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Shows & Exhibitions MAGAZINE From the Editor



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Exploring Southern Ontario's Consumer Shows & Exhibitions: Winter and Spring 2025

As winter transforms into spring, Southern Ontario becomes a hub of energy and inspiration, thanks to the region's vibrant lineup of consumer shows and exhibitions. From wellness and home improvement to outdoor adventures and gourmet delights, these events are not just gatherings—they're immersive experiences that bring commu-

nities together, spark creativity, and fuel growth in countless industries.

This edition of *Consumer Shows & Exhibitions* is dedicated to showcasing the must-visit events of Winter and Spring 2025, while highlighting the incredible opportunities they offer for visitors and exhibitors alike. Winter kicks off with a flourish, featuring events like the *Toronto Boat Show* and *Canadian International AutoShow*. These exhibitions warm the colder months with a promise of adventure and indulgence. Whether you're dreaming of setting sail in a sleek new vessel or savoring local culinary creations, there's something for everyone.

As we transition to spring, the atmosphere shifts to themes of renewal and growth. Events like the *National Home Show* and *the Home + Reno Show* allow us to explore how we can refresh our living spaces and embrace the beauty of the season. These shows don't just present products—they offer transformative experiences, from expert-led workshops to awe-inspiring exhibits that fuel creativity and innovation.

This winter and spring, we encourage you to embrace the opportunity to explore Southern Ontario's rich tapestry of consumer shows and exhibitions. Whether you're seeking inspiration, connection, or discovery, these events promise an unforgettable experience for all.

Mark your calendars, gather your friends and family, and step into a world of possibilities. Together, let's celebrate the innovation, creativity, and community spirit that make Southern Ontario's consumer shows truly exceptional. See you there!

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Frequently Asked Questions About Southern Ontario's Consumer Shows and Exhibits

outhern Ontario's consumer shows and exhibits cover a wide variety of interests and offers a fantastic way for attendees to explore the latest trends, shop directly from vendors, and enjoy hands-on activities. Here's a guide to some frequently asked questions about Southern Ontario's consumer shows to help you make the most of these exciting events.

What Types of Consumer Shows and Exhibits Take Place in Southern Ontario?

Southern Ontario hosts an extensive range of consumer shows and exhibits catering to diverse interests. Some of the most popular types include home and garden shows (such as the Toronto Home Shows), food and drink festivals (like T.O Food and Drink Fest and Chocolate and Cheese), art exhibitions (including the Toronto Outdoor Art Fair), and tech and lifestyle expos (such as the Planted Expo). Additionally, seasonal fairs like the One of a Kind Show feature handmade crafts, while industry-specific events like the Interior Design Show (IDS) attract professionals and enthusiasts looking for inspiration and networking opportunities.

When Is the Best Time to Attend These Shows?

Each season brings its own set of exciting consumer shows, making it possible to attend events throughout the year. Each season provides distinct opportunities, so the best time to attend depends on your specific interests and goals. (See page 16-17 - How to Enjoy Southern Ontario Shows and Exhibits in 2025.)

How Do I Buy Tickets?

In some cases tickets can be purchased online through the event's official website. Many shows offer early-bird discounts, group rates or family packages and even free entry or request a donation instead of an admission fee. Keep an eye out for special promotions.

Can I Bring Children to Consumer Shows?

Yes, many consumer shows are family-friendly, with specific activities designed for kids. However, some events, such as wine or beer festivals, may be restricted to adults or may only allow children during certain hours. Check the event's website for any age restrictions.

Are There Opportunities to Meet Exhibitors and Industry Experts?

Yes, one of the highlights of attending consumer shows is the chance to interact with industry professionals and exhibitors. Many events host Q&A sessions, workshops, or panel discussions where attendees can learn from experts. If you're particularly interested in meeting an exhibitor, it's often helpful to visit early in the day when it's less crowded.

What COVID-19 Precautions Are in Place?

While most consumer shows have resumed normal operations, many continue to implement enhanced hygiene practices. Be sure to review the event's current health and safety guidelines on their website, as these may vary based on venue and local health advisories.

How Can I Stay Updated on Upcoming Shows and Exhibitions?

To stay informed about Southern Ontario's latest consumer shows and exhibitions, sign-up to TorontoOnDemand.com newsletter.

By planning ahead, bringing the essentials, and checking event-specific details, you can make the most of each show and discover the best that Southern Ontario has to offer across various industries. Whether you're interested in art, tech, home improvement, or food, there's a consumer show for you in Southern Ontario.

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WINTER/SPRING 2025 SHOWS & EXHIBITIONS

Discover Toronto's top consumer shows and exhibitions for 2025, featuring a diverse range of events —from artisan showcases and cultural expos to home, garden, and wellness fairs. Perfect for enthusiasts and shoppers alike, these events spotlight local and international vendors and highlight unique products.

JANUARY 2025

Ongoing **LITTLE CANADA**

10 Dundas Street East Basement2 feverup.com/m/165317

You could spend a lifetime exploring all of Canada, but luckily for you Little Canada has shrunk the country down so you can see the best it has to offer in one miniature whistle-stop tour. The best of Canada is covered, from the beauty of nature to famous landmark.

To January 31, 2025 SPECTACLE: RARE AND ASTONISHING PHOTOGRAPHS

CF Sherway Gardens, Toronto feverup.com/m/258923

Visitors will get to experience an array of wonders, unusual phenomena, and amusing curiosities in the National Geographic exhibition, 'SPECTACLE'. This exquisite photography exhibition showcases spectacular moments, including the aurora borealis, cities made of neon lights, a great wildebeest migration, a contortionist on display, and more.

January 11 – 12, 2025 THE FRANCHISE EXPO – TORONTO

Metro Toronto Convention Centre. North Building

www.franchiseshowinfo.com/ toronto-spring-visitor

The Franchise Expo in Toronto offers aspiring entrepreneurs the chance to explore franchise opportunities, network with industry experts, and attend educational seminars. It's the perfect event for those looking to start a business.

January 18 – 26, 2025 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BOAT SHOW

Enercare Centre. Exhibition Place www.torontoboatshow.com

Toronto International Boat Show drawing boating enthusiasts to one of the largest events in North America. Visitors can expect a range of exhibits featuring boats of all types, marine accessories, and watersport equipment. Seminars, live demonstrations, and interactive displays provide a fantastic opportunity for both seasoned boaters and newcomers to enjoy all things nautical.

January 18 – 19, 2025 | 11 am to 7 pm VIRTUAL TINY HOME SHOW

tinyhome.show/virtual-tiny-home-show Explore the Virtual Tiny Home Show, a two-day online event celebrating innovative tiny living! Discover the charm and practicality of tiny homes from the comfort of your own space!

January 23 – 26, 2025 INTERIOR DESIGN SHOW 2025

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, North Building

www.interiordesignshow.com/toronto

IDS is the platform to experience the importance of design firsthand, uncovering not just what's new and what's next, but taking part in the larger conversation around design.

January 26 – 30, 2025 GIFT + HOME MARKET TORONTO

Toronto Congress Centre cangift.org/ toronto-spring-gift-home-market At Gift + Home Market Toronto discover the finest mix of gifts; from jewellery & fashion accessories to gourmet food, home décor and gardening, bath & body products, items both manufactured and made by hand in Canada. TRADE ONLY.

FEBRUARY 2025

February 8 - 9, 2025 **60TH ORCHID SHOW AND SALE**

Toronto Botanical Garden soos.ca/annual-show

Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Orchid Show and Sale at the Toronto Botanical Garden. This stunning event in 2025 will feature a variety of beautiful orchids, expertled workshops, and an array of plants for purchase.

February 14 – 23, 2025 **CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL AUTOSHOW**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre www.autoshow.ca

The Canadian International AutoShow at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre is Canada's largest automotive event, showcasing the latest in vehicle innovation, design, and technology. From luxury cars to electric vehicles and concept models, it offers something for every car enthusiast. Don't miss this premier auto event!

February 14 – 16, 2025 **MOTORCYCLE AND POWERSPORT** SHOWS

Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place motocanada.com/shows/toronto

The Motorcycle and Powersport Shows

bring together enthusiasts for an exciting showcase of the latest bikes, ATVs, gear, and accessories. Discover new models, meet experts, and enjoy thrilling demos.

February 22, 2025 | 10 am - 4 pm **GET THE JUMP ON SPRING 2025**

Toronto Botanical Garden torontobotanicalgarden.ca/event/ get-the-jump-on-spring-2025

This annual Horticultural Open House with OVER 30 plant and garden-related vendors and exhibitors including local horticultural societies, garden clubs, and environmental organizations.

MARCH 2025

March 7 - 16, 2025 **NATIONAL HOME SHOW 2025**

Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place torontohomeshows.com/tbo

A wealth of design specialists, landscape experts, and vendors will be on hand to share ideas, lend inspiration, and help you tackle your home renovation and design projects just in time for spring. From affordable to luxury, classic to contemporary, whatever your inspiration, you will find it in this show.

