

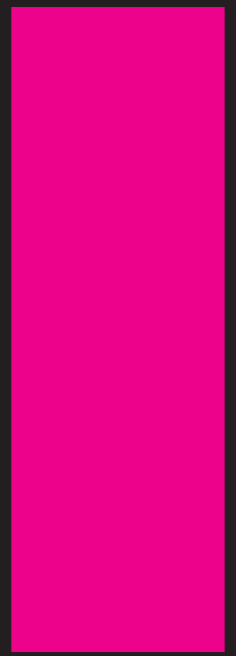
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## From the editor



*Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor*

## FUNdraising season is in full swing with Galas Galore!

HOToronto Magazine, in its commitment to keeping you informed and enlightened, continues to present you with a host of new on-line download magazine titles. This magazine is dedicated to one of our famous pastimes - *fundraising*. GALAvanting Magazine is an online DIGITAL publication, available as a free download designed to be of interest to the consumer and trade sectors alike. We have compiled for you, a list of galas and major fundraisers that basically put the FUN into FUNdraising. In subsequent updated issues we will be featuring Golf Tournaments and additional fundraising events.

The information compiled in this issue is derived from many sources, solicited and unsolicited. Our team of writers and photographers have been covering such galas for more than 20 years, and each year there are more and more such events popping up all over the city and throughout the GTA. For most, it is hard to keep up with the variety of gala events that want us to attend and support their particular cause. All of them worthy of consideration.

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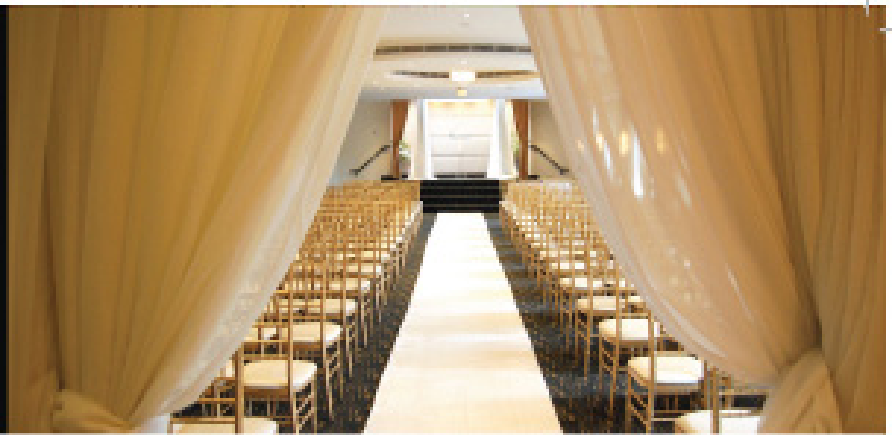
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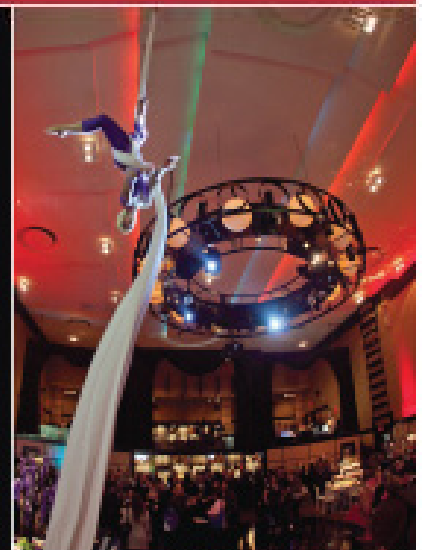


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February 2  
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 Chateau Le Parc Event Centre  
 In Support of Iranian Canadian  
 Congress  
 Info: [info@iccongress.ca](mailto:info@iccongress.ca)

February 2  
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 Hart House/ U of T  
 In Support of United Against  
 Cancer  
[www.uac.sa.utoronto.ca](http://www.uac.sa.utoronto.ca)

February 3  
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 Centre, North Bldg.  
 In Support of The Grocery  
 Foundation  
[www.groceryfoundation.com](http://www.groceryfoundation.com)

February 7  
**67TH CONN SMYTHE  
 SPORTS CELEBRITIES  
 DINNER + AUCTION**  
 Fairmont Royal York Hotel  
 In Support of Easter Seals  
 Ontario  
[www.easterseals.org](http://www.easterseals.org)

February 9  
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 Royal Ambassador Banquet  
 Hall, Caledon  
 In Support of Caledon East  
 Revitalization  
 Info: 416-705-8970 or 416-  
 805-1316

February 9  
**THE GIVING HEARTS GALA**  
 Hazelton Manor  
 In Support of Sunnybrook  
 Hospital  
[www.sunnybrook.ca](http://www.sunnybrook.ca)

February 10  
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 A NIGHT WITH JAY LENO**  
 Toronto Congress Centre  
 In Support of Trillium Health  
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[www.trilliumgiving.ca](http://www.trilliumgiving.ca)

February 10  
**THE BOND OF PERFECTION**  
 Canadian Coptic Centre  
 1245 Eglinton Ave. W.  
 In Support of Orthodox  
 Christian Student Assoc.  
 Tickets: 647-895-3507

February 10  
**LOVE DOES GALA 2018**  
 Oakville Conference + Banquet  
 Centre  
 In Support of The Women's  
 Centre of Halton  
[www.thewomenscentreofhalton.com](http://www.thewomenscentreofhalton.com)

February 10  
**DRAGON BALL 2018**  
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 Convention Centre  
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[www.yeehongdragonball.org](http://www.yeehongdragonball.org)

