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From the editor



HOToronto Magazine Proudly Celebrates a Quarter Century of Helping to Pre-Plan Your FUNtastic Activities!

Joey Cee, Publisher & Editor

The GTA is buzzing this summer with so much to do and see. It's hot and it's getting hotter. Whether it's for the chance of getting away from your patio to the great outdoors or out to experience the many cultures showcasing their food, music and dance, Toronto and the GTA has it all.

In fact, in this issue, you have more than 225 festivals and events to choose from and most of them are FREE to attend!

This year HOToronto Magazine celebrates its 25th Anniversary. During its 25 years, our intent has been to help guide you through the maze of what's happening in the city and GTA that's available to enjoy.

In keeping with this tradition, we continue to offer a host of online publications, including GALAvanting Magazine (Galas and Fundraisers), CURTAINS UP (for theatre-goers) and SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS. All are downloadable and free to subscribers.

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If you have a Festival you wish to have listed, please send the details of your event to hotoronto@rogers.com. We will do our best to post it in a timely manner and get the word out.

Best wishes for a safe and exciting summer ...

Joey Cee







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MID-SUMMER/FALL FESTIVALS GUIDE

July 29 – August 1 OVO Fest

Budweisser Concert Stage Ontario Place

To August 16 CNE HORSECAPADES

Exhibition Place theex.com The CNE's Horsecapades is back for another year of magic and fun. This event is for the young and young at heart, to explore the world of horses!

August 2 – 3 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square www.cidca.ca Toronto International Youth Dance Festival is a multi-cultural celebration of culture and diversity through the art

August 2 – 4 MISSISSAUGA LATIN FESTIVAL 2019

of dancing.

Celebration Square, Mississauga

August 2 – 5 TORONTO FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Woodbine Park canadianfoodtruckfestivals.com/toronto

Better grab some napkins, because this summer never tasted so good! Woodbine Park will be full of the best food trucks around! Grab a must-eat and enjoy entertainment by Toronto's best local talent and live-eating challenges.

August 2 – 5, 2019 ISLAND SOUL 2019

Harbourfront Centre harbourfrontcentre.com/islandsoul Head down to the water for some Island Soul! Experience the rich legacy of Caribbean music, while moving to the beat of reggae, soca and calypso music. This event has become a pivotal part of the Toronto music scene!

August 2 – 5, 2019 SCARBOROUGH RIBFEST

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August 2 – 5 KEMPFEST

Barrie Waterfront, South Shore Barrie, Ontario

August 3 GRANDE PARADE TORONTO CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL

Exhibition Place

August 3 CANJAM FESTIVAL

Lakeside Park – Lakeshore Rd. West

August 3 - 4 VELD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Downsview Park veldmusicfestival.com The party begins at VELD Music Festival! The electronic music festival has brought in huge headliners such as Zedd, Major Lazer, and Future. Tickets are for both days, and VIP packages can be purchased. Grab your dancing shoes and be prepared to wear them out, as you'll be dancing all night long!

August 3 – 4 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DANCE FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square

August 3 - 5 THE PIRATE FESTIVAL

Marden Park, Guelph, Ontario thepiratefestival.com The Pirate Festival is sure to be exciting for the whole family! Become a pirate for a day and explore the vast activities featured at the festival, which include kids' activities, bouncy castles, archery and more! With performances, magic shows, live music and food and drink, this is a perfect way to spend a summer weekend!

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Woodbine Park

canadianfoodtruckfestivals.com/to-ronto

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August 3 – 11 ROGERS CUP

Aviva Centre at York University Downsview

August 4 WARD'S ISLAND FIRE PARADE

Ward's Island Park, Toronto Islands

August 4 TASTE OF INDIA FOOD FESTIVAL Nathan Phillips Square

August 4 BLOCKOBANA

Regent Park

August 4 - 5 JAMBANA ONE WORLD FESTIVAL

Garden Square Brampton + Phoenix Concert Hall

torontoreggae.ca

The Jambana One World Festival will feature both Canadian and international reggae artists who will keep you entertained all day. Experience the globe through the sights, sounds and tastes at this huge festival featuring reggae, soca, jazz, gospel and more.

August 4 - 11 DUSK DANCES

Withrow Park

duskdances.ca

This outdoor dance festival brings the world of dance to your own backyard. With high-quality performances from all dance styles throughout the park, there is something new to see around each corner. All dances are inspired by the natural environment and audiences are encouraged to pay what they can.

August 8 - 11 BOOTS AND HEARTS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Burl's Creek Event Grounds Oro-Medonte, Ontario bootsandhearts.com Calling all cowboys and cowgirls! The music festival brings the country vibes to just north of the GTA in Oro-Medonte. Featuring both international stars and up-and-comers, this threeday event is filled with excitement. From concerts all day to parties all night, this summer camping trip is the perfect way to spend your summer.

