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Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament

www.medievaltimes.com/toronto

For the first time in the company's 34-year history, a queen has taken the throne. Her Majesty Dona Maria Isabella presides over a tournament of knights who gather in celebration to test their skill against one another in a series of games, jousting and combat. Guests will enjoy a four-course feast in true medieval, pre-silverware fashion.

Rose Theatre Brampton

www.rosetheatre.ca

The Rose Theatre Brampton is a state-of-the-art performing arts complex that is fast becoming an icon of Downtown Brampton. The Venue boasts an 880-seat main theatre, a 160-secondary hall and a community space for meetings. The Rose is dedicated to presenting quality entertainment to the city's diverse audience and providing the local performing arts community with a venue for excellence in the performing arts. The Garden Square, in front of the theatre is home to the Lorna Bissell Fountain Stage and a fully-licensed patio where free performances take place throughout the summer. Parking is always free in the evening on show days.

Stratford Festival

Until November 25, 2018

www.stratfordfestival.ca

Stratford, located an hour-and-a-half's drive west of Toronto, is home to North America's largest repertory theatre. With an ever changing roster of plays and musicals in four distinctive theatres, the Stratford Festival is home to classics, dramas, new works and popular musicals. Backstage and costume warehouse tours also available. Offering the Stratford Direct bus \$25 Toronto return; you can relax and enjoy the trip.

She The People (Second City)

Until November 25, 2018

www.secondcity.com/toronto/

The future is here and it's female! Second City presents *She The People* – a sketch show entirely created, designed, and performed by the fearlessly funny women of The Second City! This mimosa-and-madness-fueled foray roasts the patriarchy, taking on everything from having it all...to having that sick feeling your government is trying to send you back to the Middle Ages. It's time for women everywhere to shout- comedy is our weapon and we're here to slay!
This show is Rated: R

Shaw Festival

Until December 23, 2018

www.shawfest.com

Great theatre in the heart of Niagara wine country. Nestled in historic Niagara-on-the-Lake, the Shaw Festival features 12 plays in three theatres running from April to October. The 2018 Season includes C.S. Lewis' *The Magician's Nephew*, the musical *Grand Hotel*, Stephen Fry's *Mythos: A Trilogy – Gods. Heroes. Men.* and *The Hound of the Baskervilles* by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, a Sherlock Holmes mystery.

Koerner Hall's 10th Anniversary

2018.19 Concert Season at The Royal Conservatory of Music

Until May 14, 2019

www.rcmusic.com/performance

It is Koerner Hall's 10th anniversary season and The Royal Conservatory of Music is celebrating throughout 2018.19! Koerner Hall has been called "the greatest venue in this city" and "magnificent in its acoustics, as much as in its design" by the *Toronto Star* and voted "Best Concert Hall" in *NOW's* Best of Toronto Awards. The 2018.19 season offers more than 95 spectacular concerts by the world's top classical, jazz, roots, and world music artists. The concert season also features The Conservatory's renowned faculty and students performing in The Royal Conservatory's two additional concert venues, all located in the TELUS Centre for Performance and Learning at 273 Bloor St. West.
#KoernerHall

Come From Away (Mirvish Productions)

Until January 2019, Royal Alexandra Theatre

February 5 to April 28, 2019, Elgin Theatre

www.mirvish.com

RETURN ENGAGEMENT!

After a sold-out, standing-room only Toronto engagement before heading to Broadway, COME FROM AWAY returns due to overwhelming demand! It's been called the "edge of the world." The weather is wild, but the locals never lack for warmth. And it's here, in Newfoundland, where a remote town became the epicenter of a remarkable true story filled with unusual characters, unexpected camaraderie and uncommon generosity. COME FROM AWAY is the breathtaking new musical that Toronto embraced with open arms and had audiences leaving the theatre night after night claiming they were "proud to be Canadian!"

Toronto Symphony Orchestra

Until June 30, 2019

www.tso.ca

The Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO) is back in action with shows such as Tchaicovsky's *Sleeping Beauty*, *Home Alone in Concert*, Tchaicovsky's *The Nutcracker* &

More, Messiah, and the TSO Holiday Pops. Visit their website for a full listing of the TSO's programming.

OCTOBER

The Wolves (Crow's Theatre)

October 9 to 27, 2018

www.crowstheatre.com

Left quad. Right quad. Lunge. A girls' indoor soccer team warms up. From the safety of their stretch circle, nine girls navigate and question the world around them with the determination of warriors. This provocative play, finalist for the 2017 Pulitzer Prize, captures the profound beauty of adolescence and paints a portrait of complicated, nuanced young women navigating the game, their lives and a growing understanding of the world around them.

Ain't Too Proud (Mirvish Productions)

October 11 to November 17, 2018, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Ain't Too Proud is the electrifying new musical about the life and times of The Temptations, the greatest R&B group of all time (Billboard Magazine 2017). They were five young guys on the streets of Detroit when they were discovered by Berry Gordy, who signed them to his legendary record label. After 24 attempts, they finally had a hit and the rest is history — how they met, how they rose, the groundbreaking heights they hit, and how personal and political conflicts threatened to tear the group apart as the United States fell into civil unrest.

Bat Out of Hell The Musical (Mirvish Productions)

October 16 to November 4, 2018, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Experience the thrill of London's most spectacular musical as *Bat Out of Hell* brings to life the legendary anthems of **Jim Steinman and Meat Loaf**, in a critically-acclaimed, award-winning production that combines the magic of a musical, with the immense energy of rock 'n' roll.

Join Strat, the forever young leader of rebellious gang 'The Lost', as he falls in love with Raven, the beautiful daughter of the tyrannical ruler of post-apocalyptic Obsidian. Featuring Meat Loaf's iconic hits including *I'd Do Anything For Love (But I Won't Do That)*, *It's All Coming Back To Me Now* and *Paradise By The Dashboard Light*, "this is a musical production like no other" (*The Upcoming*). Book Now!

The Assembly – Episode 1 (Crow's Theatre)

October 25 to November 3, 2018

www.crowstheatre.com

From the creators of the acclaimed productions of SEEDS and THE WATERSHED, a thrilling theatrical response to the rise of extremism and tribalism in political discourse today. Since 2017, the play's creative team has been curating and recording encounters in which four Canadians of wildly different ideological leanings face off and collectively confront the issues that most divide them. This new serialized documentary theatre project premieres in Toronto with Episode 1.

Goran Bregović (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

October 26, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=383>

Goran Bregović and his world-famous Wedding and Funeral Orchestra deliver the undeniably original voice of a unique land to the Sony Centre stage for one night only. Bregović describes himself simply as a "contemporary composer" as he marries the Balkan music of his heritage with a strong guitar aesthetic, fusing Roma dance tunes, Eastern European choral music, and rock 'n roll. He creates music that our soul recognizes instinctively and the body greets with an irresistible urge to dance. Featuring violin soloists Mirjana Neskovic (Serbia), Gershon Leizeron (Israel) and Zied Zouari (Tunis), as well as local Toronto musicians!

Halloween Lunch (Famous PEOPLE Players Dine & Dream Theatre)

October 31, 2018

<http://famouspeopleplayers.com/>

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NOVEMBER

Vusi Mahlasela (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

November 1, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=452>

Inspired by his early musical experiences listening to mbaqanga, kwela, and marabi, Singer-Songwriter and Poet-Activist, Vusi Mahlasela, will be performing the music of Dorothy Masuka, Brenda Fassie, Miriam Makeba, Hugh Masekela, and more in a new program he calls Township. Last seen in Toronto in 2015 performing with Hugh Masekela, Vusi's new solo concert will bring his unique blend of traditional African music, soul and blues, while his music showcases his powerful vocals and poetic lyrics.

Friends! The Musical Parody (Mirvish Productions)

November 1 to 25, 2018, CAA Theatre (formerly the Panasonic Theatre)

www.mirvish.com

FRIENDS! The Musical Parody is the hilarious new musical that lovingly lampoons TV's Friends, celebrating the wacky misadventures of your favorite group of 20-something pals as they navigate the pitfalls of work, life, and love in 1990s Manhattan. It's a seemingly typical day at New York's only coffee shop, Central Perk, until an unexpected runaway bride with beautiful hair enters the picture and kicks the whole gang out of second gear!

