.

67th Annual Canadian International Air Show: The excitement of the CNE culminates on Labour Day Weekend as the thrilling Canadian International Air Show (CIAS) soars over Lake Ontario for another awe-inspiring show featuring performances by the Breitling Jet Team, CF-19 Hornet, U.S. Navy F/A legacy Hornet, The Grumman Mohawk, Canadian Forces Snowbirds and many more!

For more information about the 2016 CNE, tickets, programming, directions and hours, visit *www.TheEx.com*

Please note Labour Day early closing times below:

Gates: 10 am to 5 pm Grounds: 10 am to 9 pm Buildings: 10 am to 7 pm Casino: noon to 8 pm Rides: 10 am to 9 pm

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