

# WHAT'S NEW TORONTO

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## CANADA'S DOWNTOWN

### PERFORMING ARTS

#### ON NOW

##### **Medieval Times Dinner and Tournament**

[www.medievaltimes.com/toronto](http://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](http://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.

##### **The Play That Goes Wrong** (Mirvish Productions)

Until February 10, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

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

### **Koerner Hall's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

2018.19 Concert Season at The Royal Conservatory of Music

Until May 14, 2019

[www.rcmusic.com/performance](http://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

### **Toronto Symphony Orchestra**

Until June 30, 2019, Roy Thomson Hall

[www.tso.ca](http://www.tso.ca)

From breathtaking masterworks, to dance-all-night Pops, to blockbuster films with live orchestral accompaniment, the TSO performs more than 100 concerts per season at Roy Thomson Hall in the heart of downtown Toronto. Performances sell out, so order early for the best seats.

### **Come From Away** (Mirvish Productions)

Until September 1, 2019, Elgin Theatre

[www.mirvish.com](http://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!"

### **JANUARY**

#### **Made in Canada – The Musical** (Famous PEOPLE Players)

January 12 to May 31, 2019

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

A beautiful Maple Leaf voiced by Dan Aykroyd comes to life and takes you on a musical journey from province to province. You will be WOWED with the animation of the stunning props and the musical that will capture your imagination.

This new production has the heart and soul of our country. A tribute to our Canadian artists and inventors are celebrated throughout this Production. From across the Prairies to good old Vancouver town.

This is the Best of the Best from Famous PEOPLE Players. Don't miss this all Canadian Production it is where special happens.

### **The Simon & Garfunkel Story** (Mirvish Productions)

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

[www.mirvish.com](http://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](http://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 – 60<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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.

**Jukebox Hero The Musical** (Mirvish Productions)

February 20 to 24, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

[www.mirvish.com](http://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](http://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 June 30, 2019, Royal Alexandra Theatre

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

**WINNER OF 6 TONY® AWARDS INCLUDING BEST MUSICAL**

AND THE 2018 GRAMMY AWARD FOR BEST MUSICAL THEATRE ALBUM

CANADIAN PREMIERE

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](http://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.

**Alice's Adventure in Wonderland** (National Ballet of Canada)

March 7 to 17, 2019, Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts

<https://national.ballet.ca>

Lavish, startling, hilarious and boldly original, Alice's Adventures in Wonderland is a theatrical celebration of the liberating power of one of the great texts of childhood—and of all time.

**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, Ed Mirvish Theatre

[www.mirvish.com](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

### **Shaw Festival**

April 6 to December 22, 2019

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

The Shaw's 2019 Season features 13 plays in three theatres on stage April 6 to December 22 including C.S. Lewis' The Horse and His Boy, Lerner and Loewe's entrancing musical Brigadoon, The Ladykillers making its North American premiere and Man and Superman, an epic theatrical event. Plus, leading up to the holiday season, Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol and Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn.

### **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](http://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.

### **Hiromi** (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, Hiromi 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.

### **Stratford Festival**

April 16 to November 3, 2019

[www.stratfordfestival.ca](http://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.

### **La Boheme** (Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts)

April 17 to May 22, 2019

[www.coc.ca](http://www.coc.ca)

COC Revival

Art is life for this group of young bohemians, as they navigate infatuation, poverty, love, and loss in 19th-century Paris. It's a timeless story that celebrates free-spirited creativity and expresses the romantic power of love with some of the most glorious music ever composed.

Puccini's massively popular opera returns to the stage in John Caird's hit production, featuring eye-catching sets assembled from paintings evoking the Belle Époque period.

### **Next to Normal** (Mirvish Productions)

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

[www.mirvish.com](http://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.

### **Otello** (Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts)

April 27 to May 21, 2019

[www.coc.ca](http://www.coc.ca)

Otello is a self-made man, a former slave risen to the rank of general and now in love with a devoted wife, Desdemona. But his trusted advisor Iago begins to manipulate

Otello in a relentless quest to destroy the general. Consumed by paranoia and suspicion, Otello's earnest love for Desdemona takes a violent turn with catastrophic consequences.

Verdi's masterful treatment of Shakespeare's tragedy is brought to life by a dream cast of COC favourites in David Alden's highly acclaimed production.

## **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, Princess of Wales Theatre

[www.mirvish.com](http://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](http://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**

**Rock This City** (Famous PEOPLE Players)

June to October, 2019

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

**New Musical!**

FPP lights up, you light up. The City goes WILD with Rock music at its best! Under the illumination of ultra violet lights...it will have you energized, your heart pounding so much so that it will have you dancing on the ceiling! Don't worry about the ceiling, Viana Roofing is our Sponsor!