This delightfully naughty confection plucks the best moments from the show's ten years and recreates the moments through an uncensored, fast-paced, music filled romp, winning over audiences along the way. *FRIENDS! The Musical Parody*, not only keeps you laughing, but tugs at the heart strings drawing audiences into stories we know and love. You'll laugh! You'll cry! You'll Unagi!

Recommended for mature audiences.

Forever Tango (Mirvish Productions)

November 6 to 11, 2018, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

FOREVER TANGO features fourteen world-class tango dancers, one vocalist and an on-stage eleven piece orchestra, including the instrument of the tango, the bandoneon, in an evening that celebrates the passionate music and dance of Argentina. The dances, performed to original and traditional music, are the result of collaboration between each couple and director/creator Bravo. "The tango is a feeling that you dance," says Bravo, "a story you tell in three minutes. It's passionate, it's melancholic. It's tender, violent. You dance it with somebody – but it is so internal, you dance it by yourself. More than just a dance, the tango is music, a drama, a culture, a way of life.

Lila Downs (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

November 7, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=435>

Iconic Grammy and Latin Grammy Award winning singer Lila Downs is one of the world's most singular and powerful voices, whose compelling stage presence and poignant storytelling transcend all language barriers. Lila Downs uses her multicultural vision and her remarkable voice and seamlessly blends blues, jazz, rock, soul and hip hop with traditional Mexican music for a truly singular sound. A wildly engaging performer, Lila Downs is not to be missed.

HUMANS by Circa (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

November 9, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=428>

Ten acrobats take us on a stirring journey of what it means to be human, and of how our bodies, our connections, and our aspirations all form part of who we are. Created by Yaron Lifschitz, the stage is stripped bare as the vulnerability of a team of highly skilled acrobats is exposed. With incredible strength and integrity they connect each moment seamlessly with the next in a thrilling and heart-stopping performance. Glimpse their humanity as they as they find redemptive power in strength and celebrate what it means to be fiercely human. Part of the Dance Collection Series.

Ladies of Hip Hop Toronto (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

November 9 to 11, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=473>

Ladies of Hip-Hop Festival (LOHMF) provides girls and women space to learn and share their voices through hip-hop arts. Traditionally, men have dominated all facets of the hip-hop scene, but LOHMF changes this tradition and puts girls and women centre stage by offering workshops, performance opportunities, international artist exchanges and public talks to educate and create the next generation of women in hip-hop.

Middletown (Crow's Theatre)

November 12 to December 1, 2018

www.crowstheatre.com

As a friendship develops between longtime resident John Dodge and new arrival Mary Swanson, the lives of the inhabitants of Middletown intersect in strange and poignant ways in a journey that takes them from the local library to outer space and points between.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire™ In Concert (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

November 15 to 17, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=384>

Experience your favorite wizard all over again with the music of a live symphony orchestra and the magic of Harry Potter™ soaring across the big screen in high-definition. Get ready to fight a dragon, swim with merpeople, and find out just who put Harry's name in the Goblet of Fire™! For the first time ever, audiences can rediscover the magic of Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire™ while a live symphony orchestra performs Patrick Doyle's unforgettable score. Featuring the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Etienne Charles – Carnival: The Sound of a People (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

November 16, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=461>

As a Trinidadian raised in a musical family, trumpeter Etienne Charles feels a deep connection to the Carnival traditions. Inspired by the noises heard throughout the festivities, Etienne's "Carnival: The Sound of a People" brings the celebrations that best exemplify Trinidadian culture to the stage. NPR's "All Things Considered" calls Etienne, "a great young trumpeter...his records filter calypso, reggae and other Afro-Caribbean music into a modern jazz conception." Part of the Jazz at the George Series.

What I call her (Crow's Theatre)

November 16 to December 8, 2018

www.crowstheatre.com

The estranged mother of 25-year old Kate is on her death bed. A Facebook post becomes the subject of heated debate. Then, a knock on the door. A play about gaps in how people perceive and understand the world they live in, female generational rage, and the loneliness of holding onto one's own truth.

It's a Wild, Rowdy, Wonderful Life (Second City)

Begins November 19, 2018

www.seconddcity.com/toronto/

A Hilariously Happy Holiday Revue

It's the most wonderful time of the year... or at least that's how the song goes. The Second City invites you to laugh along as we skewer all the washed up, broken down traditions that tend to plague the holiday season. Toronto's renowned comedy crew serves up a delightful mix of satirical sketches and songs to keep you in a jolly mood right until the snow melts.

Roald Dahl's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Mirvish Productions)

November 20, 2018 to January 6, 2019, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Willy Wonka is opening his marvelous and mysterious chocolate factory...to a lucky few. That includes Charlie Bucket, whose bland life is about to burst with colour and confection beyond his wildest dreams. He and four other golden ticket winners will embark on a mesmerizing joyride through a world of pure imagination. Now's your chance to experience the wonders of Wonka like never before – get ready for Oompa-Loompas, incredible inventions, the great glass elevator, and more, more, more at this everlasting showstopper!

Uncovered: Joni Mitchell & Carole King (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

November 21, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=410>

The Musical Stage Company's signature concert features the hit songs of these two pioneering female singer/songwriters, interpreted by stars from Stratford, Shaw, Broadway and London's West End. Music director Reza Jacobs' wildly imaginative arrangements captivate at this 'unmissable' event.

Soweto Gospel Choir – Songs of the Free (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

November 22 to 23, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=450>

The spectacular and vibrant two-time Grammy-award winning Soweto Gospel Choir returns to Toronto with Songs of the Free, a special program celebrating the centenary of the birth of Nelson Mandela. Soweto Gospel Choir is an awe-inspiring 20 member ensemble that thrills audiences worldwide with their stunning blend of African gospel music, spirituals and American popular music. Earthy rhythms and rich harmonies sung in six of South Africa's 11 official languages are combined for a moving performance which uplifts the soul through the music and dance of South Africa.

School of Rock (Mirvish Productions)

November 28, 2018 to January 6, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

School Of Rock is a New York Times Critics' Pick and "an inspiring jolt of energy, joy and mad skillz!" (Entertainment Weekly). Based on the hit film, this hilarious new musical follows Dewey Finn, a wannabe rock star posing as a substitute teacher who turns a class of straight-A students into a guitar-shredding, bass-slapping, mind-blowing rock band. This high-octane smash features 14 new songs from ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER, all the original songs from the movie and musical theater's first-ever kids rock band playing their instruments live on stage. Vanity Fair raves, "FISTS OF ALL AGES SHALL BE PUMPING!"

DECEMBER

Dianne Reeves: Christmas Time is Here (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

December 4, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=439>

Dianne Reeves' unmistakable vocal prowess, improvisational virtuosity, and vocal style has led her to win the Grammy Award for Best Vocal Jazz Performance for three consecutive recordings and is the first to do this in any vocal category. Reeves returns to Toronto for a special holiday music program, reimagining Christmas songs in her own inimitable style. Part of the Jazz at the George Series.

6 Guitars (Mirvish Productions)

December 7, 2018

www.mirvish.com (CAA Theatre, formerly the Panasonic)

6 Guitars is a pitch perfect blend of music, comedy and characters. A single performer portrays 6 different guitar playing characters each sharing their own style of music. As the show unfolds, audiences are treated to great songs from each genre that showcase breathtaking musicianship. This sonic feat is done not merely with just one performer but just one guitar as well.

There are plenty of laughs too! Each character, from the young rock prodigy to the weary blues picker, shares hilarious anecdotes that only a life playing music can give. These balance out the moving stories each deliver about how music has touched their lives and made them a better person along the way. You don't need to play music to love this show. You just need to love music. *Performed by Chase Padgett.*

Slava's Snowshow (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

December 7 to 16, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=446>

The multi award-winning, international sensation blows back into the Great White North just in time for the holidays! Returning to Toronto for the first time in two decades, the scruffy, disarming troupe of clowns will take audiences on a spellbinding adventure, unleashing full-throttle madness amidst enchanting, contemplative moments, before roaring to its legendary finish. A theatrical masterpiece and transformative experience, Slava's Snowshow will ensure the Christmas season is merry and bright.