March 14 - 16, 2025 **TORONTO COMICON 2025**

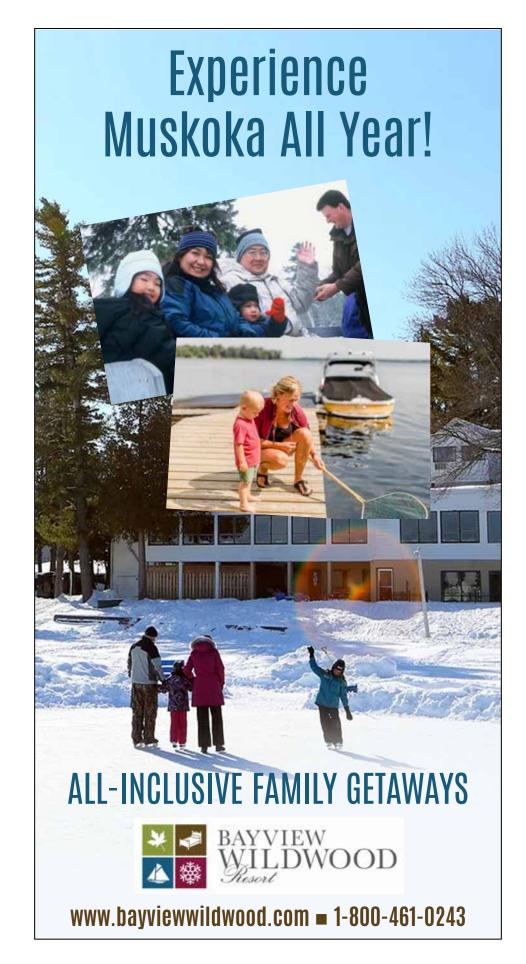
Metro Toronto Convention Centre fanexpohq.com/comicontoronto

Toronto Comicon promises an action-packed weekend for fans of comics, anime, sci-fi, horror, and gaming. Attendees can look forward to celebrity Q&As, autographs, photo ops, and engaging panels with favorite stars and creators. The event also features a Kids' Zone, making it a family friendly experience with activities for all ages.

March 2025 TORONTO YOGA CONFERENCE AND SHOW 2025

Metro Toronto Convention Centre www.theyogaconference.com/toronto

Attendees can participate in workshops, classes, and lectures, featuring renowned instructors and wellness experts. This event promotes mindfulness, community, and holistic health practices, celebrating diverse yoga styles and philosophies.



March 26 - 30, 2025 **ONE OF A KIND SPRING SHOW & SALE**

Enercare Centre. Exhibition Place www.oneofakindshow.com

Discover unique handmade creations at the One of a Kind Spring Show & Sale. Explore one-of-a-kind crafts, fashion, home décor, and gourmet treats by talented artisans. Celebrate creativity, shop sustainably, and support small businesses. Don't miss this inspiring shopping experience.

March 29, 2025 2025 LIFT JESUS HIGHER RALLY

Metro Toronto Convention Centre

www.ljhr.ca

The 2025 Lift Jesus Higher Rally is a powerful annual event bringing together people of faith for worship, prayer, and inspiration.

APRIL 2025

April 7 - 9. 2025 THE RESTAURANT SHOW

Enercare Centre. Exhibition Place www.rcshow.com

An exciting event showcasing the latest trends, products, and innovations in the foodservice industry. Featuring top suppliers, chefs, and culinary experts, it provides valuable insights, networking opportunities, and live demonstrations. A must-attend for anyone in the restaurant business.

April 11 - 13. 2025 T.O. FOOD AND DRINK FEST

Metro Toronto Convention Centre tofoodanddrinkfest.com

A three-day celebration of culinary delights, featuring top chefs, local restaurants, and beverage makers. Attendees can enjoy delicious food tastings, cooking demos, and specialty drinks, making it a must-visit event for food lovers looking to indulge in Toronto's vibrant food scene.

April 12 - 13, 2025 THE SPRING BABY SHOW

Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place thebabyshows.com

The *Spring Baby Show* is a family-friendly event featuring the latest products and services for parents and parents-to-be. Attendees can explore a wide range of baby gear, attend informative seminars,

and connect with industry experts. It's the ultimate destination for expecting families looking for expert advice and top baby essentials.

April 16 – 17, 2025 TECHSPO TORONTO 2025 TECHNOLOGY EXPO (INTERNET -**ADTECH - MARTECH)**

Marriott Downtown, CF Toronto Eaton Centre Hotel

bit.lv/techspo-toronto

TECHSPO Toronto 2025 is a premier technology expo showcasing the latest innovations in internet, adtech, and martech. Set to take place in Toronto, the event will feature exhibits, keynote presentations, and networking opportunities for industry leaders, marketers, and tech enthusiasts.

April 24 – 27, 2025 LIVING LUXE DESIGN SHOW

Toronto Congress Centre, Etobicoke ivingluxedesignshow.ca

The Living Luxe Design Show celebrates luxury in home design, showcasing top interior designers, cutting-edge products, and immersive experiences. Held annually, this event offers inspiration and insight into the latest design trends for homeowners and industry professionals.

MAY 2025

May 8 - 11, 2025 THE ARTIST PROJECT **CONTEMPORARY ART FAIR**

Better Living Centre, Exhibition Place www.theartistproject.com

View and purchase original art from over 175 carefully juried contemporary artists and enjoy talks, special features, and art installations. Whether you are a first-time buyer or a seasoned collector, this fourday art fair is a rare opportunity to meet and purchase directly from independent artists.

May 10 – 11, 2025 PLANTED EXPO

Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place www.plantedlife.com/ planted-expo-toronto-2025

Planted Expo is the largest plant-based event, bringing together over 200 exhibitors to showcase the best in vegan products,

sustainable food, and eco-friendly innovations. With tastings, cooking demos, and expert talks, it's the ultimate destination for anyone interested in plant-based living, sustainability, and healthy lifestyles.

May 14 – 16. 2025 **CONSENSUS BY COINDESK 2025**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre consensus2025.coindesk.com

A premier event for blockchain, crypto, and fintech enthusiasts. Bringing together industry leaders, innovators, and thought leaders, it offers insightful discussions, networking opportunities, and showcases the latest trends in digital assets and decentralized technologies.

May 21 - 22, 2025 **BUSINESS TRANSITIONS FORUM**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre businesstransitionsforum.com/toronto

The Business Transitions Forum is Canada's leading event for business owners navigating transition strategies. Gain insights from industry experts on succession planning, mergers, and acquisitions, and explore opportunities to maximize your business's value. Whether selling, scaling, or planning ahead, this forum equips you for a successful transition.

May 23 - 25, 2025 **ANIME NORTH 2025**

The Toronto Congress Centre, Etobicoke www.animenorth.com

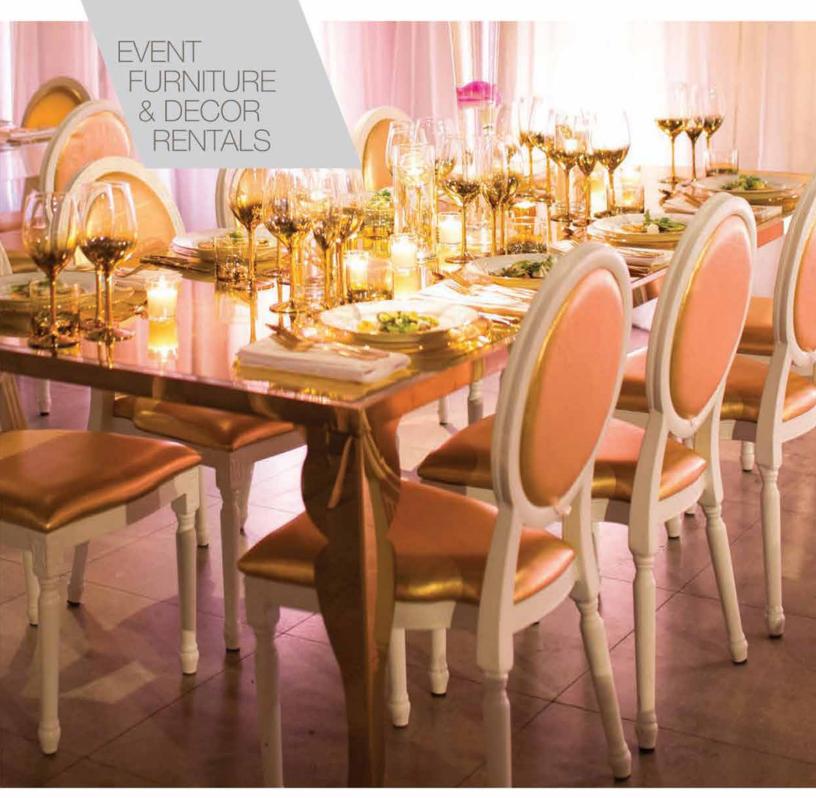
Canada's largest fan-run anime convention promise a weekend filled with exciting events, from cosplay competitions to artist alleys and panel discussions. Fans can enjoy guest appearances, exclusive merchandise, and interactive activities, creating an immersive experience for all ages.

May 29, 2025 | 8 am – 5 pm SMALL BUSINESS SHOW 2025

Metro Toronto Convention Centre smeexpo.ca

A must attend event for entrepreneurs and business owners. It features expertled workshops, networking opportunities, and showcases innovative products and services designed to help small businesses grow. Whether you're starting or scaling, this event offers valuable insights to propel your business forward.





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JUNE 2025

June 7 – 8, 2025 | 11 am – 4 pm THROUGH THE GARDEN GATE: **HOGG'S HOLLOW**

Toronto Botanical Garden, Toronto torontobotanicalgarden.ca/enjoy/ events-at-the-garden

An annual garden tour organized by the Toronto Botanical Garden showcases beautiful private gardens in Toronto's Hogg's Hollow neighbourhood. Attendees can enjoy guided tours, learn about local horticulture, and experience stunning landscapes curated by passionate gardeners.

June 2025 IFBB PROFESSIONAL LEAGUE TORONTO PRO SUPERSHOW

The Delta Toronto Airport & Conference Centre, Toronto

www.torontoproshow.com

The IFBB Professional League Toronto Pro SuperShow is the premiere professional bodybuilding and fitness event in Canada! This competition includes Open Men's & Women's Bodybuilding, 212 Bodybuilding,

Wheelchair Bodybuilding, Classic Physique, Men's & Women's Physique, Figure, Wellness and Bikini categories.