**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](http://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.

**Disney Presents the Lion King** (Mirvish Productions)

June 13 to August 4, 2019, Princess of Wales Theatre

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

Winner of six Tony Awards®, including Best Musical, THE LION KING brings together one of the most imaginative creative teams on Broadway. Tony Award®-winning director Julie Taymor brings to life a story filled with hope and adventure set against an amazing backdrop of stunning visuals. THE LION KING also features the extraordinary work of

Tony Award®-winning choreographer Garth Fagan and some of Broadway's most recognizable music, crafted by Tony Award®-winning artists Elton John and Tim Rice. There is simply nothing else like THE LION KING.

**The Merry Widow** (National Ballet of Canada)

June 19 to 23, 2019, Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts

<https://national.ballet.ca>

A frothy blend of whimsical comedy, romance and the delights of the Parisian Belle Époque in all its effervescent splendor, *The Merry Widow* is popular ballet at its finest. Based on the 1905 operetta of the same name by Franz Lehár, *The Merry Widow* sets out to entertain and amuse at every step and never puts a foot wrong.

The story imagines a fictional Balkan principality, Pontevedro, which is on the brink of economic disaster. In an effort to prevent certain ruin, a charming but raffish Pontevedrian aristocrat, Count Danilo, is persuaded to woo and marry a rich and sophisticated widow, Hanna Glawari, before she can marry a foreigner. Amid the inevitable plot complications and madcap misunderstandings, we learn that Danilo and Hanna had been childhood sweethearts, before Danilo abandoned Hanna, who was then an innocent peasant girl.

**Youn Sun Nah** (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

June 29, 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.

**JULY**

**Waitress** (Mirvish Productions)

July 9 to August 18, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

[www.mirvish.com](http://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.

**SEPTEMBER**

**Cirque du Soleil – Alegría**

September 11 to December 1, 2019, The Portlands

<https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/alegría>

*Alegría* is the nostalgic story of a monarchy that has lost its king. The Old Birds, who resist change and cling to old values, hover around Mr. Fleur, a tricky and power-hungry man who proclaims himself king. Fleur and the Old Birds, with their outdated ideas, struggle to maintain power in a world they no longer understand. On the other hand, the Bronx, the strong and confident next generation, embrace modernity and strive to topple their oppressors to build a flourishing new society. Follow the story of *Alegría*, a world where the old order is being challenged and replaced by something new and unknown.

## **NOVEMBER**

### **Another Brick in the Wall – The Opera** (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

November 13 to 23, 2019

<http://www.sonycentre.ca/calendar-event-details/?id=512>

The award-winning new opera: The Wall, Roger Waters' mythical work, in lyric version. Through the staging of the feelings of insanity and insulation of Pink, The Wall represents the difficulties of a whole generation confronted with the destruction of its dreams and the world. The Wall is a psychological drama inspired by Roger Waters' life. Pink realizes that he has also consented to the events that made him who he is. This fall is a celebration of free will, of libertarian optimism, of the hope for a break from a loss of common sense and lack of solidarity.

## **2020**

### **Hamilton** (Mirvish Productions)

**On sale late 2019**

[www.mirvish.com](http://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.

## **ATTRACTIONS/EXHIBITIONS/EVENTS/TOURS**

### **ONGOING**

#### **Woodbine Racetrack**

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

Located minutes away from Toronto Pearson International Airport, Woodbine Racetrack is Canada's home to premier racing, gaming, entertainment and hospitality as well as Casino Woodbine. Annually, Woodbine hosts world-renowned racing festivals such as The Queen's Plate and Canadian International in addition to exciting events including concerts, food festivals, community days and special events. Take a break and enjoy a snack or meal in one of Woodbine Racetrack's many restaurants or quick-service eateries. Live thoroughbred racing runs from April to December and Casino Woodbine is open all-year long, making Woodbine Racetrack your fun destination anytime of day or night!

### **ON NOW**

#### **Museum of Illusions – Toronto – NEW**

<https://museumofillusions.ca/>

With 80+ intriguing visual, sensual and educational illusions unlike anything you've ever seen before, the Museum will trick your senses and provide for a unique interactive experience that is sure to please both young and old.

### **AFC VIP Tours**

<http://www.afcviptours.com>

AFC VIP provides tours in downtown Toronto and Niagara Falls with new technology that allows you to choose from the following six languages; English, French, Spanish, Portuguese, Italian, and German. Trying to connect you to some of the hottest tourist spots in Ontario, in the most convenient ways at the most reasonable prices!