Réversible (Mirvish Productions)

December 11, 2018 to January 6, 2019, CAA Theatre (formerly the Panasonic Theatre)

www.mirvish.com

Through a unique, riveting mix of theatre, circus, dance, music, and acrobatics, Réversible is dedicated to a generation who forged the world that we live in today and whose stories might hold the key to a better tomorrow. Be prepared for moments of pure grace, yielding to rushes of adrenalin, as a cast of multi-talented performers travel through time and space. It will give you goose bumps!

To All A Good Night – With Art of Time Ensemble (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

December 16, 2018

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=466>

In what is now an Art of Time Ensemble tradition, To All A Good Night is an alternative holiday concert with the best wintery tunes, holiday songs and readings, to present a broader range of sentiments and styles than you're likely to find at any other seasonal concert. Stay tuned for announcements regarding the participating artists!

Ring in the New Year with Famous PEOPLE Players!

December 31, 2018

<http://famouspeopleplayers.com/>

The best appetizers, delectable dinner, outstanding performance, dessert...LIVE Group 'Side B. Vibe' - dancing, champagne...the works!

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JANUARY

We Are Not Alone (Crow's Theatre)

January 7 to 26 , 2019

www.crowstheatre.com

The question is not: are they really here? The real question is: what are they trying to tell us? In a world populated by mysterious sightings, videos of shapes moving in shadows and inexplicable crop circles, a playwright searches for answers. Multi-award winning performer Damien Atkins invites you to experience a funny and moving theatrical ride into one of the most extraordinary and provocative subjects of our time.

The Play That Goes Wrong (Mirvish Productions)

January 8 to February 10, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

What would happen if Sherlock Holmes and Monty Python had an illegitimate Broadway baby? You'd get *The Play That Goes Wrong*, Broadway & London's award-winning smash comedy! Called "a gut-busting hit" (The New York Times) and "the funniest play Broadway has ever seen" (HuffPost), this classic murder mystery is chock-full of mishaps and madcap mania delivering "a riotous explosion of comedy" (Daily Beast).

Grace (Crow's Theatre)

January 8 to 26, 2019

www.crowstheatre.com

"There was no justice, there was just a legal outcome." In the wake of a young woman's disclosure of childhood sexual assault, a family presses charges. But as they put the case together, they must confront a new challenge. GRACE is an exquisite piece of documentary theatre about the pursuit of truth and justice that unflinchingly examines our legal system — its loopholes and its failures — through the lens of a playwright searching for how to share her family's story

This Is That Live (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

January 19, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=456>

This Is That Live hosts Pat Kelly and Peter Oldring offer audiences a brand new version of their hit touring live show. The show is in two acts: the first half is a mix of the duo performing new and fan-favourite material from their award-winning radio show. In the second half, they turn the writing responsibilities over to the audience and improvise brand new stories on the spot.

The Simon & Garfunkel Story (Mirvish Productions)

January 22 to 27, 2019, CAA Theatre (formerly the Panasonic Theatre)

www.mirvish.com

The immersive concert-style theatre show chronicles the amazing journey shared by the folk-rock duo, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel. It tells the story from their humble beginnings as Tom & Jerry to their incredible success as one of the best-selling music groups of the '60's to their dramatic split in 1970. It culminates with the famous "The Concert in Central Park" reunion in 1981 with more than half a million fans in attendance.

Mary's Wedding (Crow's Theatre)

January 31 to February 16, 2019

www.crowstheatre.com

A love story set against the backdrop of World War I, MARY'S WEDDING is an epic, unforgettable story of love, hope, and survival. When Mary and Charlie unexpectedly find one another sheltering in a barn during a thunderstorm, a tentative love is born. But the year is 1914, and they must surrender their fates to the tumultuous times of the First World War. MARY'S WEDDING is a moving memorial to both the Great War and great love.

FEBRUARY

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre – 60th Anniversary Tour (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

February 1 to 2, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=426>

Beloved by Toronto audiences, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater returns to the Sony Centre to showcase the vision of Artistic Director Robert Battle with programming that embraces the tradition of such beloved classics as "Revelations" and extends the legacy in dynamic new directions. Experience the power of Ailey and see for yourself why this extraordinary company is hailed as "possibly the most successful modern dance company on the planet." (The New York Times).

Djuki Mala (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

February 1 to 3, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=445>

Direct from Elcho Island, Australia, Djuki Mala perform a high-energy and stunning fusion of traditional Indigenous culture, contemporary dance and storytelling. Toronto audiences will experience some of the more intimate moments and turning points that have shaped Djuki Mala and a rare and insightful view into Aboriginal Australia. If there is one show this year that is guaranteed to leave you feeling genuinely happy then Djuki Mala is it!

HOTEL by Cirque Éloize (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

February 6 to 16, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=431>

HOTEL is the story of a place and the travelers who come passing through it. A stopover where lives intersect, collide and juxtapose for a brief time to generate tales and memories. Acrobatics, theatre, dance and live music, will draw spectators into a colorful, timeless world. Avant-garde stage design, inspired by the elegance of the great hotels, will carry the narrative. All that remains is to enter through the lobby door and get swept away by the grandeur and poetry of HOTEL.

salt. (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

February 7 to 10, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=436>

In February, two artists got on a cargo ship, and retraced one of the routes of the Transatlantic Slave Triangle - from the UK to Ghana to Jamaica, and back. Their memories, their questions and their grief took them along the bottom of the Atlantic and through the figurative realm of an imaginary past. It was a long journey backwards, in order to go forwards. This show is what they brought back.

Oslo (Mirvish Productions)

February 9 to March 3, 2019, CAA Theatre (formerly the Panasonic Theatre)

www.mirvish.com

2017 TONY® AWARD-WINNING BEST PLAY

In 1993, in front of the world's press, the leaders of Israel and Palestine shook hands on the lawn of the White House. Few watching would have guessed that the negotiations leading up to this iconic moment started secretly in a castle in the middle of a forest outside Oslo.

Inspired by the true story of the back-channel talks, unlikely friendships and quiet heroics that led to the Oslo Peace Accords, Oslo is a deeply personal story set against a complex historical canvas, a story about the individuals behind world history and their all too human ambitions. At this cultural moment when finding common ground is paramount, "Oslo gives us hope" (Daily News).

The Last Ship (Mirvish Productions)

February 9 to March 24, 2019, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

The Last Ship is the heartfelt and empowering new musical by multiple Grammy Award® winner **Sting**.

Featuring original music and lyrics by Sting as well as a few of his best-loved songs — Island of Souls, All This Time and When We Dance — The Last Ship is coming to Toronto from a critically acclaimed UK and Irish tour.

Set in the shipbuilding community in Tyne and Wear, UK, The Last Ship tells the story of a young man who returns home after seventeen years at sea. The tensions between past and future flare in both his family and his town. He finds that the local shipyard, around which the community has always revolved, is closing and no one knows what will come next, only that a half-built ship towers over the terraces of working-class homes. With the engine fired and pistons in motion, picket lines are drawn as the foreman and his wife fight to hold their community together in the face of the gathering storm.

Valentine's Day Event (Famous PEOPLE Players)

February 14, 2019

<http://famouspeopleplayers.com/>

Featuring the 'Toronto All Star Big Band'. Jive with all your True Loves at this Special Dinner.

Jukebox Hero The Musical (Mirvish Productions)

February 21 to 24, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

An original musical by the prolific writing duo, Dick Clement and Ian La Frenais (responsible for the films The Commitments and Across The Universe, and the TV programme The Tracey Ullman Show), Jukebox Hero is a coming-of-age saga written to the music of FOREIGNER. This new Canadian production will be directed by Randy Johnson (the playwright and director of the Tony Award-nominated Broadway production of A Night With Janis Joplin), with musical staging and choreography by Tracey Flye (resident director of the Toronto productions of We Will Rock You and Once) and musical direction by Mark Camilleri (musical director for the Toronto engagement of Dr. Seuss's The Lorax).

Jukebox Hero will feature 16 iconic Top-30 Foreigner hit songs, such as I Want To Know What Love Is, Cold As Ice, Waiting For A Girl Like You, Hot Blooded, Jukebox Hero and Urgent.