June 13 - 15, 2025 THE TORONTO TATTOO SHOW

Metro Toronto Convention Center www.torontotattooshow.com

Featuring world-class tattoo artists, live entertainment, and a vibrant marketplace, this event celebrates tattoo culture in all its forms. Discover stunning designs, meet industry professionals, and immerse yourself in this colourful community. Whether you're an enthusiast or simply curious, you won't want to miss.

June 14 – 15. 2025 **BEACHES ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW**

Kew Gardens, Toronto

beachesartsandcrafts.com

Discover incredible handmade products from over 140 Canadian artisans at the Beaches Arts and Crafts Show. Located in the heart of Toronto's Beaches community, this outdoor market has been a springtime tradition since 1984. This free, family-friendly event offers a range of artisanal goods, including crafts, clothing, and local food, showcasing unique Canadian craftsmanship.

June 28, 2025

JOY OF DANCE: DANCE SHOWCASE

Metro Toronto Convention Centre www.joyofdance.ca

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Explore the Latest in Automotive Innovation

rom February 14 to 23, 2025, the Canadian International AutoShow returns to the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, bringing a worldclass automotive experience to Toronto. A showcase of cuttingedge technology, groundbreaking vehicle designs, and the latest models, the event is a must-visit for car enthusiasts, industry professionals, and families alike.

The AutoShow features the latest releases from leading car manufacturers, from luxury models to electric vehicles and concept cars that offer a glimpse into the future of driving. Attendees can explore new models up close, learn about advanced safety features, and experience innovative automotive technology that is reshaping the industry.

Exciting Features and Interactive Experiences

Beyond vehicle displays, the Canadian International AutoShow provides a range of interactive experiences. Test-drive zones allow visitors to get behind the wheel of new models, while VR and AR experiences offer a unique perspective on car design and engineering. There are also dedicated areas for auto accessories, showcasing the latest gear to enhance the driving experience.

Family-Friendly Fun and Contests

The AutoShow is packed with family-friendly attractions, including exhibits designed for younger visitors. Children can enjoy games, simulations, and educational activities that introduce them to the world of cars. Special promotions and contests throughout the event.

Get Your Tickets

Tickets are available at autoshow.ca. Whether you're passionate about the latest innovations or simply looking for an exciting day out, the AutoShow promises an unforgettable experience the automotive world's best and brightest. ■

If you have a SHOW or EXHIBIT you would like us to know about, send the details of your event to HOToronto@rogers.com or submit our form on www.torontoondemand.ca/contact-us.



WHAT'S ON WHERE IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO

Ontario hosts a variety of shows and exhibition throughout the year that cater to diverse interests, from music and food to art and cultural celebrations. Here are some notable shows and exhibitions outside of Toronto:

WOW: BARRIE/ORILLIA

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-barrie-orillia

January 25, 2025 | 10 am - 12 pm CHILDREN'S STORY WALK

Scout Valley, Orillia

lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/ rea/64275td

The Orillia Public Library staff have chosen a special nature story for you to read page by page, as you hike through beautiful Scout Valley. January 25th happens to be Family Literacy Day! You will also enjoy time with your family as you look for unique natural features along your walk.

January 25 – 26, 2025 BARRIE WOMEN'S SHOW

Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, Springwater

shop.bradfordgreenhouses.com/pages/ barrie-womens-show

The Barrie Women's Show will feature guest speakers, live fashion shows, makeovers, health, wellness & beauty secrets, food inspiration, decor advice, travel ideas and so much more. Enjoy shopping exclusive products from local vendors, and many of them are one of a kind. Everyone in your group is sure to be entertained at one of Barrie's hottest events of the year!

February 14, 2025 | 8 – 10 pm **FULL MOON NIGHT SNOWSHOE**

East Coulson Swamp, Orillia

www.orillialakecountry.ca/event/ *full-moon-night-snowshoe*

Bundle up and embark on a magical winter adventure at East Coulson Swamp (NCC). Under the glow of the full moon, explore the snow-covered landscape on a snowshoe

trek while our knowledgeable guides share insights into the ecology of the area. Please bring your own snowshoes.

March 8 – 9, 2025 **BARRIE SPRING GARDEN & HOME SHOW**

Bradford Greenhouses. 4346 Highway 90, Springwater

barriespringshow.com

From home renovation to landscaping, and interior design; whether you are an exhibitor looking to showcase your product, or a consumer looking for inspiration and ideas to improve your home and garden; this is the show for you.

March 22 - 23, 2025

GREAT CANADIAN OUTDOOR SHOW

Bradford Greenhouses Garden Gallery, Springwater

shop.bradfordgreenhouses.com/pages/ great-canadian-outdoor-show

The Great Canadian Outdoor Show will feature guest speakers, live demos, fishing, hunting, camping, ATV's, snowmobiles, outdoor activities and so much more. No matter what you're looking for, this show got it! Enjoy shopping exclusive products from local vendors, and many of them are one of a kind.

March 29 - 30, 2025 **BARRIE SPRING HOME SHOW**

Sadlon Arena, Barrie

www.ohproductions.ca

Experience the ultimate showcase of home and lifestyle innovation at the Barrie Spring Home & Lifestyle Event! Whether you're looking to renovate, decorate, or simply gather inspiration, this event has something for everyone.

April 12 - 13, 2025 SIMCOE SPRING HOME AND **COTTAGE SHOW**

Barnfield Point Rec Centre (curling rink), Orillia

orilliahomeshow.ca

The Simcoe Spring Home & Cottage Show is the perfect event for homeowners, renovators, and cottage enthusiasts seeking inspiration and expert advice. Held annually, this show features local vendors and exhibitors showcasing the latest in home improvement, landscaping, decor, and cottage living. With interactive displays, demonstrations, and a variety of products and services, visitors can discover new ideas for their next project.

May 1, 2025

ROAD TRIP OF THE WILDLANDS

Couchiching Conservancy, Orillia couchichingconserv.ca

This do it yourself road trip takes you to the Black River Wildlands. Home to hundreds of species, the Wildlands is a mixture of wetlands, forests and magnificent Canadian Shield. There is so much to explore. Trip highlights are scenic viewpoints, beautiful streams, creeks, and forests, and visiting two different nature reserves with trails.

May 23 - 25, 2025 **INKED CIRCUS TATTOO EXPO**

EastView Arena, Barrie

www.inkedcircus.com

Inked Circus Tattoo Expos returns to Barrie for the 3rd Annual #InkedCircusBarrie Tattoo Expo with over 100 Tattoo Artists, Shops and Vendors taking over Barrie for 3 days of Tattoos, Piercings, Concerts, Sideshow performers and more!

WOW: BRAMPTON

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-brampton

April 25 - 27, 2025

ERIN HOME & GARDEN SHOW

Erin Agricultural Society & Fairgrounds, 184 Main St.

erinchamber.ca/etn/homeshow

The Erin Home & Garden Show 2025 brings together home and garden enthusiasts with a showcase of the latest in landscaping, home design, and outdoor living. Discover local vendors, unique decor, and sustainable solutions to enhance your space. Perfect for homeowners, gardeners, and DIY lovers!

WOW: BURLINGTON

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-burlington

February 1 – March 30, 2025 (Tuesdays to Sundays) **ALICE IN BLOOMLAND**

RBG Centre, Burlington

www.rbg.ca/things-to-do/by-season/ special-events/winter-exhibit

Tumble down the rabbit hole into "Alice in Bloomland," a wondrous botanical experience at Royal Botanical Gardens where reality bends and blossoms into a world of curiosity. Inspired by the pages of Lewis Carroll's Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, this event weaves together the magic of horticulture, the whimsy of floral design, and the marvel of visual arts to create an experience straight out of a dream.

May – September 2025 (Except Holidays & Weather Permitting)

B.C.C.S. CRUISIN CAR SHOW

Canadian Tire Burlington Centre Parking Lot www.burlingtoncentre.ca/ event/624-b-c-c-s-cruisin-car-show

The B.C.C.S. Cruisin' Car Show kicks off in May 2025, running every Monday from 5 pm to 8 pm (excluding long weekends) through September. This weekly event showcases classic and custom cars, bringing auto enthusiasts together for an evening of vintage style, music, and community fun.

In support of Jumpstart by Canadian Tire, a program dedicated to helping kids overcome financial barriers to sports and recreation.

WOW: HAMILTON

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-hamilton

March 7 – 16, 2025 | 9 am – 5 pm THE SPRING TIDE BULB SHOW

Gage Park Greenhouse, Hamilton www.hamilton.ca/things-do/ festivals-events/spring-tide-bulb-show

Hundreds of spring bulbs will be on display at the Gage Park Greenhouse. Bring the family, participate in our scavenger hunt and enjoy the first sights, sounds, and smells of spring!

Donations to Hamilton Food Share are appreciated. Canned goods and monetary donations will be accepted.

March 23, 2025 | 9 am - 4 pm **HERITAGECON 17**

Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, 9280 Airport Rd, Mount Hope

www.ipmshamilton.ca/event-details/ heritagecon-17

HeritageCon 17, Canada's largest plastic model contest, returns to Hamilton with an extraordinary display of scale models, dioramas, and historical exhibits. Enthusiasts from all over gather to showcase their craftsmanship, from military vehicles to sci-fi creations.

May 3 - 4, 2025 | 10 am - 4 pm DOOR OPEN HAMILTON

Various Locations

www.facebook.com/DoorsOpenHamOnt

Doors Open Hamilton invites the public to explore the city's unique architectural, cultural, and historical sites - many of which are rarely open to the public. Held annually, this event offers free access to landmarks, heritage buildings, and hidden gems, providing an enriching experience and deeper insight into Hamilton's vibrant heritage.