### **Best of TO Food Tour**

Mon-Sun , Year Round

<http://eatingthroughto.com/food-tours/>

New World Wine Tours has launched a new food tour and food blog called Eating Through TO ([eatingthroughTO.com](http://eatingthroughTO.com)) Our team of Foodies and industry professionals are ready to promote all things food in Toronto to global visitors. Hop in our luxury SUV with a foodie guide to go on a food crawl like never before. Feast upon Canadian classics, cultural specialties, and dishes only known to locals as we blitz through Toronto. This customizable, private feast of the city will also allow you to get the lay of the land and see the sights of the city with a local guide.

### **IMAX Niagara- NEW Behind the Scenes Tour**

[www.imaxniagara.com](http://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.

### **Ontario Science Centre – 50TH Anniversary**

[www.ontariosciencecentre.ca](http://www.ontariosciencecentre.ca)

Ontario Science Centre is celebrating its 50-year milestone with a slew of new exhibits including Inventorium 2.0, IMAX's Great bear Rainforest, Super Power Dogs, Astronaut and Women in Space, The mind.

### **Mickalene Thomas: Femmes Noires (Art Gallery of Ontario)**

Until March 24, 2019

[www.ago.ca](http://www.ago.ca)

Mickalene Thomas: Femmes Noires is the first large-scale solo exhibition by this African-American contemporary artist to be staged in Canada. It will spark timely and urgent conversations about race, representational politics, Black celebrity culture and sexuality as seen through a Black queer feminist perspective.

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

Until Spring 2019

[www.torontozoo.com](http://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.

**Wildlife Photographer of the Year** (Royal Ontario Museum)

Until March 31, 2019

[www.rom.on.ca/wpy](http://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](#).

**Photography: First World War, 1914-1918, Part II** (Art Gallery of Ontario)

Until April 14, 2019

[www.ago.ca](http://www.ago.ca)

The history of the First World War is often presented as a simplified story of winners and losers, one that diminishes the complexity of war and the diversity of experience. To mark the centenary of the end of the conflict, this exhibition invites visitors to explore the AGO's significant collection of photographic albums and objects from this period, donated in 2004 by a private collector. These photographic compilations—personal albums, commercial stereograph sets, press photographs—reveal how those involved in the war used photographs to tell stories and remember events.

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

Until May 20, 2019

[www.rom.on.ca](http://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.

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](#).

**Kara Hamilton: Water in Two Colours** (Art Gallery of Ontario)

Until June 2019

[www.ago.ca](http://www.ago.ca)

Toronto-based artist Kara Hamilton was trained in architecture and design, and she challenges these disciplines while exploring materials and their complex histories. In this new body of work, Hamilton presents us with found objects that have been transformed in ways that allow us to create new spatial and narrative connections between them.

These objects, strange and familiar, invite us to reflect on our shared environments, both natural and constructed.

## **JANUARY**

### **Niagara Icewine Tours**

January 12 to March 3, 2019

<https://newworldwinetours.com/tours/>

Embrace winter with the sweet wine that put Canada on the world stage for wine. Icewine is a specialty of Niagara and New World Wine Tours is offering winter tours to the region for the release of this year's vintage. Visit large, medium, and boutique wineries, enjoy a locally sourced lunch, and munch on butter tarts and other food pairings while sipping the best wines in Ontario. Our professional guides will educate and entertain, and still have guests back in time for evening plans in Toronto.

### **Regalia Native Pride (CN Tower)**

January 21 to March 31, 2019

[www.cntower.ca/regalia](http://www.cntower.ca/regalia)

See striking imagery at an unforgettable location. Guests of the CN Tower and 360 Restaurant will have access to Regalia Native Pride, a limited time exhibition hosted on the new observation level of the CN Tower - 30 portraits, 30 powerful encounters with men, women and children from 14 communities. An ode to Aboriginal culture, this exhibit is a chance for a genuine encounter with the First Nations. It is aimed at moving away from our perceptions of the powwow tradition to probe contemporary dimensions of identity.

### **True to the Eyes: The Howard and Carole Tanenbaum Photography Collection (Ryerson Image Centre)**

January 23 to April 7, 2019

<https://ryersonimagecentre.ca/exhibition/tanenbaum-collection/>

This winter, the Ryerson Image Centre presents more than 200 photographs from the extraordinary and eclectic collection of Howard and Carole Tanenbaum. The exhibition, True to the Eyes, highlights a range of humanistic photographs in many genres, from anonymous vernacular imagery to masterworks by notable photographers such as Southworth & Hawes, William Notman, Ernest J. Bellocq, Brassai, Lisette Model, Diane Arbus, Mary Ellen Mark, Jim Goldberg, Rafael Goldchain, and Edward Burtynsky.