Amadeus Live (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

February 21 to 22, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=449>

Experience the return of the multi-Academy Award winning 1984 motion picture, "Amadeus" on screen while Mozart's most celebrated works are performed live in-sync by a full orchestra and choir. Milos Forman's sumptuous film is an aural and visual treat for all the senses. Revisit Mozart masterpieces including his Requiem, Don Giovanni, Marriage of Figaro, his symphonies, and the Serenade for Winds in B flat major.

Pour (The Theatre Centre)

February 21 to 24, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=434>

Created by choreographer Daina Ashbee, *Pour* is a work that explores the vulnerability and strength of women, uncovering the layers of pain we absorb in our bodies as a result of societies that do not support them. Ashbee's synthetic set design mimics natural landscape. Her use of repetition evokes transformation which hints towards many possibilities for a resolution, while maintaining an intense vulnerability between the performer and the audience.

Youn Sun Nah (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

February 22, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=440>

Youn Sun Nah's musical prowess has been astonishing audiences overseas. Hailed by The Guardian as "a style-bending star," the South Korean vocalist has a truly distinct story and a wholly innovative approach to music. Her refreshingly rich voice, which All About Jazz describes as "dramatic, sensual, and bluesy," is a reflection of her varied musical background. Part of the Jazz at the George Series.

Towards Youth (Crow's Theatre)

February 25 to March 16, 2019

www.crowstheatre.com

From Toronto's inner-city classrooms, to an all-girls school in India seeding a critical feminist revolution, from a youth-theatre in England on the eve of Brexit, to a junior-high theatre club in the midst of Greece's refugee crisis, TOWARDS YOUTH travels the world looking for radical hope in the drama class. Based on the cutting-edge drama research of Dr. Kathleen Gallagher (U of T), TOWARDS YOUTH offers an unexpected window onto the hopes, fears and dreams of young people coming of age in the 21st century.

MARCH

Holly Cole (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

March 3, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=441>

Holly Cole is a pre-eminent interpretative singer working between the poles of jazz and pop. Her unique interpretations are applauded as being highly musical, intensely original, sophisticated, witty and sexy. Holly presents her music with style, humour and grace, sending it out on journeys straight to the listener's hear.. Part of the Jazz at the George Series.

Dear Evan Hansen (Mirvish Productions)

March 5 to May 26, 2019, Royal Alexandra Theatre

www.mirvish.com

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A letter that was never meant to be seen, a lie that was never meant to be told, a life he never dreamed he could have. *Evan Hansen* is about to get the one thing he's always wanted: a chance to finally fit in.

Both deeply personal and profoundly contemporary, *Dear Evan Hansen* is a new musical, with award-winning music and lyrics by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul (*La La Land* and *The Greatest Showman*), about life and the way we live it.

Jersey Boys (Mirvish Productions)

March 5 to 17, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

They were just four guys from Jersey, until they sang their very first note. They had a sound nobody had ever heard... and the radio just couldn't get enough of. But while their harmonies were perfect on stage, off stage it was a very different story - a story that has made them an international sensation all over again.

Go behind the music and inside the story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons in the Tony Award®-winning true-life musical phenomenon, JERSEY BOYS. From the streets of New Jersey to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, this is the musical that's just too good to be true.

SIGMA – A Production by Gandini Juggling (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

March 16 to 17, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=458>

Sigma is a spectacular new cross art-form production in collaboration with Gandini Juggling and dazzling Bharatanatyam dancer and choreographer Seeta Patel. The production showcases exuberant rhythms, patterns and colours, celebrating the dialogue between the worlds of juggling, music and classical Indian dance. Sigma is designed to engage in a dialogue with the viewer, transcending cultural barriers and stimulating imaginations.

The Lightning Thief: The Percy Jackson Musical (Mirvish Productions)

March 19 to 24, 2019

www.mirvish.com

This "winning adaptation" (The Hollywood Reporter) of the best-selling Disney-Hyperion novel by Rick Riordan, THE LIGHTNING THIEF: THE PERCY JACKSON MUSICAL is "electrifying!" (Newsday). The Greek gods are real, and they're ruining Percy Jackson's life. As a son of Poseidon, Percy has newly discovered powers he can't control, monsters on his trail, and is on an epic quest to find Zeus's lightning bolt to prevent a war between the gods. Nominated for 3 Drama Desk Awards including Best Musical, THE LIGHTNING THIEF is "mesmerizing" and proves "lightning can strike twice!" (TheaterMania).

KODO One Earth Tour: Evolution (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

March 21, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=399>

The ever popular Kodo returns to Toronto after four years with their new show "Evolution". Exploring the limitless possibilities of the traditional Japanese drum, the taiko, Kodo is forging new directions for a vibrant living art form. The drummers are noted for their strength, endurance and discipline in addition to the immaculate and virtuoso taiko drumming.

A Doll's House Part 2 (Mirvish Productions)

March 23 to April 14, 2019, CAA Theatre (formerly the Panasonic Theatre)

www.mirvish.com

In the final scene of Ibsen's 1879 groundbreaking masterwork, Nora Helmer makes the shocking decision to leave her husband and children, and begin a life on her own. This climactic event—when Nora slams the door on everything in her life— instantly propelled world drama into the modern age.

In *A Doll's House, Part 2*, many years have passed since Nora's exit. Now, there's a knock on that same door. Nora has returned. But why? And what will it mean for those she left behind?

The Cherry Orchard (Crow's Theatre)

March 25 to April 13, 2019

www.crowstheatre.com

THE CHERRY ORCHARD is Russian playwright Anton Chekhov's final play. It has been described as "a theatre poem of the suffering of change" or a poem about life and death, transition and change. This iconic play unearths and explores the human comedy in the most tragic conditions. It is a comedy of life, with characters who are simultaneously ridiculous and touching. Modern Times' simple, imagistic and minimalist approach offers a new look into this timeless classical masterpiece.

Ballet BC – Mixed Programme (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

March 29 to 30, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=430>

Bold and innovative, Ballet BC's distinctive style and approach returns to Toronto with a mixed programme including Crystal Pite's Solo "Echo", "Petite Cérémonie" by Medhi Walerski, and one additional piece to be announced. Ballet BC is a hotbed for the creation and performance of new works, developing a repertoire of more than 45 new works by acclaimed Canadian and international choreographers since 2009. Part of the Dance Collection Series.

APRIL

Opera Atelier's IDOMENEO (Mirvish Productions)

April 4 to 13, 2019

www.mirvish.com

The radiant Canadian superstar Measha Brueggergosman makes a triumphant return to Opera Atelier as Elettra in Mozart's *Idomeneo* – the role which won her a Dora Award and international accolades. She is joined by a thrilling cast of Canada's finest singers, including tenor Colin Ainsworth in the title role, mezzo-soprano Wallis Giunta as Idamante and soprano Meghan Lindsay as Ilia. Brimming with Mozart's show-stopping arias, deeply emotional ensembles and spectacular dancing, *Idomeneo* tells the story of the Greek hero who is forced to choose between the life of his son and a terrible promise he has made to the god of the sea.

Hot Brown Honey (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

April 5 to 7, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=463>

Hot Brown Honey turns up the heat, delivering lashings of sass and a hot pinch of empowerment in the smash-hit that has taken the world by storm. Packing a punch of hip hop politics, the Honeys will make you laugh, cry, clap and shake what your mama gave you. This stellar posse of phenomenal women make noise as they defiantly smash stereotypes and remix the system. Fighting the power never tasted so sweet.

Brit Floyd (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

April 5, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=467>

Brit Floyd returns to the stage with its most ambitious and best production yet, a special 40th Anniversary retrospective of Pink Floyd's iconic rock opera, The Wall. The Brit Floyd Show has truly become a phenomenon, widely regarded as the world's greatest live tribute to Pink Floyd. Their performances are as close as fans will get to experiencing the magnificence of a Pink Floyd Show live.

Batsheva Dance Company – Venezuela (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

April 9, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=425>

Batsheva returns to North America with their new work, Venezuela, created by Artistic Director Ohad Naharin. In this multi-faceted and compelling work, the choreographer and performers explore the dialogue and conflict between movement and the content it represents. Based in Tel Aviv, the dancers of Batsheva's company combine their visceral physicality with the depth and consistency of their training— a quality that is at once raw and virtuosic. Part of the Dance Collection Series.