May 2025

LUCKY LION NIGHT MARKET

Bayfront Park, Hamilton

www.luckylionnightmarket.ca

Bring your friends and family out for a culinary adventure when the Lucky Lion Night Market returns to celebrate Asian culture and sample culinary delights from diverse and talented vendors, and experience interactive lion dancers.

May 18, 2025 | 9:30 pm **VICTORIA DAY FIREWORKS**

Dundas Driving Park, Dundas (Main entrance is at Cross Street) www.hamilton.ca/things-do/

festivals-events/victoria-day-fireworks

Enjoy a free, family-friendly event at Dundas Driving Park. This prominent community event is proudly presented by the Rotary Club of Dundas Valley Sunrise and generously supported by the City of Hamilton.

June 2025

HAMILTON ARTS WEEK

Various Hamilton Locations

www.hamiltonartscouncil.ca/artsweek

This week-long event celebrates the city's vibrant arts scene with exhibitions, performances, workshops, and special events at various venues across Hamilton. It's a great opportunity for families to immerse themselves in the local arts community.

WOW: MARKHAM. UNIONVILLE, WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-markham-unionville

February 6, 2025 | 10 - 11:30 am **LOVE MONSTER**

Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum & Community Centre

www.townofws.ca/play/museum/ museum-events

Children will listen to an interactive reading of 'Love Monster' written by Rachel Bright, go on a mini scavenger hunt, make a themed craft and enjoy a snack. Required adult chaperone free of charge. Ages 2 - 5.

April 2025

STOUFFVILLE CARD SHOW

Leisure Centre Gymnasium. Whitchurch-Stouffville

www.townofws.ca/play/events/

The Stouffville Card Show at the Leisure Centre Gymnasium offers collectors a chance to buy, sell, and trade sports cards, memorabilia, and more. If you've been searching for that last card to finish off your favourite set, you don't want to miss this card-collecting destination.

Free admission with a suggested food bank donation!

WOW: MISSISSAUGA

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-mississauga

January 3 – 5, 2025 ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL MOTORCYCLE SUPERSHOW

International Trade Centre

www.motorcyclesupershow.ca

Canada's largest motorcycle event, showcasing the latest bikes, gear, and accessories. Featuring live entertainment, custom bikes, and competitions, it's a must-attend for enthusiasts

January 17 – 19, 2025 TORONTO WOODWORKING SHOW

International Centre, Mississauga woodshows.com/toronto

Toronto Woodworking Show brings together the largest gathering of woodworking experts, hobbyists, and industry leaders in Canada. This popular annual event is a haven for anyone passionate about woodworking.

January 31 – February 2, 2025 THE HOME + BACKYARD SHOW International Centre, Entrance 1 torontohomeshows.com/hi

The Home + Backyard Show is loaded with vendors, DIY experts, and industry professionals with the know-how to help you create your space, your way. No matter how big or small your project is, whether it's a new coat of paint or it's adding a new addition to your home, they have the advice and inspiration you need to make it happen.

January 31 – February 2, 2025 TORONTO STAR GOLF & TRAVEL SHOW

International Centre, Entrance 5 www.torontogolfshow.com

Largest consumer golf show in North America. Golf courses, golf destinations, demonstrations by leading golf pros, golf equipment, accessories, and much much more. Everything a golfer could want under one roof.

February 16 – 18, 2025 **SPRING FISHING & BOAT SHOW**

International Centre

www.springfishingandboatshow.com

The 2025 Spring Fishing & Boat Show continues to strive to bring new and innovative ideas to the table. The show is truly dedicated to the betterment of Canadian angling and through the support of its media partners, the show is establishing unity within the industry and supporting the growth of recreational angling throughout the nation.

February 14 – 16, 2025 TORONTO MOTORCYCLE SHOW

International Centre, Entrance 2 www.torontomotorcycleshow.ca

Riding enthusiasts will get their motor running when the Toronto Motorcycle Show rolls into the Enercare Centre, Exhibition Place – a show dedicated to the motorcycle lifestyle and the hottest new 2025 models from the biggest brands.

February 15 – 17, 2025 **RAMADAN EXPO**

International Centre, Entrance 2 ramadanexpo.co

The Ramadan Expo, Canada's largest Ramadan shopping and cultural event, features over 300 vendors, entertainment, a food court, workshops, and activities, welcoming around 30,000 attendees annually.

February 21 – 23, 2025 THE OUTDOOR ADVENTURE AND TRAVEL SHOW

International Centre, Entrance 5 www.outdooradventureshow.ca/ toronto-visitor

Canada's largest showcase of outdoor gear and adventure travel experiences. The LARGEST consumer show in Canada that brings together buyers and sellers of outdoor adventure products and services. Over 300 exhibitors including camping, water sports, hiking, biking, climbing, outdoor gear and apparel, education, nutrition, destinations, clubs, associations and much more!

February 27 – March 2, 2025 TORONTO SPRING CAMPING & RV **SHOW AND SALE**

International Centre

torontospringcampingrvshow.com

The Toronto International RV Show is a 4-day recreation vehicle (RV) show that is considered to be a "world-class event" by the RV industry. If you can't find the recreation vehicle brand you're looking for at this show it probably isn't sold in Ontario.

March 7 – 9. 2025

MOTORAMA TORONTO CUSTOM CAR & MOTORSPORTS EXPO

International Centre

www.motoramashow.com

Motorama Toronto Custom Car & Motorsports Expo celebrates car culture with custom vehicles, hot rods, and motorsports exhibits. Featuring live demos, celebrity guests, and competitions, it's the ultimate event for car enthusiasts and racers.

March 7 – 9, 2025 TORONTO BICYCLE SHOW AND **E-BIKE EXPO**

International Centre, Hall 5 www.bicycleshowtoronto.com

This show is the best place to shop for bicycles and accessories, preview the newest trends in cycling from the top manufacturers and distributors plus enjoy thrilling action-packed events.

March 13 – 16, 2025 TORONTO SPORTSMEN'S SHOW

International Centre

www.torontosportshow.ca

A premier event for outdoor enthusiasts, featuring exhibits on fishing, hunting, camping, and boating. With live demonstrations, expert seminars, and hands-on activities, it's a must-attend for adventurers and nature lovers alike.

March 20 – 23, 2025

THE SPRING COTTAGE LIFE SHOW International Trade Centre

hows.cottagelife.com/ spring-cottage-life-show/

The Spring Cottage Life Show in Toronto offers everything for cottage enthusiasts, from home décor and outdoor gear to expert advice on cottage living. Discover products, services, and inspiration for your next cottage adventure.

March 2025

CANADIAN PET EXPO

International Centre, Entrance 2 and 4 canadianpetexpo.ca

The Canadian Pet Expo is a premier event for pet lovers, showcasing products, services, and innovations for pets. Enjoy demonstrations, meet industry experts, and explore a wide range of pet-related exhibits and activities.

April 5 - 6, 2025

NATIONAL POSTAGE STAMP AND COIN SHOW

Hilton Mississauga, 675 Mississauga Rd. stampandcoinshow.com

The National Postage Stamp and Coin Show is a treasure trove for collectors and enthusiasts alike. Explore rare stamps, coins, and memorabilia from expert dealers and exhibitors. With auctions, seminars, and appraisals, it's the ultimate event for uncovering history and expanding your collection. A must-visit for hobbyists and historians!

April 7, 2025 | 10 am - 5 pm **CANADA INTERNATIONAL TEXTILE** AND APPAREL EXPO

Mississauga Convention Centre canadatextileapparelexpo.com

The Canada International Textile and Apparel Expo brings together industry professionals, showcasing cutting-edge fabrics, innovative designs, and global trends. Discover networking opportunities, expert seminars, and the latest advancements shaping the future of textiles and fashion in Canada and beyond.

April 9 - 11, 2025 GRAPHICS CANADA EXPO

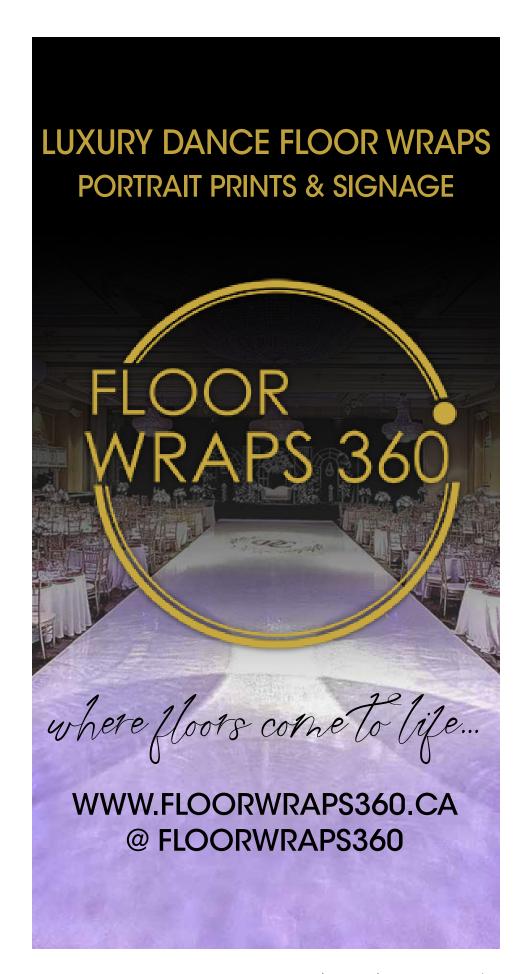
Toronto International Centre, Mississauga graphicscanada.com

The Graphics Canada Expo is Canada's premier event for the printing, packaging, and graphic arts industries. Discover the latest technologies, trends, and innovations through live demonstrations, networking opportunities, and expert-led sessions. A must-attend for professionals and businesses in the industry.