August 8 - 11 BROCKVILLE RIBFEST

Hardy Park, Home Street

August 8 - 18 SUMMERWORKS PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL

Various Locations summerworks.ca The SummerWorks Performance Festival is perfect for some late-summer fun, as it showcases the work of both up-and-comers and seasoned veterans. The festival features unique projects over the 11 days, as well as artist workshops, performance experiments, and nightly parties. Celebrate art at various locations across the city!

August 9 - 10 THE FEAST OF ST. LAWRENCE St. Lawrence Market

Market Street

August 9 - 10 TD MOSAIC SOUTH ASIAN HERITAGE FESTIVAL OF MISSISSAUGA

Mississauga Celebration Square mosaicfest.com Mosaic South Asian Festival brings the biggest line-up ever. The Rising Star musical competition featuring young artists will be back. And you can enjoy some tasty food as you watch the performances.

August 9 - 10 TD MOSAIC 2019 SOUTH ASIAN FESTIVAL OF MISSISSAUGA

Celebration Square, Mississauga

August 9 – 11 PICKERING FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

The Esplanade, Pickering

August 9 – 11 JERK FEST – JERK FOOD FESTIVAL

Centennial Park, Etobicoke jerkfestival.ca

Head on down to Centennial Park in Etobicoke for four days of non-stop fun! Feast on savoury jerk food while jamming out to the many performers throughout the festival. With kids' activities and a selection of vendors and displays, this is a family-friendly event!

August 9 - 11 FERGUS SCOTTISH FESTIVAL & HIGHLAND GAMES

CW Community Sportsplex Fergus, Ontario fergusscottishfestival.com The 73rd Fergus Scottish Festival & Highland Games celebrates local Scottish heritage in the small and beautiful town of Fergus, Ontario. With a ton to do and see, it will feel like you have travelled to Scotland! Kids' activities, dance lessons, live Highland dancing, singing, the Highland Games, and all the kilts will transport you into Scottish culture. Don't forget to try the haggis!

August 9 - 11 HABARI AFRICA FESTIVAL

Harbourfront Centre harbourfrontcentre.com The Habari Africa Festival is a multidisciplinary music and arts event that showcases the diverse culture of Africa. Enjoy a weekend of African musical performances, workshops, art and food.

August 9 - 11 WOODBRIDGE RIB FEST

Woodbridge Fairgrounds, Vaughan

August 9 - 11 TASTE OF THE DANFORTH

Danforth Ave. East tasteofthedanforth.com Travel down to GreekTown on the Danforth for three days of culture, cuisine, and contests. Join the thousands of people from around the world who flock to GreekTown for this renowned festival. Break some plates, play some games, explore the sports zone and taste the delicious food offered by a variety of vendors. You and 1.65 million annual attendees can become Greek for a Day!

August 9 – 17 MULAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Various Venues

August 10 PAWS IN THE PARK

Woodbine Park Lakeshore and Coxwell

August 10 WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL

Memorial Park, Port Credit

August 10 FAMILY FUN FEST Trinity Bellwoods Park

August 10

GHANAFEST Earl Bales Park Bathurst Street

August 10 RICHMOND HILL ROTARY CLUB CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL

Richmond Hill Centre for the Arts

August 10 ELECTRIC ISLAND Hanlon's Point, Toronto Islands

August 10 VEGANDALE FOOD AND DRINK FESTIVAL

Fort York, Garrison Common

August 10 CARIVAUGHAN PARADE 2018

Woodbridge Fairgrounds carifestival.com CariVaughan is bringing the Caribbean to Vaughan with its family-friendly event that features dancing, singing, and cuisine from Caribbean culture!

August 10 - 11 SWEETERY David Pecaut Square

August 10 - 11 TD SONGS OF SUMMER

Downtown Oakville oakvillejazz.com The free event offers entertainment from a variety of music genres, performing and visual art experiences, as well as shopping and food. More than 40 artists will perform on the festival's six stages!

August 11 WILD BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL

Evergreen Brick Works Bayview Avenue near Todmorden Mills Park Garrison Commons, Fort York

August 11 PAKISTAN INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATION

Celebration Square, Mississauga

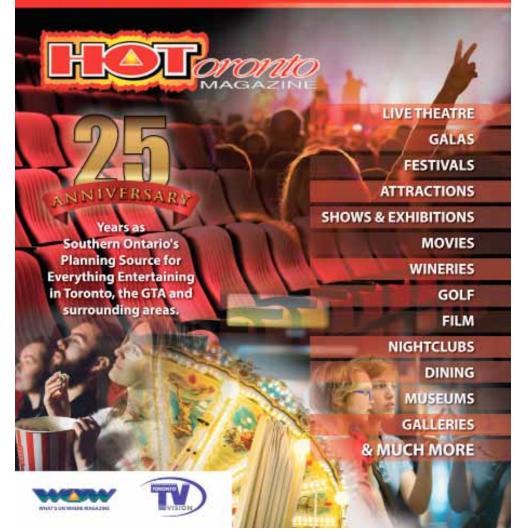
August 11 INDONESIA STREET FESTIVAL Yonge-Dundas Square