Beautiful – The Carole King Musical (Mirvish Productions)

April 9 to May 5, 2019

www.mirvish.com

Beautiful – The Carole King Musical tells the inspiring true story of King's remarkable rise to stardom, from being part of a hit songwriting team with her husband Gerry Goffin, to her relationship with fellow writers and best friends Cynthia Weil and Barry Mann, to becoming one of the most successful solo acts in popular music history. Along the way, she made more than beautiful music, she wrote the soundtrack to a generation.

Hiroimi (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

April 12, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=457>

Since bursting onto the music scene in 2003, Hiroimi has electrified audiences and critics east and west, with a creative energy that encompasses and eclipses the boundaries of jazz, classical and pop parameters, taking improvisation and composition to new heights of complexity and sophistication. Part of the Jazz at the George Series.

Next to Normal (Mirvish Productions)

April 26 to May 19, 2019, CAA Theatre (formerly the Panasonic Theatre)

www.mirvish.com

2009 TONY AWARD® WINNER!

Winner of three Tony® Awards, including Best Musical Score, and the 2010 Pulitzer Prize for Drama, Next to Normal explores a suburban household affected by mental illness. With a gripping story and a surging contemporary rock score, Next to Normal is a raw depiction of a family in crisis trying to overcome the past.

MAY

Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix™ in Concert (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

May 2 to 4, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=437>

For the first time ever, audiences can rediscover the magic of Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix™ while a live symphony orchestra performs Nicholas Hooper's unforgettable score and Harry Potter™ soars across the big screen in high-definition. When Professor Umbridge takes over Hogwarts™ School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, what else can Harry do to resist her terrible rule? Find out in Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix™ in Concert!

Return to Grace (Mirvish Productions)

May 7 to 12, 2019

www.mirvish.com

A glorious, heartfelt tribute to a music icon, RETURN TO GRACE traces the greatest musical moments of a generation with song favourites that include "Heartbreak Hotel", "Suspicious Minds", "Love Me Tender", and more!

SPIN (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

May 8, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=464>

Through a series of songs played live on a vintage bicycle, award-winning Toronto theatre artist and songwriter Evalyn Parry takes her audience on an innovative musical and theatrical journey about women, cycling and liberation. Inspired by the true tale of Annie Londonderry – the first woman to ride around the world on a bicycle in 1894 - Parry spins a web of stories which travel from 19th century women's emancipation to 21st century consumer culture, peeling back layers of history to ultimately reveal a profoundly contemporary and personal heart to her investigation.

From the King's beginnings in Memphis, to the amazing '68 Comeback Special, to the historical Aloha from Hawaii concert, experience RETURN TO GRACE to re-live the music that changed rock and roll forever!

Eifman Ballet St. Petersburg: Tchaikovsky. PRO et CONTRA (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

May 9 to 11, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=427>

The dramatic intensity and exquisite artistry of Eifman Ballet invites viewers into the brilliant mind and tumultuous struggles of the unparalleled composer, Tchaikovsky. Hailed as "a swirling, vivid panorama of emotions and settings" (New York Times) this emotionally gripping production uses state-of-the-art technology to share a surreal vision of the artist's life. The narrative soars on a score featuring some of the composer's most beloved symphonies and ballets, including Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty, and The Nutcracker. Part of the Dance Collection Series.

The Sound of Music (Mirvish Productions)

May 28 to June 2, 2019, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

The Hills Are Alive! A brand new production of THE SOUND OF MUSIC is coming to the Princess of Wales Theatre. The spirited, romantic and beloved musical story of Maria and the von Trapp Family will once again thrill audiences with its Tony®, Grammy® and Academy Award® winning Best Score, including "My Favorite Things," "Do-Re-Mi," "Climb Ev'ry Mountain," "Edelweiss" and the title song.

THE SOUND OF MUSIC features music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, book by Howard Lindsay and Russel Crouse, suggested by "The Trapp Family Singers" by Maria Augusta Trapp.

JUNE

Ghostbusters in Concert (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

June 8, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=471>

Bring your proton pack and join the original paranormal investigation and elimination team as they capture their first ghost! Experience Ivan Reitman's two-time Oscar-nominated film, screened live as an orchestra performs Elmer Bernstein's Grammy-nominated score and Ray Parker Jr.'s chart-topping theme song, "Ghostbusters." Peter Bernstein, son of composer Elmer Bernstein, will join as special guest conductor.

Book of Mormon (Mirvish Productions)

June 11 to 23, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

This outrageous musical comedy follows the misadventures of a mismatched pair of missionaries, sent halfway across the world to spread the Good Word. Now with standing room only productions in London, on Broadway, and across North America, THE BOOK OF MORMON has truly become an international sensation. Contains explicit language.

JULY

Waitress (Mirvish Productions)

July 9 to August 18, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Inspired by Adrienne Shelly's beloved film, Waitress tells the story of Jenna – a waitress and expert pie maker, Jenna dreams of a way out of her small town and loveless marriage. A baking contest in a nearby county and the town's new doctor may offer her a chance at a fresh start, while her fellow waitresses offer their own recipes for happiness. But Jenna must summon the strength and courage to rebuild her own life.

2020

Hamilton (Mirvish Productions)

On sale in 2019

www.mirvish.com

HAMILTON is the story of America's Founding Father Alexander Hamilton, an immigrant from the West Indies who became George Washington's right-hand man during the Revolutionary War and was the new nation's first Treasury Secretary. Featuring a score that blends hip-hop, jazz, blues, rap, R&B, and Broadway, HAMILTON is the story of America then, as told by America now. With book, music and lyrics by Lin-Manuel Miranda, direction by Thomas Kail, choreography by Andy Blankenbuehler and musical direction and orchestrations by Alex Lacamoire, HAMILTON is based on Ron Chernow's biography of Founding Father Alexander Hamilton.

ONGOING

Dundas + Carlaw Heritage Plaque District

www.heritage-toronto.org

Comprising ten new plaques and a self-guided tour, the Dundas + Carlaw area is the first in Toronto to be named a Heritage Plaque District. Tour brochures are now available throughout the area for visitors to discover the fascinating stories and unique relationships that transformed Dundas + Carlaw from an industrial centre to a creative and cultural community.

Over 500 Heritage Toronto Plaques are located throughout Toronto, highlighting the city's diverse and often little-known stories. Heritage Toronto holds several plaque presentations throughout the year. For more information, call 416-338-0684 or email HTdesk@toronto.ca.

ON NOW

IMAX Niagara- NEW Behind the Scenes Tour

www.imaxniagara.com

For the first time ever, we are welcoming our guests to go behind the scenes to experience IMAX Niagara as it has never been seen before. Our new package includes admission to the spectacular IMAX movie *Niagara: Miracles, Myths and Magic*, The Daredevil Museum, a personalized tour of our Projection Booth. Learn about IMAX's Canadian history and the unique and powerful technology behind it. Experience and learn first-hand how our film brings to life 12,000 years of Niagara's history. See Niagara Falls up close through eyes of IMAX technology. Sit in awe and be thrilled by larger than life vistas of raging water, heroic acts and death defying stunts! Film available in 8 languages.

The Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto Canada (MOCA)

Opened September 22, 2018

<https://museumofcontemporaryart.ca/>

The Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto Canada (MOCA) has recently moved into a landmark heritage building and further advances 20 years of exhibiting, collecting and nurturing innovative contemporary art and cultural practices.

The MOCA has moved into a 55,000 square foot purpose-designed home in a former industrial space at the heart of a new neighbourhood in the Lower Junction.

Rebecca Belmore: Facing the Monumental (Art Gallery of Ontario)

Until October 21, 2018

www.ago.ca

Rebecca Belmore is one of the most important contemporary artists working along the border of art and politics today. Her poetic and beautiful works respond to the pressing issues of our time, including water and land rights, women's lives and dignity, violence against Indigenous people by the state and police, and the role of the artist in contemporary life.

McMichael Canadian Art Collection: Art Bus

Every Sunday until October 28, 2018

www.mcmichael.com

Get on-board the McMichael Art Bus! Round-trip transportation from downtown Toronto to the McMichael for only \$15.

The Art Bus departs from Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival headquarters' parking lot located next to 80 Spadina Avenue (King and Spadina) at 10:30 am, and heads back downtown at 3:30 pm. Tickets for the McMichael Art Bus can be purchased online in conjunction with general admission. The McMichael is home to iconic Canadian art, 100 acres of stunning woodland, a unique Sculpture Garden, and hiking trails.