April 11 - 13, 2025 2025 HOME & LIFESTYLE SHOW

Albion Bolton Community Centre, Bolton homeandlifestyleshow.ca

The Bolton Home & Lifestyle Show is your go-to event for innovative home improvement ideas, stylish décor, and lifestyle inspiration. Featuring local vendors, expert demonstrations, and unique products, it's perfect for homeowners and enthusiasts looking to refresh their spaces and elevate their living. A must-visit for creativity and community!



WOW: NIAGARA

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-niagara

January – February 2025 (Weekends only) **SNOWSHOEING & WINTER HIKES** IN THE VINEYARD

Thirty Bench Wine Makers, Beamsville www.mywinecountry.com/on/snowshoehikes-in-the-vineyard.html

Enjoy a truly unique Canadian experience this winter and snowshoe through Riesling vineyards during the weekends in January and February. A local Snowshoe expert will teach you tips and best trekking methods while Thirty Bench wine consultant guides you through samples of Thirty Bench wines amongst the snow-covered vines.

February 1 - 2, 2025 **NIAGARA FALLS CATSTRAVAGANZA** Niagara Falls Convention Center

lcwwgroup.com/events/niagra-falls-2024

The Niagara Falls CATstravaganza, hosted by LCWW Group, is a premier event showcasing stunning exotic cat breeds, thrilling competitions, and family-friendly activities.

February 7 – 9, 14 – 16, 21 – 23, 2025 **CHOCOLATE AND CHEESE**

Twenty Wineries, Niagara & St. Catharines www.wineriesofniagaraonthelake.com/ experiences/detail/chocolate-cheese

The Chocolate and Cheese event in Niagara offers a decadent pairing of artisanal chocolates and gourmet cheeses, creating a rich sensory experience that delights food lovers. Chocolate and Cheese event is a must-visit for anyone looking to indulge in the region's finest flavours.

May 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 24-25, 2025 **SIP AND SIZZLE**

8 Wineries, Niagara-on-the-Lake www.wineriesofniagaraonthelake.com/ experiences/detail/sip-and-sizzle

Sip and Sizzle is a self-guided tour through 8 wineries in Niagara-on-the-Lake, offering a unique experience of pairing wine tastings with delicious barbecue and grilled food-inspired dishes. Explore beautiful vineyards, savor exquisite flavors, and enjoy the perfect blend of wine and culinary delights in a picturesque setting.

May 30 – June 1, 2025

NIAGARA FALLS COMIC CON

Niagara Falls Convention Centre, 6815 Stanley Ave.

www.nfcomiccon.com

The Niagara Falls Comic Con is a thrilling celebration of pop culture, featuring celebrity guests, comic book creators, cosplay contests, and exclusive merchandise. Fans of all ages can enjoy a weekend filled with exciting panels, interactive activities, and unforgettable experiences. A must-attend event for all pop culture enthusiasts!

WOW: OAKVILLE

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-oakville

January 3, 2025 | 1:30 and 3 pm WINTER CRAFT AND TOUR

Oakville Museum, 8 Navy St.

www.oakville.ca/parks-recreationculture/arts-culture/oakville-museum/ programs-events

Create a special craft with your child and enjoy a guided tour of the Oakville Museum at Erchless Estate. The program fee applies to participating children only. Children must be accompanied and assisted by an adult.

May 30 - 31, 2025

HALTON QUILTERS GUILD "STITCHES IN OUR TIME" QUILT SHOW

Sheridan Conference Centre. Oakville visitoakville.com/events/halton-quilters*guild-stitches-in-our-time-quilt-show*

View a variety of quilts, ranging from traditional to modern, as well as other guilted items made by their members. There will be a Merchant's Mall, Tombola, Spool Pull and Tea Room with Outdoor Patio as well as a Certified Quilt Appraiser on site.

WOW: RICHMOND HILL/ NEWMARKET

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-richmond-hill-newmarket

April 5 – 6, 2025

NEWMARKET HOME & LIFESTYLE SHOW

Ray Twinney Recreation Complex, Newmarket

www.facebook.com/NewmarketHomeShow York Region's largest and most anticipated Home & Lifestyle Show, featuring expert

exhibitors, inspiring ideas, and the latest trends in home improvement, décor, and lifestyle. A must-visit event for homeowners and enthusiasts

April 11 – 13, 2025 INKED CIRCUS TATTOO EXPO

Stronach Aurora Rec Complex

www.inkedcircus.com

Inked Circus Tattoo Expos returns to Barrie for the 3rd Annual #InkedCircusBarrie Tattoo Expo with over 100 Tattoo Artists. Shops and Vendors taking over Barrie for 3 days of Tattoos, Piercings, Concerts, Sideshow performers and more!

May 10, 2025 **DOORS OPEN RICHMOND HILL 2025**

Various Location

www.richmondhill.ca/en/find-or-learnabout/Doors-Open-Richmond-Hill. aspx? mid = 974

Explore the hidden gems of Richmond Hill during Doors Open 2025! Enjoy exclusive access to historic sites, cultural landmarks, and architectural wonders. Discover the rich heritage and vibrant community spirit that make this event a must-see.

May 10, 2025 **RICHMOND HILL STUDIO TOUR 2025**

Various Locations

www.richmondhill.ca/en/things-to-do/ studio-tour.aspx

Discover creativity at the Richmond Hill Studio Tour 2025, featuring talented local artists showcasing paintings, sculptures, photography, and more. Explore unique studios, meet creators, and purchase original artworks. A perfect event for art enthusiasts and collectors alike.

WOW: ST. CATHARINES

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-st-catharines

May 2025

THE SPRING HANDMADE MARKET

13th Street Winery, 1776 Fourth Ave www.handmademarket.ca

Shop 1,000S of one-of-a-kind handcrafted items in the Spring Handmade Market in St. Catharines. The Handmade Market features 200 Canadian makers and artists over two weekends! Tickets must be pre-purchased online in advance.

WOW: VAUGHAN/ WOODBRIDGE

www.torontoondemand.ca/category/ whats-on-where-vaughan-woodbridge

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month FREE FAMILY SUNDAYS AT THE MCMICHAEL

McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg

www.mcmichael.com/family-sundays

Enjoy family fun activities all day long, including drop-in hands-on art workshops, interactive tours and storytelling circles created just for families.

January 15, 2025 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm **NEW BEGINNINGS FOREST** THERAPY WALK

Kortright Centre for Conservation, Vaughan

bit.ly/

new-beginnings-forest-therapy-walk

Immerse yourself in nature with guided Forest Therapy Walks, designed to promote relaxation, mindfulness, and well-being. Enjoy a series of gentle walks through the serene trails of the Kortright Centre, where you'll connect with the natural world, engage your senses, and experience the therapeutic benefits of the forest. Suitable for all fitness levels, these walks offer a peaceful way to reduce stress, improve mental clarity, and foster a deeper connection to nature.

January 26, 2025 | 10:30 am & 2 pm February 23, 2025 | 10:30 am & 2 pm March 30, 2025 | 10:30 am & 2 pm April 27, 2025 | 10:30 am & 1 pm SUNDAY SIP AND CREATE

McMichael Canadian Art Collection. Kleinburg

mcmichael.com/event/ sunday-sip-and-create

Relax and unwind with a sociable Sunday afternoon of art making at the McMichael, sustained by warm coffee or tea served in heritage china, sweet treats and sparkling beverages. This informal art making class is designed for artists of all skill levels and is led by experienced instructors who specialize in different mediums and subject areas.

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outhern Ontario's shows and exhibits promise a packed lineup that spans art, culture, entertainment, and more. From bustling city fairs to intimate art exhibitions, these events offer memorable experiences for locals and tourists alike. Here's a guide on how to make the most of Southern Ontario's show and exhibit scene.

Plan Ahead for Major Events Southern Ontario's top events, such as the Toronto International AutoShow and the Interior Design Show (IDS), tend to draw large crowds. Booking tickets and planning travel and accommodations in advance can help you secure the best experience without last-minute rushes. Many of these events release special early-bird tickets and passes that include exclusive perks like early access, special presentations, or discounted rates.

Visit Art and Cultural Exhibits with Flexible Schedules For art lovers, Southern Ontario's galleries and museums host rotating exhibits and permanent collections that are open year-round, offering a bit more flexibility (see pages 24 - 26). Checking their online exhibit calendars can help you time your visits to coincide with unique exhibitions, especially during quieter weekday hours.

Immerse Yourself in Seasonal Shows

Immersing yourself in seasonal shows during winter and spring in Southern Ontario offers a unique opportunity to experience the region's diverse cultural landscape. Winter shows, such as art exhibitions and craft fairs, provide a cozy escape from the cold, showcasing local talent and creativity. As spring approaches, the art scene blossoms with a flurry of exhibitions highlighting emerging artists and innovative works that celebrate local heritage and craftsmanship. These seasonal events not only allow you to enjoy the vibrant artistic expression of the area but also a perfect way to engage with Southern Ontario's rich cultural offerings.

Maximize Your Experience with VIP **Packages**

For larger shows, such as the Toronto International Boat Show and Niagara Wine Festival, consider VIP packages. These often include early entry, special seating for performances or panels, private tastings, and other exclusive perks. VIP options are ideal for anyone who wants an enhanced experience, allowing you to explore exhibits more freely and avoid peak crowd times. At wine festivals, for example, VIP packages may include access to exclusive tastings or reserve wines

Explore Local Fairs and Community Shows

Southern Ontario's vibrant communities host a variety of local fairs and exhibitions that highlight regional culture, agriculture, and local artistry. Smallerscale events, like the Port Hope Fair or the Norfolk County Fair & Horse Show, offer charming rural settings and familyfriendly activities, from farm animal exhibitions to craft stalls. These events provide a slower-paced, intimate experience where you can connect with locals and discover unique regional products.