August 14 - 18 HAVELOCK COUNTRY JAMBOREE

HCJ, County Road 48

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August 16 – September 2 **CNE (THE EX) CANADIAN** NATIONAL EXHIBITION

Exhibition Place

August 16 - 17 **PORT CREDIT BUSKERFEST**

portcreditbuskerfest.com The Port Credit Buskerfest is an international festival dedicated to street performers. It's circus-like performances throughout Port Credit, Mississauga's waterfront will be non-stop. Be in awe of the talent and eccentric characters that appear at the festival and have a visit to the kidszone during the three-day event.

August 16 - 17 **TORONTO YOUTH SHORTS FILM FESTIVAL**

Innes College Cinema 2 Sussex Avenue University of Toronto District

August 16 - 17 **MISSISSAUGA ITALFEST:** FERRAGOSTO IN THE CITY

Mississauga Celebration Square mississaugaitalfest.com Experience Italy at Mississauga Celebration Square with music, dancing, and food! Top Italian performers, emerging Italian-Canadian artists and a variety of music will keep you dancing, and culinary experts will whip up the finest in Italian cuisine, with cooking demonstrations, samplings and more! Heritage and the arts are the main focus of this huge Italian event!

August 16 - 18 WHEELS ON THE DANFORTH

Oakridge Park, Toronto wheelsonthedanforth.ca The Wheels on the Danforth Festival kicks off with a free movie in the park on Friday, followed by the car show on Saturday. This family-friendly event includes cars galore, kids' zone, live stage performances and more. Perfect for a late-August activity.

August 16 - 18 **DUNDAS CACTUS FESTIVAL**

Dundas, Ontario dundascactusfestival.ca The Dundas Cactus Festival is a family event focused around the community coming together. The event will

feature a main stage with the hottest bands, a fun zone, midway, parade and the tastiest food around!

August 16 - 18 **OSHAWA ROTARY RIBFEST**

Lakeview Park. Oshawa

August 16 - 18 **MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Main Street. Unionville markhamjazzfestival.com This free event presents all the best that jazz has to offer with a variety of venues featuring new and experienced jazz artists.

August 16 - 18 **RIVERFEST ELORA**

Bissell Park, Elora

August 16 - 18 **BARBADOS ON THE WATER** Harbourfront

August 17 **OAKVILLE CHILDRENS FESTIVAL**

Queen Elizabeth Park, Oakville

August 17 LATIN SPARKS FESTIVAL **BLOCK PARTY**

222 Cherry Street, Toronto

August 17 **StART YOUTH PRESENTING ART FESTIVAL** Scarborough Village

August 17 - 18 **PAN AMERICAN FOOD** AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Yonge and Dundas Square

August 17 - 18 **PAN AMERICAN FOOD FESTIVAL**

Yonge-Dundas Square

August 17 - 18 **CAMP WAVELENGTH** Garrison Common, Fort York

August 17 - 18 **FIGMENT TORONTO** Dufferin Grove Park Dufferin south of Bloor Street

August 17 – 18 **TASTE OF MANILA**

@ Bathurst and Wilson

August 17 - 18 **TORONTO CHINATOWN** FESTIVAL

West of Spadina Avenue (between St. Andrew Street and Sullivan Street) chinatownbia.com The Chinatown Festival becomes bigger and better each year! With traditional food, dragon/lion dances, Kung Fu performances, and vendors, this is sure to be two days of excitement and fun.

August 17 - 18 **TDOT FEST Ontario Place**

August 18 **RASTAFEST REGGAE FESTIVAL**

Black Creek Pioneer Village North Property rastafest.com Rastafest is Canada's largest celebration of Rastafarian heritage and culture. The event features music, dance, ancestral drumming, arts and crafts, food and more!

August 18 **KURDISH HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

Mel Lastman Square

August 18 – September 15 **OPEN STREETS TORONTO**

Downtown Yonge Street

August 18 **CHILDRENS FESTIVAL** BURLINGTON

Spencer Smith Park, Burlington

August 19 **CITYFEST PARC ROSE 2018**

Canoe Landing Park cityfest.ca Cityfest is a festival dedicated to presenting local artists with live music, food trucks, fun activities, and vendors. The event takes place at Canoe Landing Park and the line-up includes DJs and local talent.

August 22 - 25 FAN EXPO CANADA Metro Toronto Convention Centre

August 22 - 25 AFRICAN FASHION WEEK TORONTO

Branksome Hall, 6 Elm Avenue afwt.ca

One of Canada's most recognized fashion shows. This event is dedicated to celebrating achievements in the African Fashion Industry presents the latest pieces by up-and-coming fashion students as they showcase their work alongside industry professionals.