Spiders: Fear & Fascination (Royal Ontario Museum)

Until January 6, 2019

www.rom.on.ca/spiders

Ignite your curiosity. Conquer your fears. Get up close and personal with one of the world's most misunderstood creatures. Spiders are one of the most remarkable animals on the planet! They spin webs, dance, swim, and even grow back lost limbs. Entangle yourself in the world of spiders when you come face-to-face with nearly 400 amazing live and preserved arachnids in *Spiders: Fear & Fascination*.

Experience a web of hands-on interactives, incredible augmented reality, challenge a peacock spider to a dance-off, and explore a recreated spider cave.

Bring your group to the ROM for a thrilling and immersive journey exploring art, culture and nature at Canada's largest museum! Whether you are a group of 20 or 2000, the ROM is ready to make your event special with [group rates and exclusive add-ons](#).

Manolo Blahnik: The Art of Shoes (Bata Shoe Museum)

Only North American Stop!

Until January 6, 2019

www.batashoemuseum.ca

A stunning retrospective by one of the world's most influential figures within the fashion industry. For over 45 years, Blahnik's inventiveness and superb artisanship has crossed boundaries between fashion and art, inspiring elegance and perfection. The underlying theme of the exhibition – that shoes are art – aligns perfectly with Blahnik's own approach to creating footwear.

Emperors and Jewels: Treasures of the Indian Courts from The al-Sabah Collection, Kuwait (Aga Khan Museum)

Until January 27, 2019

<https://www.agakhanmuseum.org/>

Magnificently adorning themselves to feast and to fight, the princes and emperors of Mughal India and nearby Deccan Sultanates were unparalleled patrons of the jewelled arts. The exhibition *Emperors and Jewels: Treasures of the Indian Courts from The al-Sabah Collection*, Kuwait glitters with the full array of their passions while demonstrating the enduring fascination with men's jewellery and accessories.

To book your group tours, please contact Wendy Gamble at wendy.gamble@akdn.org or call 416-646-4671.

Look: Forward (Art Gallery of Ontario)

Until Spring 2019

www.ago.ca

Look: Forward aims to build on the momentum started with the Transformation AGO project in 2008 by adding great art to all public spaces, ensuring that our best artwork is on display and celebrating a legacy of donor generosity. Led by the vision of the AGO's curators, the project is guided by three values: to celebrate exceptional art by presenting the very best of our Collection; to inspire meaningful and engaging experiences for our visitors; and to be relevant to our changing audiences by reflecting and strengthening the vibrancy and possibility of Toronto

The Return of the Giants - New Aldabra Tortoise Outdoor Exhibit (Toronto Zoo)

Until Spring 2019

www.torontozoo.com

One of the largest species of tortoise in the world have returned to the Toronto Zoo's African Rainforest Pavilion. The new Outdoor Aldabra Tortoise Exhibit offers our tortoises a wonderful home with grassy areas plus a shallow pool to keep them comfortable - these magnificent creatures are sure to impress! The three Aldabra tortoises, who left the Toronto Zoo in 1999, return as the largest tortoises in Canada with male Rasputin weighing in at over 186 kg and females Queenie at 75.8 kg, and Malila at 69.3 kg. The life span for this species is typically between 80 and 120 years with our three tortoises range from 40-50 years of age.

OCTOBER

McMichael Canadian Art Collection: David Milne: Modern Painting and Stephen Andrews: Aftermath

October 5, 2018 to January 14, 2019 and November 10, 2018 to February 18, 2019, respectively

www.mcmichael.com

The McMichael is home to iconic Canadian art, 100 acres of stunning woodland, a unique Sculpture Garden, and hiking trails. Commemorate and reflect the centenary of the Armistice at the McMichael this fall, with two new complementary exhibitions: David Milne: Modern Painting and Stephen Andrews: Aftermath. Milne — who witnessed and recorded the killing fields the First World War — and Andrews, whose work is a response to media of the Iraq War, provide thought-provoking analyses of what it takes to record the unthinkable, nearly a century apart.

Friday Night Live (Royal Ontario Museum)

October 5, 12, 19 & 26, 2018

Rom.on.ca/fnl

Start your Friday nights on the dance floor with top DJs and live artists, or explore our stunning galleries with tasty food and drinks.

Planning to attend with a group? Groups of 20 or more receive 20% off!

For more information, email groupsales@rom.on.ca or call 416-586-5801 x 2.

NOVEMBER

Friday Night Live (Royal Ontario Museum)

November 2, 9, 16, 23

Rom.on.ca/fnl

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Mickalene Thomas: Femmes Noires (Art Gallery of Ontario)

November 29, 2018 to March 24, 2019

www.ago.ca

Mickalene Thomas: Femmes Noires upends and overturns familiar representations and monolithic notions of black women today.

This exhibition, developed in a creative partnership between the AGO and the Contemporary Arts Center of New Orleans, presents a bold collection of Thomas's vibrant and politically charged paintings, silkscreens, photographs, time-based media and site-specific installations exploring how black women are represented in art and popular culture. The exhibition also highlights Thomas's collage work and the inspiration she takes from art histories and movements, including Impressionism, Cubism, Dada and the Harlem Renaissance.

DECEMBER

Wildlife Photographer of the Year (Royal Ontario Museum)

December 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019

www.rom.on.ca/wpy

Striking wildlife, breathtaking landscapes and the remarkable beauty of our natural world are captured in *Wildlife Photographer of the Year*. As the longest-running and most prestigious nature photography competition in the world, this exhibition returns to the ROM for the sixth year and features one hundred extraordinary new photographs that will amaze and move viewers.

Bring your group to the ROM for a thrilling and immersive journey exploring art, culture and nature at Canada's largest museum! Whether you are a group of 20 or 2000, the ROM is ready to make your event special with [group rates and exclusive add-ons](#).

Holiday Fair in the Square (Nathan Phillips Square)

December 1 to 23, 2018

<http://fairinthesquare.ca/>

Combining the charm and elegance of a Christmas market with the excitement and allure of a thriving winter carnival, Fair in the Square is guaranteed to become a Toronto holiday tradition. Whether looking for a unique and perfect gift, taking the family for an afternoon of skating and festive fun, stopping by for some lunch and shopping, or enjoying a romantic evening drink at the ice bar, Holiday Fair in the Square has something for everyone.

Casa Loma – Holiday Program

<http://www.casaloma.ca/>

This December, celebrate and take part in the holiday magic at Casa Loma with a wide range of activities and thrilling performances that are sure to be fun for the whole family. Enjoy new shows by famed illusionist entertainer Professor Wick and ice skating performers Glisse on Ice. Guests will be surrounded by holiday magic throughout the castle which will be resplendent with holiday décor, including a 40 foot tall tree in the Great Hall and 10 other signature trees by talented Canadian designers. Kids are

invited to visit Santa in his castle workshop and participate in arts and crafts, visit with wintery holiday mascots and decorate tasty treats.

ROM for the Holidays (Royal Ontario Museum)

December 26, 2018 to January 6, 2019

Rom.on.ca/RFTH

For 12 exciting days, the Royal Ontario Museum is transformed into a fun-filled winter wonderland.

Make, discover and explore at the ROM for the Holidays with daily activities and live performances from 10:30 am until 30 minutes before closing*, all included with admission.

Zuul: Life of an Armoured Dinosaur (Royal Ontario Museum)

December 15, 2018 to May 20, 2019

www.rom.on.ca

Come face to face with *Zuul crurivastator* (Zool CRUR-uh-vass-TATE-or), an exciting new species of armoured dinosaur recently unveiled by ROM scientists! Aptly named after the fictional monster *Zuul* in the 1984 film *Ghostbusters*, *crurivastator* means 'destroyer of shins', for its extraordinary weapon-like tail. From *Zuul's* skull to its menacing tail club, this 75-million-year-old, plant-eating dinosaur skeleton is the most complete of its kind, and was found with a diversity of fossilized plants and animals from the same period.

Discover the lost world *Zuul* inhabited millions of years ago, and how its armour was crucial for protection and survival.