### **Gods in My Home: Chinese New Year with Ancestor Portraits and Deity Prints**

(Royal Ontario Museum)

January 26 to September 29, 2019

[www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca)

*Gods in My Home* brings together Chinese ancestral paintings and traditional popular prints, and examines the unexplored connection between these two seemingly separate genres in the context of Chinese Lunar New Year. These images reflect a Chinese view of reverence and the belief that these portraits and prints were capable of blessing and protecting the prosperity of family lines.

Visitors are invited to explore beautiful objects including New Year prints and paintings, ancestral portraits, paper gods and ceramics, and discover the shared family values, ritual concepts, belief in visual powers and common traditions that bind them.

Experience these compelling and never-before-seen images through an artistic lens in this ROM original exhibition.

### **WANT - Desire, Design and Depression Era Footwear** (Bata Shoe Museum)

Opening January 30, 2019

<http://batashoemuseum.ca/want/>

On October 24, 1929, the United States stock market crashed ushering in a decade of darkness and turmoil. As global economies tumbled, want proliferated—want of employment, want of security, want of escape. The desires born from want drove an explosion of cultural creativity from film to fashion. Some sought to satiate the needs of the public, others sought to distract them from the troubling times, yet others hoped that by stoking desire and encouraging consumption the economy could be redeemed.

Some of the most innovative shoe designs in the history of Western fashion were created during this decade of want. Famed shoe designers Salvatore Ferragamo, Andre Pérugia, Steven Arpad and Roger Vivier played with the architecture of footwear creating uplifting platforms and wedges as well as futuristic novelty heels and revealing peep toes that reflected escapist Hollywood glamour as well as new conceptions of fashionable femininity.

### **Museum as Studio: Kevork Mourad in Residence** (Aga Khan Museum)

January 31 to February 24, 2019

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

Witness the making of a large-scale work of art. Acclaimed Syrian-Armenian visual artist Kevork Mourad transforms one of our galleries with his 'spontaneous painting' technique. From Jan. 31–Feb. 12, you can watch him at work periodically during Museum hours. Then, from Feb. 13–24, visit the completed piece — an immersive installation that explores themes of cultural destruction and restoration. To book your group tours, please contact Wendy Gamble at [wendy.gamble@akdn.org](mailto:wendy.gamble@akdn.org) or call 416-646-4671.

## **FEBRUARY**

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

February 16 to May 5, 2019

[www.ago.ca](http://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.

### **Sui generis: An Alternative History of Mexican Cinema** (TIFF Bell Lightbox)

February 28 to April 6, 2019

<https://www.tiff.net/calendar.html?series=mexico&list>

Guillermo del Toro and TIFF programmer Diana Sanchez co-curate this expansive and eclectic survey of Mexican film history.

### **Ai Weiwei: Unbroken** (Gardiner Museum)

February 28 to June 9, 2019

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

The world's most famous contemporary artist and activist, as well as one of China's

most formidable critics, Ai Weiwei is known for smashing conventions—and ceramics—with works that upend the cultural traditions and materials of his native China. This highly-anticipated and timely exhibition explores the breaking of boundaries, both physical and symbolic, and considers how the artist's ceramic works form a basis for his ongoing exploration of urgent social justice themes, including immigration and the repression of dissent. *Ai Weiwei: Unbroken* features some of Ai's most iconic works, displayed in Toronto for the first time, as well as never-before-seen new work.

## **MARCH**

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

March 9 to September 2, 2019

[www.rom.on.ca](http://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.

### **The Moon: A Voyage Through Time** (Aga Khan Museum)

March 9 to August 18, 2019

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

Journey across space and time in this celebration of the nightly symbol of transformation that fascinates us all — the moon. Interact with inspiring displays that invite you to observe and imagine it in new ways. Explore lunar-inspired work by artists and scientists — from pre-Islamic artifacts to contemporary videos, from centuries-old astrolabes and to an illuminated moon sculpture so big it would take 40 people standing shoulder to shoulder to circle it. To book your group tours, please contact Wendy Gamble at [wendy.gamble@akdn.org](mailto:wendy.gamble@akdn.org) or call 416-646-4671.

## **MAY**

### **Canada's Wonderland – NEW RIDE**

Opens May 2019

[www.canadaswonderland.com](http://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.