August 23 - 24 TORONTO CIDER FESTIVAL

Sherbourne Common Dockside Drive near Sugar Beach

August 23 - 25 TAIWANFEST

Harbourfront Centre harbourfrontcentre.com The Taiwanfest features enticing performances and tasty food from Taiwan and beyond! Enjoy exhibits and culture at this beautiful festival.

August 23 – 25 MABUHAY PHILLIPINES FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square

August 24 MARKHAM-MILLIKEN CHILDRENS FESTIVAL

Aaniin Common Centre, Markham

August 24 TOMMY THOMPSON PARK BUTTERFLY FESTIVAL

butterflyfest.ca

Late August is the perfect time to spot Monarch butterflies before they start their annual migration. The Butterfly Festival will include nature hikes, educational displays, and discovery centres so visitors can get to know the more than 55 species of butterflies within the park

August 24 LESLIEVILLE BEERFEST

@ Dundas + Carlaw Streets

August 24 TORONTO BICYCLE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Bell Manor Park, Etobicoke

August 24 – 25 JAPAN FESTIVAL 2019

Celebration Square, Mississauga

August 24 – 25 KOREAN HARVEST FEST

Mel Lastman Square, North York

August 24 - 25 SCARBOROUGH AFRO-CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL

Scarborough Civic Centre (Albert Campbell Square) scarboroughafrocarifest.com For a fun-filled two days, head to the Scarborough Afro-Caribbean Festival to celebrate the diverse culture of this community. With performances by international and local performers, dance lessons, kids' activities, mouthwatering cuisine, vendors and more, you're sure to fall in love with the rich culture that makes up this community.

August 24 - 25 TAMIL FEST 2019

Markham Road Between McNicoll Avenue and Passmore Avenue

August 25 – 26 PAN AMERICAN FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Yonge-Dundas Square panamfest.com The 6th Pan American Food and Music Festival returns for another year. This is Canada's only annual free event that celebrates the Western Hemisphere's rich diversity of cuisine, music, and art! Help encourage and explore the growing cultural identity of Canada and the 40 other countries of North, Central and South America and the Caribbean. Experience the food, music, and dance that this energetic festival has to offer.

August 30 – September 1 SCARBOROUGH COMMUNITY MUTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Confederation Park, Scarborough

August 30 – September 2 MUSLIMFEST

Mississauga Celebration Square muslimfest.com MuslimFest celebrates the best in Muslim arts and entertainment. The event features some 80 local and international artists who showcase their talent in various areas. In addition, there will be comedy shows, a multicultural bazaar, a kid's carnival, and more!

August 30 – September 2 CANADA'S LARGEST RIBFEST

Spencer Smith Park Burlington, Ontario.

August 30 – September 2 ARTFEST: FALL FINE ART & CRAFT SHOW

Distillery District artfestontario.com/toronto/ This free outdoor art show, set in Toronto's Historic Distillery District, features the best painting, photography, sculpture, crafts, live music and more from Canada's top artists.

August 30 – September 2 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BUSKERFEST ~ FOR EPILEPSY

Woodbine Park

torontobuskerfest.com Go where fearless meets funny at the 2018 Toronto International Buskerfest! See jaw-dropping performances and laugh your head off at spectacular feats. The festival supports Epilepsy Toronto, so come on down for a day of charity and fun!

August 30 – September 2 LABOUR DAY WEEKEND FESTIVAL

Harbourfront

August 31 – September 3 TORONTO RIB, BACON AND BBQ FESTIVAL

Downsview Park

Downsview Ribfest is a celebration and appreciation of Great BBQ Ribs and Chicken. We are bringing together 4 of the BEST Ribbers North America has to offer, along with some of the best Food Trucks and Food Vendors. Come and enjoy amazing live music, a Kids Zone with Midways and Bouncy Houses, great food and amazing people.

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August 31 – September 1 BRAMPTON FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL

Donald M. Gordon Chingcousy Park, Brampton

September 1 KOTHU FEST

Yonge-Dundas Square

September 4 - 20 CARIBBEAN TALES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

The Royal Theatre, Scotiabank Theatre, TIFF Bell Lightbox caribbeantalesfestival.com The Caribbean Tales International Film Festival celebrates the talents and culture of emerging and established Caribbean cinematographers. The films present a diverse range of stories that speak to the lives of those creating them. Tickets range from \$8 to \$25.

September 5 TORONTO BEACHES FILM FESTIVAL

Beach United, Main Mall, Beach District

September 6 TORONTO DRAGON FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square

September 6 TORONTO VEG FOOD FEST Harbourfront

September 6 - 8 TASTE OF THE KINGSWAY

Bloor Street West (Prince Edward Drive to Montgomery Road) thekingsway.ca The Taste of the Kingsway features international cuisine, live entertainment and fresh food! More than 200 exhibi-

tors will be providing demonstrations and tasty food. Two main stages, midway rides, classic cars, dancing and more make this a family-fun weekend for all!