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2019

FEBRUARY

Ai Weiwei: Unbroken (Gardiner Museum)

Opens February 2019

<https://www.gardinermuseum.on.ca>

An exhibition of major ceramic works by Ai Weiwei, one of the world's most influential living artists and human rights activists, will debut at the Gardiner Museum in February 2019.

Ai Weiwei: Unbroken will consider how the artist's singular ceramic and porcelain works have formed the basis for his ongoing exploration of social justice themes including immigration and the repression of dissent. Provocative programming developed in collaboration with local partners will draw connections between Ai's formative ceramic works and urgent global issues. The exhibition will feature significant early ceramic works from Ai's oeuvre including *Colored Pots* (2006), *Oil Spills* (2006), *Sunflower Seeds* (2008 – 2010), and *Han Dynasty Urn with Coca Cola Logo* (2015), many of which will be displayed in Toronto for the first time.

Impressionism in the Age of Industry: Monet, Pissarro and more (Art Gallery of Ontario)

February 16 to May 5, 2019

www.ago.ca

Some of the greatest artists of all time responded with passion and creativity as their beloved Paris was transformed by the modern age. Now, a major new exhibition developed by the Art Gallery of Ontario is the first to explore themes of industry and labour in Impressionist and Post-Impressionist Art. Impressionism in the Age of Industry: Monet, Pissarro and more brings masterpieces from around the world to the AGO, including great paintings, sculpture, drawings, prints, photographs and film from the period.

MARCH

The Royal Arts of Jodhpur, India (Royal Ontario Museum)

March 9 to September 2, 2019

www.rom.on.ca

From one of India's greatest former kingdoms come the sumptuous royal arts of Jodhpur, Rajasthan. Intricate paintings, dazzling jewellery, meticulous textiles and luxury decorative arts tell stories of conquest, kingship, strategic alliances, gender roles and life at court. These treasures were produced under the patronage of a dynasty that ruled this desert kingdom for centuries, until India's independence in 1947. They reflect a cosmopolitan culture sustained by a delicate balance between local and external influences, tradition and modernity.

Drawn from the collection of the erstwhile royal family, most of these spectacular objects are on display outside their palace setting for the very first time.

MAY

Canada's Wonderland – NEW RIDE

Opens May 2019

www.canadaswonderland.com

When Canada's Wonderland opens its gates for the 2019 season, the park's skyline will be forever transformed by **Yukon Striker – the longest, fastest and tallest dive roller coaster in the world**. Situated in the newly themed area Frontier Canada, Yukon Striker will be the country's first dive coaster and the park's 17th coaster, placing Canada's Wonderland among the world's top three amusement parks with the most roller coasters.

JULY

It's Alive! Classic Horror and Sci-Fi Art from the Kirk Hammett Collection (Royal Ontario Museum)

July 13, 2019 to January 5, 2020

www.rom.on.ca

Famous guitarist Kirk Hammett, of the heavy metal band Metallica, has created one of the world's most extraordinary collections of classic horror and sci-fi movie posters. This exhibition explores Hammett's significant collection and examines the connection between artistry, emotion, and popular culture through a selection of works from 20th-century cinema.

NOVEMBER

Canada's Wonderland – Winterfest

November 2019

www.canadaswonderland.com

November 2019, Canada's Wonderland will be magically transformed into a winter Wonderland full of enchantment and holiday cheer! Become immersed in the season's spirit with spectacular holiday lights and décor, world-class live entertainment, savory treats and fanciful experiences.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATES

Courtyard by Marriott Toronto Airport

www.courtyardtorontoairport.com

The hotel's guest rooms are fully renovated as of early 2018 with spectacular result. Meeting rooms and public spaces are updated. Indoor pool, patio and fitness room saw extensive update creating modern, bright, relaxing spaces.

Chelsea Hotel, Toronto – New Initiatives

www.chelseatoronto.com

The Chelsea Hotel has implemented two new initiatives:

1. Mural

After seeing the amazing art that the Downtown Yonge BIA has brought to our neighbourhood, we had to have our own piece! This past spring, in partnership with the Downtown Yonge BIA and the talented chosen artist, Pam Lostracco, we began our own mural project to cover the east parking ramp on Gerrard Street. We wanted this mural to showcase the history of theatre on Yonge Street and reminisce on the Hotel's involvement as the once go-to entertainment hotel. The artist sectioned the wall into frames, just like a film strip to showcase a story of Yonge Street's theatres over the past century.

2. Bees

This summer we welcomed a few thousand more to the Chelsea family, with the addition of four bee hives on our fourth floor roof, in partnership with Toronto Bee Rescue. Accompanying the hives is a fountain, and planters filled with herbs, veggies and wildflowers. Although this project will not officially launch until spring 2019, we wanted to share this exciting news.

Fairmont Royal York, Toronto

<https://www.fairmont.com/royal-york-toronto/>

The new Fairmont Gold is unlike anything Toronto has seen before. It's Toronto's newest boutique experience, right at the heart of its most celebrated landmark.

Floors 13-18 have been completely reimagined, with interiors from a global design tastemaker, and a residential polish rarely seen in the city.

The Fairmont Gold team, led by Clefs d'Or concierges, will deliver highly personalized and impeccable service that reflects the heart and soul of this storied destination.

All crowned by a stunning 18th-floor lounge that will change the luxury skyline in Toronto. This is a tasteful sanctuary, high above the city.

Hotel X Toronto

<http://www.hotelxtoronto.com/>

Once site of the New Fort York, the current grounds of Exhibition Place and home to Hotel X Toronto are steeped in history. Considered Toronto's 'last fort,' the renamed Stanley Barracks played a pivotal military role in the Rebellion of 1837 and World War I, with many buildings on the complex demolished soon thereafter. The Stanley Barracks boasts over 6 acres of gorgeous outdoor event space to host some of the most exciting events in the city. With plans to open late 2019, the fully completed Stanley Barracks will be home to a beer hall, tap rooms, private meeting and event spaces, a nano-brewery, a retail outlet and a seasonal outdoor patio.

Hotel X Toronto's New Fort Hall is now available as a private event space and will soon boast a comprehensive archeological exhibit spanning the site's history back to the 1840s. Celebrating the history of the surrounding Stanley Barracks, this archeological exhibit commemorates the building of the original New Fort on the grounds where Hotel X Toronto now stands

Residence Inn by Marriott Toronto Airport

www.residenceintorontoairport.com

The hotel's guest suites now showcases modern design and functionality, coming out of full guest suite renovations in August. Vibrant energetic colours are coddled by tactile fabrics, stones and metal to create a contemporary space guests would like to stay for a few days or for several months.

St. Regis Toronto

www.adelaidehoteltoronto.com

This winter, **St. Regis Hotels & Resorts** will mark its Canadian debut with the arrival of The St. Regis Toronto soaring 65-stories in the heart of downtown. Dubbed 'A New Era of Glamour', **The Adelaide Hotel** is currently undergoing an extensive facelift that will unveil 124 luxury suites, a completely redesigned lobby, bar and lounge, two-level spa and a signature restaurant and bar located on the 31st floor offering striking views of downtown and Lake Ontario. Dating back to 1904, you can expect the hotel to extend its rich lineage and glittering rituals with their iconic butler service, afternoon tea, and champagne sabering each evening in the hotel lobby.

The Toronto Marriott City Centre - Sportsnet Grill

www.sportsnetgrill.ca

Announcing "Sportsnet Grill", our newly re-branded restaurant and bar overlooking the Rogers Centre field. The Toronto Marriott City Centre Hotel has partnered with this iconic Canadian brand to bring you all that is the best in sports & entertainment year round while enjoying your favourite ball park foods. Contact us at 416-341-5045 or [sng grill.info@torontomariott.com](mailto:sngrill.info@torontomariott.com) for further information or to book your group.

FOODIES

Don Alfonso 1890

www.donalfonsotoronto.com

Created in partnership with hospitality icon Nick Di Donato of the Liberty Entertainment Group, Don Alfonso 1890 Toronto is the first North American location of world renowned Michelin Star Chefs Alfonso and Ernesto Iaccarino's Don Alfonso 1890. It is located in the historic Consumer's Gas Building of 1852 on Toronto Street; in the heart of the Financial

District in downtown Toronto. Showcasing the incredible cuisine of Chef Ernesto Iaccarino and the wonderful fresh flavors of the Amalfi coast, Don Alfonso 1890 is an internationally recognized award-winning concept with locations in Sant'Agata, Amalfi Coast, Italy; Levello, Basilicata, Italy; Helena Bay, New Zealand; Macau, China and now Toronto.