Check Out Tech and Innovation Expos Tech enthusiasts will want to keep an eye on various tech-oriented expos held throughout the year. You'll find interactive exhibits, talks, and hands-on demonstrations that make these expos an immersive experience. Some expos offer workshops or coding boot camps, perfect for anyone looking to dive into tech learning.

Enjoy Culinary Shows and Tastings Southern Ontario's culinary shows are perfect for food and drink enthusiasts. The Niagara Icewine Festival and the Toronto Coffee & Tea Expo are highlights, offering tastings, workshops, and vendor booths that showcase the region's flavors. Many events combine gourmet food with local wine, making them ideal for date nights or gatherings with friends. Purchase tasting passes if you're visiting a large food festival — these passes often give you access to a set number of tastings from vendors, allowing you to sample a variety of dishes or drinks.

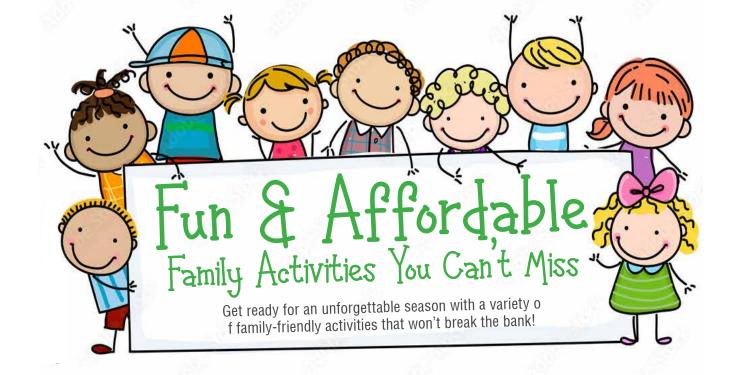
Attend Workshops and Panels Many Southern Ontario shows and exhibitions, especially those focused on art, design, and food, offer workshops and panels with industry experts. These sessions can be incredibly rewarding, providing insider knowledge, hands-on experiences, and a chance to interact directly with creators or professionals. Whether you're an aspiring artist, home decorator, or foodie, these sessions provide a deeper level of engagement with the event's themes.

Use Public Transportation for Large Events For larger shows in busy cities like Toronto, using public transportation can simplify your visit. Events such as the annual Toronto International Film Festival and Canadian National Exhibition attract significant crowds, so parking can be limited and traffic heavy. Take advantage of Ontario's extensive transit networks, including the GO Transit and Toronto Transit Commission, which offer convenient routes to major venues. Many events even partner with public transit providers to offer special discounted fares.

Document Your Experience and Share with the Community Finally, make your experience memorable by capturing moments and sharing them on social media. Event organizers often feature attendee photos and may even hold contests. Use event-specific hashtags to share your experience with other attendees and connect with new people who share similar interests. Many events, especially art fairs and cultural festivals, have beautiful photo opportunities, so don't forget to document your visit.

Southern Ontario's 2025 shows and exhibitions offer an impressive variety of experiences, catering to a range of interests from art and tech to food and agriculture. With a little planning and some insider tips, you can fully immerse yourself in the richness of these events, creating lasting memories and even gaining new skills along the way. Whether you're attending a major expo in Toronto or a cozy local fair, these shows reflect the vibrant culture and community spirit that Southern Ontario has to offer. Enjoy exploring, learning, and celebrating everything this dynamic region has in store! ■





ATTRACTIONS

Ongoing | 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. **CN TOWER**

301 Front St. West (& John St.)

www.cntower.ca

The CN Tower, a Canadian icon, stands 553 meters tall in Toronto. Offering breathtaking panoramic views, thrilling glass floors, and the EdgeWalk experience, it's a must-visit attraction for locals and tourists alike.

NOTE: Every Low Sensory Morning will take place for 90 minutes after opening. Visit www.cntower.ca for dates.

Ongoing | 9 am - 7 pm **HIGH PARK ZOO**

Deer Pen Rd., Toronto

www.highparkzoo.ca/visit-the-zoo

High Park Zoo has been entertaining people since 1893. The attraction, which houses domestic and exotic animals such as bison, llamas, and reindeer, as well as the famous capybaras, Bonnie and Clyde. Admission is free.

Ongoing | 9 am - 5 pm RIVERDALE FARM

201 Winchester St., Toronto

www.riverdalefarmtoronto.ca

Riverdale Farm in Toronto offers a charming escape with its working farm, historic barns, and lush gardens. Visitors can enjoy nature trails, meet farm animals, and experience rural life in the heart of the city. Admission is free.

Ongoing | 9 am - 11 pm RIPLEY'S AQUARIUMS

288 Bremner Blvd., Toronto

www.ripleys.com/attractions/ ripleys-aquarium-of-canada

Ripley's Aquarium of Canada in Toronto features over 20,000 marine creatures across stunning exhibits, including a mesmerizing underwater tunnel. Visitors can explore vibrant aquatic life, touch tanks, and immersive jellyfish displays.

NOTE: Sensory Sunday Morning, on the first Sunday of every month, experience the aquarium with special accommodations for an enjoyable experience for all.

Ongoing | 10 am - 4 pm TORONTO HOCKEY HALL OF FAME

30 Yonge St., Toronto

www.hhof.com/visit/

exhibits and interactives. html

The Toronto Hockey Hall of Fame celebrates the sport's rich history with interactive exhibits, memorabilia, and tributes to legendary players. A must-visit for hockey fans, it offers an immersive, unforgettable experience.

CONCERTS

January 8 – May 29, 2025 FREE CONCERT SERIES

Four Seasons Centre, Toronto

www.coc.ca/community/

free-concert-series

The Free Concert Series in the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre, presented by TD Bank Group, brings artists from around the world to share their talent and passion in one of Toronto's most breathtaking and intimate spaces. Visit website for dates, times and performers names.

February 16, 2025 | 11:30 am FIRESIDE MUNSCH

19 on the Park. Stouffville tows.ticketpro.ca/en/ pages/19onthePark_FM

M. John Kennedy's hit solo show Fireside Munsch brings the beloved stories of Robert Munsch to life with energy and humor. Perfect for all ages, this theatrical performance captivates audiences with animated storytelling, delivering heartwarming classics in an unforgettable, family-friendly experience that delights both kids and adults!

June 1, 2025 **PLAY DAY**

The Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto www.rcmusic.com/learning/ oscar-peterson-school-of-music/ plav-dav

The Oscar Peterson School of Music's annual celebration of student achievement. Participate in the annual year-end celebration at The Royal Conservatory's downtown Toronto location. At this family-friendly event you can enjoy live music, activities and crafts, instrument petting zoos, and student showcase concerts. FREE ADMISSION!

GALLERIES

Ongoing Wednesday to Sunday THE DR. MARIANO ELIA HANDS-ON CENTRE

AGO, Weston Family Learning Centre ago.ca/family/hands-on-centre

At *The Dr. Mariano Elia Hands-On Centre*, you'll find art-making and creative play activities for the whole family, from our youngest learner on up! There's lots to do in the Hands-On Centre: from art-making and constructing to reading and collaborative play.

NOTE: Adult supervision of children in the centre is required at all times.

Ongoing Every Sunday from 12-4 pm FREE FAMILY DAYS

Aga Khan Museum, Toronto

www.agakhanmuseum.org/families

Families are encouraged to drop into the Museum's classrooms to participate in hands-on craft activities that change regularly to reflect the special exhibitions and programs. Designed for families with children between the ages of 5 and 12.

Ongoing Every 3rd Sunday of the Month FREE FAMILY SUNDAYS

McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg

mcmichael.com/family-sundays

Enjoy an all day drop-in hands-on art workshops, interactive tours and storytelling circles created just for families. Each Family Sunday has a different theme and a special performance at 2 pm so join for one or try them all. *Admission is free.*

January 12, 2025 Power Kids: From Story to Stage

The Power Plant, Toronto

www.thepowerplant.org/whats-on/calendar/power-kids-from-story-to-stage Inspired by Lap-See Lam's storytelling, this workshop gives families the chance to work together to create a scene of a play.

January 18 – March 8, 2025 March 29 – May 24, 2025 SATURDAYS AT THE MCMICHAEL (SAM): CHILDREN'S ART CLASSES McMichael Canadian Art Collection, Kleinburg



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mcmichael.com/event/ saturday-art-classes-2024-2025/

These popular children's art classes offer a creative exploration of various art mediums, encourage skill development, cultivate art appreciation and introduce children to the art of Canada through in-gallery activities. Facilitated by professional art instructors, children will be divided into age-appropriate groups to be determined upon registration.

January 26, 2025 | 12 – 4 pm POWER KIDS: LUNAR NEW YEAR DROP-IN

The Power Plant, Toronto

www.thepowerplant.org/whats-on/ calendar/power-kids-lunar-new-year-drop-in

Families are invite to this special Power Kids workshop, inspired by Lap-See Lam's work Floating Sea Palace.

February 9, 2025 | 3 PM - 5 PM POWER KIDS: FLOATING MOBILES

The Power Plant, Toronto

www.thepowerplant.org/whats-on/ calendar/power-kids-floating-mobiles

Inspired by Charles Campbell's sculpture How many colours has the sea, this workshop invites families to create their 3D hanging mobiles using wire and straws, reflecting the dynamic forms found in the sea.