September 6 – 8 TORONTO DRAGON FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square

September 6 - 8 CELEBRATION OF NATIONS

FirstOntario Performing Arts Centre Hamilton, Ontario. firstontariopac.ca A celebration of Indigenous art that hopes to promote and raise awareness of the unique culture and heritage of First Nations, Inuit and Metis peoples within Canada.

September 6 - 8 35th ANNUAL VEG FOOD FEST

Harbourfront Centre harbourfrontcentre.com Enlighten your taste buds! The largest vegetarian food festival in North America is back for another three days of delectable plant-based dishes prepared by top gourmet food vendors. Experience the vegetarian life for a day.

September 6 - 8 SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE: BLUES AND BBQ FESTIVAL

Memorial Park-Port Credit southsideshuffle.ca The 21st annual Port Credit blues and BBQ festival is back for another year of great jazz and scrumptious BBQ. Four stages will feature the best of Canadian blues. You can swing to the beat as you chow down on the delicious food or just sit and enjoy the show from the beer + wine gardens.

September 6 – 15 TORONTO INDEPENDENT FILM FESTIVAL

Imagine Cinemas Carlton torontoshort.com/toindie/ The Toronto Indie (or Toronto Independent Film Festival) offers a forum for low- and no-budget films, allowing new talent to showcase their films and have the opportunity to be discovered. With more than 80 features and shorts presented over 10 days at the Carlton Cinema, you're sure to find your new favourite flick.

September 6 – 16 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (TIFF)

Various Theatre Locations tiff.net

Toronto's biggest and most prestigious event is back for another year of bringing new films and up-andcoming talent to people's attention. This highly anticipated event features the latest work by both established and new filmmakers. Over the 10 days the festival runs, movie lovers, industry professionals, stars, and the media gather to determine the best. Grab your tickets to see what may be the biggest box-office hits before anyone else!

September 7 VIET MID-AUTUMN FESTIVAL

Celebration Square, Mississauga

September 7 JESUS IN THE CITY PARADE

Queen's Park

jesusinthecity.com

Join thousands of worshippers at this party-in-the-streets festival for a day of worship, music, joy and love. The Jesus in the City Parade features floats, banners, costumes and more at this multicultural event.

September 7 - 8 CABBAGETOWN ART AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Parliament & Wellesley cabbagetownfestival.org The Cabbagetown Festival will feature a variety of events throughout the weekend including the kids zone, live entertainment and opening/closing ceremonies. It will also feature the Cabbagetown Festival Arts & Crafts Sale that will have beautiful handmade pieces for purchase. And further, attendees can also go on historic walking tours of the district and check out the short film and video festival happening at the same time.

September 13 - 15 ARTWALK IN THE SQUARE

Town Square CF Shops, Don Mills

September 13 - 15 BLOOR WEST VILLAGE TORONTO UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

Bloor West Village toronto.ukrainianfestival.com This largest Ukrainian festival in North America showcases the best in Ukrainian arts and culture and celebrates the country's rich history. In addition, includes performances from both local and international artists. The event is free and family friendly.

September 13 - 22 TORONTO BEER WEEK

Various locations torontobeerweek.com A festival dedicated to beer! What more could you want? The week of 100+ events celebrates the craft of beer-making and the brewers who do it. Authentic and flavourful beers made by the best of them are featured at various locations around the city. Come by and enjoy!

September 14 CELTIC ISLAND

Toronto Islands

September 14 – 15 RONCESVALLES POLISH FESTIVAL

Roncesvalles Ave (Queen St. West to Dundas St. West) polishfestival.ca

North America's largest celebration of Polish culture is back for another year of good food and good dancing. Enjoy the Polish folk songs as well as Polka and Euro dance bands playing on multiple stages. Amble along the Polish Artwalk. Taste delicious traditional food. Browse the 18 blocks of boutique shops. Other activities include an art zone, car show and midway areas, and it's all free!

September 14 - 29 NIAGARA GRAPE & WINE FESTIVAL

Montebello Park and various locations in St. Catharines and Niagara region

niagarawinefestival.com

The Niagara Grape & Wine Festival features over 100 events including cellar door experiences, fresh food, parades and concerts. Festivities take place in the historic and beautiful Montebello Park in downtown St. Catharines where you can enjoy exquisite wines and gourmet food.

September 15 SUHAAG SHOW

Toronto International Centre

September 15 TORONTO GARLIC FESTIVAL

Artscape Wychwood Barns torontogarlicfestival.ca There is so much to do, see and taste at the Toronto Garlic Festival! Purchase rare garlic, taste the finest dishes from local chefs, enjoy live music, film screenings, speakers, cooking demos and more! Admission gives you access to everything you could hope for at this garlic-themed festival, including a garlic breath contest!