SPECIAL SERVICES/SHOPPING

Square One Shopping Centre - Tourist Privileges

<https://shopsquareone.com/touroperators>

With 320+ shops, services, dining & entertainment options, Square One is Canada's foremost fashion, lifestyle and entertainment destination, open 362 days a year. Located in Mississauga, the centre's close proximity to Pearson International Airport and the Niagara Region, make it perfect for shopping excursions.

Enhance your guests' Square One experience with our Tourist Privileges program, which provides access to a range of promotions and special savings.

FIT* guests can present their passport, hotel room key or driver's license at any of our Guest Experience Kiosks to receive a Tourist Privileges Pamphlet, which features the current list of special offers.

Registered Tour Group guests will receive this Pamphlet during the Meet & Greet.
**FIT must reside 60km from Square One.*

Toronto Premium Outlets

<http://www.premiumoutlets.com/outlet/toronto>

Toronto Premium Outlets is pleased to announce construction has begun on **phase 2** of its multi-phased expansion adding approximately **140,000 square feet of additional outlet space**. This space will become home to 40 new name-brand outlet stores, scheduled to open to the public in **November 2018**. Upon completion, the centre will offer over 130 designer outlets.

Vaughan Mills

<https://www.vaughanmills.com/>

Our exclusive 55-passenger shopping shuttle provides free seasonal round-trip transportation from Toronto's Union Station to Vaughan Mills twice a day. The Vaughan Mills Shopping Shuttle returns November 23 – December 26 for convenient Holiday Shopping!

Yorkdale Shopping Centre – Tourist Privilege Program

www.yorkdale.com/tourism

Yorkdale is pleased to partner with travel professionals – from developing customized programs to creating added value to a package; we offer many services including our new Tourist Privileges program.

Tourist Privileges offers your clients access to a range of promotions & special savings.

FIT* guests can present their passport, hotel room key or driver's license at any of our Guest Experience Desks to receive a Privileges Pass, which contains a QR code that can be scanned to view the current list of offers.

Registered Tour Group guests will receive a Privileges Pass during the Meet & Greet.

Once in-store, shoppers simply show their Pass, along with the offer on their mobile device to redeem.

**FIT must reside 65km from Yorkdale.*

ADDED VALUE

CityPASS Toronto

www.citypass.com/partners/travel-trade

CityPASS ticket booklets save 36% off combined admission to **CN Tower, Casa Loma, Royal Ontario Museum, Ripley's Aquarium of Canada**, and a choice between the **Toronto Zoo OR Ontario Science Centre**.

Pricing (excluding tax): Adults: \$88 CAD; \$59 CAD children ages 4-12.

Explore at your own pace with **up to nine days to enjoy!**

SPECIAL EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

PLEASE NOTE: Dates are subject to change without notice. Please consult the websites below.

OCTOBER

Toronto Chocolate Festival – October 1-30 – www.torontochocolatefestival.com

Creativ Festival (Fall Show) – October 11-13-- www.csnf.com

imagineNATIVE Film & Media Arts Festival – October 17-21 -- www.imagenative.org

International Festival of Authors (IFOA) – October 18 – 28 -- www.ifoa.org

Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 21 --www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com/

Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival – October 25-28-- www.planetinfocus.org

Canada's Walk of Fame Festival – TBD -- www.canadaswalkoffame.com

Art Toronto – October 26-29 -- www.tiafair.com

Halloweek – Month of October -- www.churchwellesleyvillage.ca

NOVEMBER

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair – November 2-11 -- www.royalfair.org

The National Women's Show – November 9- 11 -- <http://www.nationalwomenshow.com>

The Gentlemen's Expo - TBD -- <http://www.gentlemensexpo.com>

Toronto Christmas Market at the Distillery District – TBD -- www.torontochristmasmarket.com

Santa Claus Parade – TBD -- www.thesantaclausparade.ca

One of a Kind Craft Show & Sale – November 22-December 2 -- www.oneofakindshow.com

Cavalcade of Lights – November 24 -- <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/>

DECEMBER

New Year's Eve – December 31 - <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/>

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JANUARY

Next Stage Theatre Festival – January 9 – 20 -- www.fringetoronto.com

Interior Design Show – January 17 -20 -- www.interiordesignshow.com

Toronto International Boat Show – January 18 – 27 -- <http://www.torontoboatshow.com/>

Toronto Design Offsite Festival – January 18 – 27 -- <http://todesignoffsite.com>
Toronto Light Festival – January 18 – March 3 -- <https://www.torontolightfest.com/>
Toronto International Boat Show – January 18 – 27 -- www.torontoboatshow.com
Winterlicious – January 25 - February 7 -- <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/winterlicious/>

FEBRUARY

Kuumba Festival – Entire month of February -- www.harbourfrontcentre.com
National Bridal Show – February 1 - 3 -- www.nationalbridalshow.com
Toronto's Golf & Travel Show – February 8-10 -- www.torontogolfshow.com
Bloor-Yorkville IceFest – February 9-10 -- <http://www.bloor-yorkville.com/icefest>
Winter Craft Beer Festival – TBC -- www.craftbeerfest.ca
Valentine's Day in Toronto – February 14 -- <http://www.seetorontonow.com>
Canadian International Auto Show – February 15-24 -- www.autoshow.ca
Chinatown Chinese New Year Celebration - <http://www.chinatownbia.com>
Family Day in Toronto – February 19 -- <http://www.seetorontonow.com>

MARCH

Toronto International Bicycle Show – March 1- 3 -- www.bicycleshowtoronto.com
Toronto Storytelling Festival – TBD - <https://torontostorytellingfestival.ca/2018/>
Canada Blooms: The Toronto Flower and Garden Festival – March 8-17 www.canadablooms.com
National Home Show – March 8 – 17 -- www.nationalhomeshow.com
TIFF Kids International Film Festival –TBD – www.tiff.net/kids/
St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 10 -- <https://stpatrickstoronto.com/>
Toronto Sportsmen's Show – March 13-17 -- <https://www.torontosportshow.ca/>
Toronto Comicon – March TBD -- <http://comicontoronto.com/>
One of a Kind Spring Show & Sale – March 27 – March 31 -- www.oneofakindshow.com

APRIL

Creativ Festival (Spring Show) – April 12-13 -- www.csnf.com
Hot Docs Film Festival – April 25 – May 5 -- www.hotdocs.ca

TOUR PLANNING RESOURCES AT TOURISM TORONTO

Tourism Toronto's International Websites:

Chinese	www.seetorontonow.cn
Japanese	www.seetorontonow.jp
Korean	www.seetorontonow.kr
Spanish	www.seetorontonow.mx
Portuguese	http://seetorontonow.com.br
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German	www.seetorontonow.de

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YouTube- <https://www.youtube.com/user/seetorontonow/featured>

Tourism Toronto's Resource Toolkit:

Access the items in this toolkit to make the most of the great promotional resources that Tourism Toronto curates and creates.

<http://trade.seetorontonow.com/resources/resource-toolkit/>

Toronto Magazine: Food & Drink issue

Eat here now! Belly up to Toronto's [dynamic food scene](#). Includes undiscovered neighbourhood dining, celebrity chefs, top brunches, family fare and much more.

Toronto Style & Design Guide

Love design? Whether you're seeking creative inspiration or are on the hunt for standout fashion, décor or gifts, Canada's Downtown has it all. Our [guide](#) will help you discover it.

Yo Toronto: kids-first website

Recognizing the significant role kids today play in family travel planning, this site offers video highlights, print-friendly activities to take on the road, and scavenger hunt style games and 'best of' lists to inspire families to visit and help them get the most out of their time in the city. Visit <http://yo-toronto.com/>

Student and Youth Website

Visit www.SeeTorontoNow.com/StudentTravel for a complete list of Tourism Toronto partners offering performance opportunities, educational programs, evening activities, student-friendly hotels and other planning resources. Remember - no passports are required for student groups under 19 years of age, so a Toronto experience is easier than you think.

Toronto Motor coach Parking Information

Please visit our website to learn more about motor coach parking in the city.

<http://trade.seetorontonow.com/>