February 17, 2025 | 12 – 4 pm POWER KIDS: FAMILY DAY LONG WEEKEND DROP-IN WORKSHOP

The Power Plant, Toronto www.thepowerplant.org/whats-on/

calendar/power-kids-family-day-longweekend-drop-in-workshop

Families are invite to the special Family Day Long Weekend Power Kids workshop, inspired by Charles Campbell's exploration of bathymetry, the science of mapping the ocean floor. No registration is required simply drop in!

LIBRARY

January 25, 2025 | 10 am - 12 pm CHILDREN'S STORY WALK

Scout Valley, Orillia

lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/ reg/64275td

The Orillia Public Library staff have chosen a special nature story for you to read page by page, as you hike through beautiful Scout Valley. January 25th happens to be Family Literacy Day! You will also enjoy time with your family as you look for unique natural features along your walk.

MUSEUMS

Ongoing | 10 am - 5 pm FORT YORK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE 250 Fort York Blvd., Toronto

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Fort York National Historic Site in Toronto showcases Canada's military history with preserved 19th-century fortifications. Visitors can explore barracks, witness live reenactments, and learn about the War of 1812 in this historical landmark.

Ongoing | 12 - 4pm SCARBOROUGH MUSEUM

1007 Brimley Rd., Toronto URL?

Scarborough Museum, located in a picturesque park, explores local history through restored historic buildings, engaging exhibits, and interactive programs. It offers a hands-on experience, showcasing life in Toronto from the past.

January 11 - March 4, 2025 April 5 - June 7, 2025 ROMKIDS JUNIOR

Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto www.rom.on.ca/en/whats-on/ romkids-junior

Inspire your toddler's imagination and sense of discovery as you explore the ROM's collection of art, history, and nature through the eyes of a child. Choose from Saturdays or Tuesdays classes.

PARKS AND RECREATION

January 18, 2025 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm February 22, 2025 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm April 26, 2025 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm June 7, 2025 | 1:30 - 3:30 pm

FAMILY EXPERIENCES AT KORTRIGHT: SURVIVAL SKILLS

Kortright Centre for Conservation, Vaughan events.trca.ca/event/family-experiencesat-kortright-survival-skills?instance id=20250426133000

Learn the basics of survival in this hands-on program. Understand how to build a fire, make shelters, and more.

January 25, 2025 | 10:00 AM PASSPORT TO NATURE: CHILDREN'S STORY WALK

Scout Valley - Regan House, Orillia lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/ reg/64275td

Couchiching Conservancy staff have chosen a special nature story for you to read page by page, as you hike through beautiful Scout Valley. January 25th happens to be Family Literacy Day. Enjoy time with your family as you look for unique natural features along your walk.

February 14, 2025 | 8 - 10 pm PASSPORT TO NATURE: FULL MOON NIGHT SNOWSHOE

East Coulson Swamp, Hawkestone lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/ xbsw77u

Bundle up and embark on a magical winter adventure at East Coulson Swamp (NCC). Under the glow of the full moon, explore the snow-covered landscape on a snowshoe trek while knowledgeable guides share insights into the ecology of the area. Please bring your own snowshoes.

May 24, 2025 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm FAMILY EXPERIENCES AT **KORTRIGHT: NATURE EXPERIENCE**

Kortright Centre for Conservation, Vaughan events.trca.ca/event/family-experiencesat-kortright-nature-experience?instance id=20250524133000

Explore and learn about the natural world through an immersive nature experience. Guided by an experienced leader, you could learn about trees, birds and discover the myriad creatures that live in a pond.

SHOWS

March 14 - 16, 2025 TORONTO COMICON 2025

Metro Toronto Convention Centre, www.fanexpohq.com/comicontoronto

Toronto Comicon 2025 brings together fans of comics, sci-fi, anime, and pop culture for an exciting weekend of celebrity guests, panels, cosplay, and exclusive merchandise. A must-attend event for enthusiasts! ■



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Discover the magic of love at Southern Ontario Wedding Shows, where couples can explore the latest trends, meet top vendors, and find inspiration for their special day. With showcases featuring bridal fashion, decor, and unique venues, this event provides everything needed to plan the perfect wedding. Attendees can look forward to expert advice and unforgettable experiences.

January 10 – 12, 2025 CANADA'S BRIDAL SHOW

Metro Toronto Convention Centre www.canadasbridalshow.com

Canada's Bridal Winter Show is the ultimate destination for wedding inspiration. Discover top vendors, stunning gowns, decor ideas, and exclusive offers to make your special day unforgettable. Don't miss this elegant showcase for brides-to-be!

January 11, 2025 ANCASTER WEDDING SHOW

Ancaster Fairgrounds, Jerseyville www.ancasterweddingshow.com

The Ancaster Wedding Show is the perfect destination to plan your wedding, featuring Southern Ontario's finest wedding experts all under one roof.

January 11 – 12, 2025 | 11 am – 4 pm LONDON BRIDAL EXPO

RBC Place London, 300 York St. www.londonbridalexpo.com

As London's largest bridal show you'll have a chance to talk to over one hundred industry experts plus get in on the door prizes, show specials, fashion shows, samples and more.

January 17 - 18, 2025 CANADA INTERNATIONAL WEDDING & FASHION SHOW 2025

Courtyard Toronto Brampton

icfws.com

Enjoy an unforgettable evening of glitz, glamour, and style at the *Canada International Wedding & Fashion Show 2025*! Get ready to immerse yourself in the world of weddings and fashion, where dreams come true.

January 26, 2025 THE WEDDING SHOW

Hyatt Regency, Toronto www.theweddingshow.ca

The show will feature elite wedding professionals from around the GTA who will provide you with all of the support and resources you will need

February 1, 2025 | 11 am - 3 pm STRATFORD WEDDING EXPO

Best Western Plus The Arden Park Hotel, Stratford

bit.ly/stratford-wedding-expo-winter

The Stratford Wedding Expo brings together top wedding vendors, offering couples a chance to explore dresses, venues, florists, and more, in a festive atmosphere.

February 8, 2025 | 11 am - 3 pm GUELPH WEDDING EXPO

Frank Hasenfratz Centre For Excellence In Manufacturing

bit.ly/guelph-wedding-expo-winter

Discover local vendors, win prizes, and gather wedding inspiration! Free admission with pre-registration. Enjoy a vibrant atmosphere tailored for couples planning their special day

February 22 - 23, 2025 Modern Bride Wedding Show

The International Centre, Entrance: 1 www.modernbrideweddingshow.com

Modern Bride Wedding Show provides engaged couples with inspiring ideas and all the essential planning tools in one place.

March 16, 2025 | 6 – 9 pm EVS BRIDAL SHOW

Oasis Convention Centre, Mississauga bit.ly/evs-bridal-show

Experience the magic of weddings at EVS Bridal Show 2025 a stunning showcase of diverse bridal fashion, elegance, and modern trends.

March 22, 2025 | 11 am - 3 pm Brantford Wedding Expo

Affinity Conference Centre, Brantford www.theweddingring.ca/brantford-wedding-expo

Couples can explore various vendors, design ideas, and attend workshops for planning their ideal wedding. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with local wedding professionals and enjoy exclusive discounts.



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Southern Ontario's Art Galleries and Museums

Southern Ontario, the most populous province in Canada, is a vibrant cultural and artistic hub. The province boasts a wide array of art galleries and museums that cater to diverse interests, from fine arts and contemporary creations to historical artifacts and cultural heritage. Here's an overview of some of the prominent art galleries and museums across Ontario.

AGA KHAN MUSEUM

77 Wynford Dr, North York

To March 17, 2025

LIGHT: VISIONARY PERSPECTIVES

www.agakhanmuseum.org/whats-on/light-visionary-perspectives/

Explore the centrality of light and its significance across cultures and contexts as a unifying symbol for the world.

To March 17, 2025 MOON

www.agakhanmuseum.org/whats-on/

To mark the Museum's 10th Anniversary, Luke Jerram's *Moon* – the centrepiece in the Museum's most successful exhibition to date, The Moon: A Voyage Through Time (2019) – returns by popular demand.

To April 6, 2025 Celebrating the past, Reimagining the future

www.agakhanmuseum.org/whats-on/celebrating-the-past

Celebrating the Past, Reimagining the Future is a dynamic exhibition that showcases the Aga Khan Museum through a series of insightful photographs and videos captured over the past decade.

To April 6, 2025 Muqarnas: Form and Light

www.agakhanmuseum.org/whats-on/mugarnas

From Spain to Central Asia, uncover the complex elegance of *muqarnas* — intricate, three-dimensional surfaces found inside domes and above portals.

ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO

317 Dundas St. W., Toronto

Opens February 15, 2025 KENOJUAK ASHEVAK

www.ago.ca/exhibitions/kenojuakashevak-highlights-dr.-ronald-m.haynes-collection

Kenojuak Ashevak: Highlights from the Dr. Ronald M. Haynes Collection showcases the iconic Inuit artist's vibrant prints and drawings, celebrating her imaginative depictions of Arctic wildlife and culture.

Opens February 15, 2025 LETENDRE/MORRISSEAU

ago.ca/exhibitions/letendre/morrisseau
This exhibition brings together two of
the 20th century's greatest painters—
Rita Letendre (1928–2021) and Norval
Morrisseau (1932–2007). Demonstrating
the expressive potential of bold colour and
line, these two artists pushed the boundaries of painting.

Opens February 15, 2025 OLUSEYE: MERINDINLOGUN

ago.ca/exhibitions/oluseye-merindinlogun Tracing Blackness through its many migrations and manifestations, the interdisciplinary artist Oluseye blends the ancestral with the contemporary and the physical with the spiritual.

Opens March 29, 2025 TIM WHITEN: A LITTLE BIT OF LIGHT

ago.ca/exhibitions/tim-whiten-little-bit-light Drawing upon various spiritual traditions, mythologies, and rituals, Whiten's work evades easy categorization, manifesting itself in ways that are spellbinding and technically profound.