September 17 -19 QUEEN WEST ART CRAWL

Queen St. West and Trinity Bellwoods Park queenwestartcrawl.com The Queen West Art Crawl is a charitable organization dedicated to the promotion of the art, culture and diversity of Toronto's Queen West. The Outdoor Art Exhibition is the main event in Trinity Bellwoods Park. It will feature the works of more than 200 artists vendors as well as a wide selection of food from food trucks. Also at the Art Crawl will be a kids zone, live performances and interactive art.

September 18 - 22 TORONTO PALESTINE FILM FESTIVAL

TIFF Bell Lightbox tpff.ca

The 12th Annual Toronto Palestine Film Festival is dedicated to bringing Palestinian cinema, music, cuisine and culture to Toronto. The festival's many events are presented at different locations throughout the city.

September 19 - 29 JFL 42 – TORONTO COMEDY FESTIVAL

Sony Centre and Various locations jfl42.com

The 10-day Just for Laughs Comedy Festival will feature a range of comedic performances. Passes covering admission to all the shows as well as individual tickets are available through TicketMaster.

September 21 DRAGON LION DANCE FESTIVAL

Celebration Square, Mississauga

September 21 - 22 THE WORD ON THE STREET

Harbourfront Centre thewordonthestreet.ca Experience the best of Canadian literature and authors at The Word on the Street Festival. Go to readings by your favourite authors, participate in discussions and activities and shop at the marketplace for the best selection of Canadian books and magazines.

September 22 VIET SUMMER FESTIVAL

Celebration Square, Mississusga

September 22 BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE HARVEST FESTIVAL / FALL FAIR

Black Creek Pioneer Village blackcreek.ca

Travel back in time to when German Mennonites settled in North America. This festival explores their pioneering ways. Learn how they made such delicious foods as ice cream, apple butter and sausages without modern appliances. Highlights of this familyfriendly day include a quilt auction, wagon rides, a rummage sale and pioneer demonstrations!

September 26 - 28 TORONTO OKTOBERFEST

Ontario Place

torontooktoberfest.ca Join 5000 others dressed in dirndls and lederhosen at Toronto's largest Oktoberfest! This festival transports you to Munich, Germany, for two days of festivities. Enter the Festhalle tent and enjoy the Bavarian Village with its authentic beer, delicious German food, singing, dancing, lederhosen and more!

September 27 – 29 JAIPUR LITERATURE FEST

Historic Distillery District

September 28 PARK AND BARK DOG SHOW Parking Lot @ Davisville and Yonge



October 1 – 31 TORONTO CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL

Various locations torontochocolatefestival.com The Toronto Chocolate Festival is back for its 12th year so prepare your sweet tooth! One month dedicated to all things chocolate, this festival hosts a variety of entertaining events, all surrounding one ingredient: CHOCOLATE! Discover chocolate in all its magnificent and tasty forms through events such as The Chocolate Afternoon Tea at the King Edward Hotel and The Amazing Chocolate Relay.

October 4 TORONTO TEQUILA FESTIVAL

Berkeley Church Event Venue

October 5 HOLLAND MARSH SOUPFEST

Ansnorveldt Park Duffering Street, Newmarket

October 5 NUIT BLANCHE

Various Locations Citywide nbto.com

Nuit Blanche is one night from sunset to sunrise where the city of Toronto becomes a different place. Unexpected public spaces are transformed into beautiful works of contemporary art and the city turns into an artistic playground. One night only, all night long, all free.

October 5 - 6 DIWALI RAZZMATAZZ

Celebration Square, Mississauga

October 12 WOODBRIDGE FALL FAIR

Woodbridge Fairground

October 12 - 14 TORONTO PUMPKIN FESTIVAL Downsview Park

October 12 - 14 RICHMOND HILL PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

Richmond Green Park

October 17 - 25 TORONTO AFTER DARK FILM FESTIVAL

Scotiabank Theatre torontoafterdark.com

The Toronto After Dark Film Festival is one of the world's leading showcases of new horror, cult, action and sci-fi movies. This 13th annual festival features nine nights of thrilling film and interesting Q&A sessions. This age 18+ event will feature a zombiethemed night, and Pub After Dark, a social hour where fans can meet the filmmakers.

October 17 - 19 CREATIV FESTIVAL

International Centre –Entrance 5 csnf.com

A shopping experience like no other! Enjoy all things creative with the Creativ Festival featuring exhibits on sewing, knitting, beading, quilting, scrapbooking, crafting and more! Get some new tips and tricks, and some new material at this show that allows you to shop while you learn and become inspired.