February 10  
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 The Grand Luxe Event Boutique  
 In Support of Sickkids  
 Foundation  
[www.sickkidsfoundation.com](http://www.sickkidsfoundation.com)

February 10  
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 MASQUERADE BALL**  
 Courtyard Marriott Toronto/  
 Brampton  
 Info: 647-248-9850

February 10  
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 GALA**  
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 In Support of Princess  
 Margaret Cancer Foundation  
[www.thepmcf.ca/events.com](http://www.thepmcf.ca/events.com)

February 15  
**CANADIAN FILM CENTRE  
 2018 ANNUAL GALA  
 + AUCTION**  
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 In Support of Canadian Film  
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[www.gala.cfccreates.com](http://www.gala.cfccreates.com)

February 16  
**RYERSON TOGETHER  
 CHARITY GALA**  
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 In Support of Covenant House  
 + Evergreen Yonge Street Mis-  
 sion  
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February 17  
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 CELEBRATION**  
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 475 Yonge Street  
 In Support of Congress of  
 Black Women of Canada

February 17  
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 VALENTINE'S  
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 Centre for Hamilton  
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February 24  
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 Vaughan  
 In Support of Cancer Care/  
 Markham Stouffville Hospital  
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February 24  
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 AFFAIR**  
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 Committee of Durham Region  
 Info: [events@aidsdurham.com](mailto:events@aidsdurham.com)

February 24  
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February 24  
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GALA**

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[www.cfpdp.com](http://www.cfpdp.com)

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**HEART TO HEART GALA**

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In Support of Catholic Family  
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ONE CASINO NIGHT**

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March 2

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March 10

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BOYS ASSOCIATION**

Pearson Convention Centre,  
Brampton  
In Support of JCOBACA

March 19

**VISIONARY GALA**

The Daniels Spectrum  
In Support of Canada Helps/  
Visions of Science  
[www.vosni.org](http://www.vosni.org)

March 24

**RED TIE AFFAIR**

The Royalton  
In Support of Sickkids  
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March 24

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GALA**

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April 7

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DISCO GALA**

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In Support of Rainbows  
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April 18

**SAKURA GALA**

Royal Ontario Museum  
In Support of Japanese  
Canadian Cultural Centre  
+ Dr. Yasufukus Lung Program  
Research  
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April 19

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April 20

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April 21

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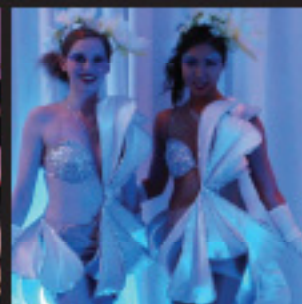
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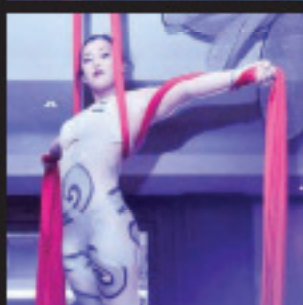
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May 28

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June 2

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In Support of Princess  
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[www.fighttoendcancer.com](http://www.fighttoendcancer.com)

June 7

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ROME**

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[www.skscrubs.com](http://www.skscrubs.com)

June 7

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[www.victorycharityball.com](http://www.victorycharityball.com)

June 9

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October 18

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November 9

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Better  
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November 16

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November 30

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## A GALA IS A BALL ... and that's not all!

A BALL or GALA is a festive celebration normally a black tie event. Many of today's balls and galas are themed to create a night of excitement and involvement by patrons who pay anywhere from \$75 to \$1500 a ticket to attend. Although most are reserved sit down dinners, some feature a buffet in a reception style setting which is a combination of standup and limited seating.

Most galas or balls feature a combination of the several elements, such as: a VIP reception, souvenir photos, silent auction, live auction, dinner or buffet, open or cash bar, speeches, live musical entertainment, added feature entertainment, raffles, draws, door prizes, balloon busts, late dessert tables and a parting goody bag or souvenir.

Depending on the price of the ticket and the venue, some provide free valet parking and coat check, while others provide free self parking.

What used to be considered a night out for the rich and famous is now a favourite destination for all ages and walks of life. In fact, many galas are affordable and when you consider the entertainment value. The price is often not much different than going to a concert.

If you have already been to one or more galas, you know the value of having a great night out while supporting a good cause.

If you have yet to attend one of these social gatherings, try to make it to at least one this year. Although we all know that times are tight, an evening out with your partner or friends to a gala is a great stress reliever and a chance to forget about everything for a night.

Dressing for a gala is part of the fun, so don't get stressed out about what to wear. The rule of thumb is to dress according to the event's theme. If it is elegant and black tie, your invitation should note that. Men: Don't rent a tux unless the event strictly calls for one or you want to. Normally a nice suit or slacks and jacket will do. Use your discretion. Women: A ball gown is not necessary unless the event specifies in its dress code. You don't have to spend a fortune on a new gown – this is not a wedding. Unlike the men, there are a lot of styles you can get away with, but again use your own discretion. Dress to impress, but dress so that you will be comfortable enough to enjoy yourself. If there is a lot of standing and dancing, remember to wear comfortable shoes. If you're sitting most of the night, consider clothing that doesn't crease.

Galas are memorable events and worth every penny - most of the money raised goes to charity. Each year, Toronto holds a plethora of world-class galas, balls, creative fundraisers and golf tournaments for locals and tourists to gather and socialize, while supporting a worthwhile cause.

### COVER STORY:

Front Cover depicts views of the Chocolate Ball at the Eglinton Grand (top) and the Butterfly Ball at the Four Seasons Hotel in Toronto.

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