Opens April, 2025 YAYOI KUSAMA'S INFINITY MIRRORED ROOM – LET'S SURVIVE **FOREVER**

ago.ca/exhibitions/yayoi-kusamas-infinitymirrored-room-lets-survive-forever

Yayoi Kusama's INFINITY MIRRORED ROOM - LET'S SURVIVE FOREVER is an immersive installation featuring mirrored walls. stainless steel spheres, and dazzling lights, creating an infinite, dreamlike space that explores eternity and self-reflection.

Opens May 3, 2025 RECUERDO: LATIN AMERICAN PHOTOGRAPHY AT THE AGO

www.ago.ca/exhibitions/recuerdo-latinamerican-photography-ago

Highlighting new acquisitions and unseen works from the AGO's Photography Collection, this poetic exhibition takes visitors on a journey from Mexico to Argentina, from the 1920s to today.

Opens June 21, 2025 JOYCE WIELAND: HEART-ON

www.ago.ca/exhibitions/ joyce-wieland-heart

Radical. Playful. Iconic. An artist of great influence, whose work included textiles, collage, print, drawing and film, her legacy lives in the works of subsequent generations.

Opens June 28, 2025 SURUSILUTU ASHOONA

ago.ca/exhibitions/surusilutu-ashoona Kinngait artist Surusilutu Ashoona exhibits captivating works that blend traditional Inuit themes with contemporary techniques, showcasing Arctic life, spirituality, and nature through vibrant prints and sculptures.

ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON

123 King St. W., Hamilton

To January 5, 2025

DIRECTORS COLLECT: 110 YEARS

www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ exhibition/directorscollect

Six directors have led the AGH over its

history. This exhibition highlights their choices and voices regarding collection building during their leadership.

To January 5, 2025 **JAN WADE: SOUL POWER**

www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ exhibition/janwade/

Jan Wade: Soul Power brings together the artist's diverse body of work alongside new pieces made specifically for the exhibition.

To January 5. 2025 RADHA S. MENON: TOUCHED BY DEVI

www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ exhibition/radhasmenon

Touched by Devi is a multi-media project and is the first major solo museum exhibition for Hamilton-based artist and playwright Radha S. Menon.

To February 23, 2025 **ROGER MOOKING: SOUNDBITES**

www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ exhibition/roger-mooking-soundbites In the spirit of Hip Hop, Roger Mooking. this exhibition is a 'celebration of chaos for an attention deficit world', reflected in the combination of visual, text, audio, and video experiences offered to viewers.

To March 16, 2025 **RBC ARTIST IN RESIDENCE: ALEX** JACOBS-BLUM

www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ exhibition/air alexjacobs-blum

Alex Jacobs-Blum is the RBC Artist in Residence for 2024, taking over the David Braley and Nancy Gordon sculpture atrium with an exhibition In the Shadow of the Eclipse that will engage with the Art Gallery of Hamilton's permanent collection to explore the intersections of peace, grief, love, and loss, and our responsibilities as we move into the future together.

February 22 - May 18, 2025 **GREG STAATS: RUNNERS** CONTINUUM

www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ exhibition/greg-staats-runners-continuum Greg Staats, Skarù:re⁷ (Tuscarora)/ Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) artist, explores indigenous identity, ceremonial language, and memory through photography, sculpture, and video.

ART GALLERY OF MISSISSAUGA

300 City Centre Dr., Mississauga

January 25 - April 13, 2025 INSIDE. OUTSIDE. OF.

www.artgalleryofmississauga.com/ events/inside-outside-of

The exhibition showcases artists exploring perceptions and connections between people and their environments. This exhibit highlights introspective and materially-sensitive practices that process sensory overload in a poetic way.

GARDINER MUSEUM

111 QUEENS PARK, TORONTO

To Aug 15 2025 **TEST KITCHEN: A MUSEUM PROJECT**

www.gardinermuseum.on.ca/event/ test-kitchen-a-museum-proiect

As we reimagine our collection galleries, we're asking ourselves how we can better explore the past, and tell new stories. Test Kitchen opens up this process, making our museum work more transparent and inviting you to collaborate.

To Oct 5 2025

COLLECTING MEMORIES: 40 YEARS OF CERAMICS AND COMMUNITY

www.gardinermuseum.on.ca/event/ collecting-memories-40-years-ofceramics-and-community

The Gardiner Museum is 40 years old! To celebrate this milestone, we invited our Gardiner community to help us curate an exhibition of beloved objects from the Museum's collection.

MCMICHAEL CANADIAN ART COLLECTION

10365 Islington Ave., Kleinburg

To January 12, 2025 **RIVER OF DREAMS:** IMPRESSIONISM ON THE ST. LAWRENCE

mcmichael.com/event/river-of-dreamsimpressionism-on-the-st-lawrence

Showcases Quebec artists who were influenced by the European Impressionist movement. Featuring works by prominent artists, the exhibit explores vibrant

landscapes and urban scenes along the St. Lawrence River. It also includes archival photographs and period objects, offering an immersive experience.

To February 2, 2025 JACKSON'S WARS: A.Y. JACKSON **BEFORE THE GROUP OF SEVEN**

mcmichael.com/event/jacksons-wars-ay-jackson-before-the-group-of-seven

This rare examination of the work of painter Alexander Young (A.Y.) Jackson (1882–1974) in the decade before the Group of Seven's formation in 1920.

To March 2, 2025 MARIA CHAPDELAINE

www.mcmichael.com/ event/2024-maria-chapdelaine

Among the great treasures of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection is a group of fifty-four jewel-like miniatures by the artist Clarence Gagnon.

To May 11, 2025 JOHN SCOTT: FIRESTORM

www.mcmichael.com/event/ john-scott-firestorm

John Scott: Firestorm presents the work of the late Canadian artist John Scott (1950-2022), gathering paintings, drawings, and sculptures made by Scott from the 1980s through the 2010s.

To June 2, 2025 FROM WATER TO WATER: A WAY THROUGH THE TREES

mcmichael.com/event/ from-water-to-water

Anishinaabe/Ojibwa artist Bonnie Devine has been engaged to create a site-specific mural installation and mentorship project this fall at the McMichael Canadian Art Collection.

OAKVILLE GALLERIES **Gairloch Gardens**

1306 Lakeshore Rd. E., Oakville **Centennial Square** 120 Navy St., Oakville

To February 2, 2025 **CHARLES STANKIEVECH: THE DESERT TURNED TO GLASS**

www.oakvillegalleries.com/ thedesertturnedtoglass

The Desert Turned to Glass is a meditation oscillating between the cosmic and the

chthonic. Travelling through vast distances in space and time from outer space to Paleolithic caves, Stankievech entwines science fiction speculation and contemporary scientific theories on the origin of life, consciousness, and art.

OAKVILLE MUSEUM

8 Navy Street, Oakville

To April 30, 2025 THE HOME TEAM WINS: **OAKVILLE'S HOCKEY CLUBS**

Sixteen Mile Sports Complex, Oakville visitoakville.com/events/the-home-teamwins-oakvilles-hockey-clubs-2

This display spans the history of Oakville's hockey teams from their modest beginnings on local waterways to the dozens of competitive teams representing our community at local, provincial, and national levels today.

ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM

100 Queens Park, Toronto

To January 12, 2025

EARTH: AN IMMERSIVE JOURNEY

www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/ exhibitions/earth-an-immersive-journey Earth: An Immersive Journey offers a stunning, interactive experience that combines visual storytelling and technology to explore the planet's beauty, ecosystems, and the urgency of environmental conservation.

To January 19, 2025 **CHINESE ZODIAC CASE – YEAR OF** THE DRAGON

www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/ exhibitions/year-of-the-dragon

The Year of the Dragon exhibition at the Royal Ontario Museum explores the rich symbolism and cultural significance of the dragon in Chinese culture.

To May 4, 2025 **WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR 2024**

www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitionsgalleries/exhibitions/ wildlife-photographer-of-the-year-2024 Annually, photographers spanning ages and abilities submit tens of thousands of images to the international Wildlife Photographer of the Year contest. This

winter, ROM is thrilled to once again host the renowned exhibition.

To June 30. 2025 **CLOUDSCAPE**

www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/ exhibitions/cloudscape

Inspired by traditional Chinese artwork, Cloudscape is a mesmerizing installation that blends traditional artistry with contemporary themes.

To August 17, 2025 NATURE IN BRILLIANT COLOUR

www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/ exhibitions/nature-in-brilliant-colour

From the fiery reds of warning to the soothing blues of calm waters, Nature in Brilliant Colour will take you on a kaleidoscopic journey through the vibrant hues of our planet.

TEXTILE MUSEUM OF CANADA

55 Centre Ave., Toronto

To December 31, 2033 **COLLECTION GALLERY**

The work presented in this space will be drawn from the permanent collection, acquired largely by individual donations, dating back to the Museum's founding in 1975.

THE POWER PLANT

231 Queens Quay West, Toronto

To March 2. 2025 LAP-SEE LAM: FLOATING SEA **PALACE**

www.thepowerplant.org/whats-on/ exhibitions/floating-sea-palace

Lap-See Lam creates mythical video installations that draw on traditional storytelling forms such as Cantonese opera and shadow play puppetry.

To March 2, 2025 CHARLES CAMPBELL: HOW MANY **COLOURS HAS THE SEA**

www.thepowerplant.org/ whats-on/exhibitions/

how-many-colours-has-the-sea

Charles Campbell is a multidisciplinary artist whose diverse body of work challenges traditional notions of time and delves into possibilities arising in the aftermath of colonization.