October 17 - 27 AGH BMO WORLD FILM FESTIVAL

Art Gallery of Hamilton

October 18 - 20 MACEDONIAN FILM FESTIVAL Imagine Cinemas Carlton 20 Carlton Street

October 19 - 20 TORONTO SOUP FESTIVAL Garrison Commons, Fort York

October 19 - 20 TORONTO SOUTH AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL TIFF Bell Lightbox

October 22 - 27 ImagiNATIVE FILM + MEDIA ARTS FESTIVAL TIFF Bell Lightbox

October 24 – November 3 INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS

Harbourfront Centre ifoa.org The Toronto International Festival of Authors is a celebration of writers, readers, words and ideas. The festival, which brings together the world's best writers of contemporary literature, will feature readings, interviews, discussions, book signings and special events.

October 25 - 27 FLAMING STAR FESTIVAL

Crowne Plaza Toronto Aiport Hotel

November 1 - 10 96th ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR

Exhibition Place royalfair.org

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the largest combined indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian competition in the world. Celebrating its 96th year, the Royal Fair is sure to impress with its history alone. Head to the fair to experience the best in horsemanship, riding and breeding. Explore through the fair to see all the best locally and internationally grown food and veggies, as well as livestock.

November 8 - 10 ESTDOCS FILM FESTIVAL ESTONIAN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL

Various Screening Locations

November 15 - 18 HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION WEEKEND + LEGENDS CLASSIC

The Hockey Hall of Fame

November 17 SANTA CLAUS PARADE

Downtown Parade Route

November 21 - 24 GOURMET FOOD & WINE EXPO

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building foodandwineexpo.ca The 24th Annual Food & Wine Expo awaits! Travel on a food and beverage journey by tasting gourmet international cuisine and wines. The expo features celebrity chefs, more than 1,500 wine, beer, spirits and food selections, demonstrations and tastings.

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FAQ

THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT WHEN VISITING THE EX!

What are the dates of the 2019 CNE?

The dates for the 2019 CNE are August 16 until September 2.

What are the dates and hours of the Casino?

The CNE Casino runs from July 27 until September 2, 2019 from Noon to 6 am each day, except for Labour Day. The CNE Casino is open from Noon to 8 pm on Labour Day. Please note that the Casino will be closed on Saturday August 3, 2019.

What time do buildings open/close?

All buildings are open from 10 am to 10 pm, except on Labour Day. Building hours on Labour Day (September 2) are 10 am to 7 pm.

What time do the grounds open/close?

The grounds are open from 10 am to midnight, except on Labour Day. On Labour Day (September 2) the grounds are open from 10 am to 9 pm, and the gates close at 5 pm.

What time does the Midway open/close?

The midway is open from 11 am to midnight on weekdays and 10 am to midnight on weekends. On Labour Day (September 2) the midway is open from 10 am to 9 pm.

What forms of payment can I use to purchase tickets at the gate?

Visa, MasterCard, Debit, Visa Debit, and cash are accepted forms of payment when purchasing tickets at the gate. All charges will be made in Canadian funds.

When purchasing tickets online, which forms of payment are acceptable?

Visa, MasterCard, Debit and Visa Debit are all accepted forms of payment when purchasing tickets online. All charges will be made in Canadian funds.

Is it possible to purchase tickets online?

2019 tickets are currently available online. Click here to purchase your 2019 Tickets.

How do I get help in purchasing online tickets?

If you are having trouble purchasing tickets please email tickets@theex.com or call 416-649-8780 (Local) or 1-844-398-3278 (Toll-free in North America).

Do the vendors at the CNE accept debit/credit?

Debit and credit machines are not mandatory for CNE vendors. They use them at their own discretion and many vendors accept cash only. There are ATMs available throughout the grounds and in most buildings.

Can I access the CNE grounds if I have a ticket for the Budweiser Stage and BMO Field?

Yes, you can access the CNE grounds for free with your Budweiser Stage and BMO Field ticket.

Can I re-enter the CNE grounds if I leave?

Yes you can. Please ensure you ask for a hand stamp before you leave and you can re-enter on the same day.

Are there ATMs located on the CNE grounds?

ATMs are located throughout the CNE grounds and in all buildings. Stay tuned for 2019 locations!



Is there free WiFi at the CNE?

Yes. Stay tuned for all WiFi locations!

Can I smoke on the grounds?

Smoking is allowed on the CNE grounds with the exception of all buildings and within 9 metres of Kids' World. Please be considerate of other guests when smoking in designated areas.

Can I purchase cigarettes on the CNE grounds?

Cigarettes are not sold on the CNE grounds.

Are there wagons available for rent?

Yes, wagons are available for rent at Information Booths at the following locations:

- Princes' Gate;
- GO/TTC Gate and
- Princess Margaret Fountain

The wagons are available from 10 am to 10 pm at a rate of \$10 per day. A \$50 refundable deposit is required along with a piece of ID.

Are there strollers available for rent?

There are no strollers available for rent at the CNE, but you can rent wagons at Information Booths located at the Princes' Gate, GO/TTC Gate and Princess Margaret Fountain.

What is the CNE's weather policy?

With a variety of indoor and outdoor activities taking place during the 18 days of the fair, the CNE operates rain or shine. Some outdoor attractions or shows may be postponed or cancelled in the event of an electrical storm for the safety of both CNE performers and visitors. In this case, where stage performances are concerned, an announcement will be made from the stage.

Where can I find out what is going on at the CNE this year?

Up to date information is available on this website (see What's On, Rides & Games and Food Sections).

Where can I park at the CNE?

The CNE has two off-site lots and a number of on-site lots. The parking rate at our onsite lots is \$30 to \$35, depending on the day.

Where can I park my bicycle at the CNE?

Parking for bicycles are available

• outside the Saskatchewan Gate (west end near Dufferin) and

• at the Princes' Gates (east end of grounds at Strachan).







Bandshell Concerts



Spencer Burton Opening for Burton Cummings August 16



Burton Cummings & Band August 16



Woodstock Weekend August 17 & 18



The Standstills Opening for Rival Sons August 19



Rival Sons August 19



Ryland James Opening for Johnny Orlando August 20



Johnny Orlando August 20



Jay Douglas Opening for Ken Boothe August 21



Ken Boothe August 21



Tyler Shaw and Delaney Jane August 22



Cory James Mitchell Band Opening for April Wine August 23



April Wine August 23



Havelin Opening for Jann Arden August 24



Jann Arden August 24



Meghan Patrick and Aaron Goodvin August 25



Logan Staats Opening for Buffy Sainte-Marie August 26



Buffy Sainte-Marie August 26



BOY STORY August 27



Ossie Gurley and The Truth Opening for David Rudder August 28



David Rudder and The Contraband August 28



Dave Sampson Opening for Howard Jones August 29



Howard Jones August 29



Jon Vinyl Opening for MAGICI August 30



MAGICI August 30



Gabriela Bee Opening for Walk Off The Earth August 31



Walk Off The Earth August 31



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A Tribe Called Red September 1

For Kids



Kids' World



SuperDogs



The Farm



Raccoon Reimagined

Exhibits



50 Greatest Photographs of National Geographic



About Time: Harry Enchin Photography



Butter Sculpting



Canadian Armed Forces Interactive Area



CNEA Membership Exhibit



Vertical Hydroponics



CNE Sign



Garden Show



Chill with Zill



Indigenous Gardens



The Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation Exhibit



Nook of Gnomes



Raccoons Reimagined



Scadding Cabin



Topiary



The Unity Pole

Special Events



Opening Ceremonies August 16



Silent Disco August 16 to September 1



Warriors' Day Parade August 17



CNE Woodstock Weekend August 17 & 18



East Coast Kitchen Party August 17 to 20



FAN EXPO Picnic and Parade August 19



Kids Toonie Mondays August 19 & 26



\$9 Nights August 19-22 & August 26-29



Food Products Day August 21



Toronto International Festival of Authors: Drew Hayden Taylor August 22



Food Truck Frenzy August 22 to 26



Craft Beer Fest August 22 to 26



Oktoberfest August 29 to September 2



The World According to Canada Cornedy Night August 29



International Performers



ILL-ABILITIES Dance Crew August 16-25



White Pine Dancers August 16



Panwar Music and Dance Productions August 16



City Dance Corps August 17



The Korean Dance Studies Society of Canada August 17



Harnasie August 18



Folklorico Filipino August 18



Nikki Shawana August 19



The Butler-Fearon-O'Connor School of Irish Dance August 19



Cross-Canada Fiddle Cavalcade August 20



Ngoma Ensemble August 21



The Orient Dance Company August 20



Compañía Carmen Romero August 21



Amethyst Scottish Dancers of Nova Scotia August 22-24



Pan Fantasy August 22



Mladi Glas & Planika August 23



Ballet Folklorico Puro Mexico August 24



The Egyptian Dance Academy August 24



The "Ukraina" Dance Ensemble August 25



Lindy Hop Revolution August 25



"Nous Autres" – Cirque Creation by Événements M2C August 26 to 30



Kalabante August 26 to September 2



Shaolin Luohan Temple August 31



The Hawaiian Pacific Magic September 1



Arsenal do Minho September 1





Stage, Stunt & Talent Shows



The Ex Race: Extreme Sports Competition



FireGuy



Mighty Mike Show



The Hockey Circus Show

Music



Bandshell Concerts



Midway Stage



Northern Comfort Saloon



Casino Patio & Stage



Wine Garden

	Regular Hours	Labour Day Hours
Gates	10 am – 10 pm	10 am – 5 pm
Grounds	10 am – Midnight	10 am – 9 pm
Buildings	10 am – 10 pm	10 am – 7 pm
Casino	Noon – 6 am	Noon – 8 pm
	Weekdays: 10 am – 11 pm	
Rides	Weekends: 10 am - Midnight	10 am – 9 pm

Adult Rides



Star Dancer



Himalaya



The Blitzer



Sky Ride



CNE Classics