## **JUNE**

### **Woodbine Oaks** (Woodbine Racetrack)

June 8, 2019

[www.woodbine.com/experiences](http://www.woodbine.com/experiences)

Woodbine Oaks is a thoroughbred horse race run annually at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto. Inaugurated in 1956, it is the premier event for Canadian-bred three-year-old fillies and the first leg of the Canadian Triple Tiara series. The day features exciting races, great live music, jockey meet-and-greets and food and drink specials. The 2019 edition of Woodbine Oaks will take place on June 8 at Woodbine Racetrack in Toronto. Visit for more information.

### **160<sup>th</sup> Queen's Plate** (Woodbine Racetrack)

June 28 to June 29, Canada Day long weekend

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

The \$1 million Queen's Plate is Canada's oldest and most prestigious thoroughbred horse race, drawing British royalty and celebrities over many years. Founded in 1860, the race has evolved into the ultimate horse racing festival featuring world-class thoroughbred racing, the city's hottest fashion, incredible culinary experiences and outstanding live music.

## **JULY**

### **The Toronto Caribbean Carnival (TCC)**

July 4 to August 3, 2019

[www.torontocarnival.com](http://www.torontocarnival.com) / @gotocarnival

The Toronto Caribbean Carnival (TCC), Canada's celebration of freedom and diversity, is Ontario's largest cultural festival and one of world's top five Carnivals featuring over 1 million participants. The TCC features four weeks of cultural attractions and events, including the iconic Grand Parade; A spectacular parade featuring a colourful display of 16,000 costumed masqueraders organized into distinct groups called "Carnival Bands".

**NEW:** This year the festival highlights Carnival Village, a central hub for the ultimate Caribbean experience, featuring the best of Caribbean food, dance, arts, performance and music.

### **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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup>-century cinema.

## **AUGUST**

### **Breeders' Stakes** (Woodbine Racetrack)

August 17, 2019

[www.woodbine.com/experiences](http://www.woodbine.com/experiences)

First run in 1889, Breeders' Stakes is a stakes race for thoroughbred race horses born in Canada. Since 1959, the \$400,000 classic has been the third race and final jewel in the Canadian Triple Crown for three-year-olds. Guests will enjoy an afternoon of exciting races, live music and food and drink specials.

## **SEPTEMBER**

### **23<sup>rd</sup> Woodbine Mile** (Woodbine Racetrack)

September 14 to 15, 2019

[www.woodbine.com/experiences](http://www.woodbine.com/experiences)

Ricoh Woodbine Mile is a Grade 1 stakes race for thoroughbred racehorses featuring a star-studded international field of some of the finest three-year-olds-and-up in the world. Launched in 1997, the classic is contested at one mile on turf over the world-renowned E.P. Taylor Turf Course. Guests can enjoy an afternoon of exciting races and food and drink specials.

## **OCTOBER**

### **Canadian International** (Woodbine Racetrack)

October 12, 2019

[www.woodbine.com/experiences](http://www.woodbine.com/experiences)

Canadian International is a Grade 1 stakes race for thoroughbred racehorses featuring a star-studded international field of some of the finest three-year-olds-and-up in the world. Inaugurated, in 1938, the classic is contested over 1.5 miles on the world-renowned E.P. Taylor Turf Course. Guests can enjoy an afternoon of exciting races, cash giveaways and food and drink specials.

## **NOVEMBER**

### **Canada's Wonderland – Winterfest**

November 2019

[www.canadaswonderland.com](http://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**

### **Chelsea Hotel, Toronto – New initiatives**

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

The Chelsea Hotel has implemented two new initiatives:

#### Mural

1. After seeing the amazing art that the Downtown Yonge BIA has brought to our neighbourhood, we had to have our own piece! Last year, 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. The mural was officially launched in October 2018. We are planning to expand this program in 2019.

Bees

2. Last summer we welcomed a few thousand more guests 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. We are officially launching this initiative in spring 2019.

### **Hilton Toronto**

<http://www.toronto.hilton.com>

Why book a regular room when you can stay in one of Hilton Toronto Signature Suites! Located on the 32<sup>nd</sup> floor and designed exclusively for Hilton by Sarah Richardson Design Inc., each of these five suites are unique in color and décor. These Suites feature soothing neutral tones mixed with a pop of citrine, cobalt blue or charcoal, and stunning views of the city. Access to the Executive Lounge is also included where you can enjoy a complimentary hot breakfast, evening snacks and honor bar. The perfect home away from home.

### **Fairmont Royal York, Toronto**

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

Now officially open 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 lounge that will change the luxury skyline in Toronto. This is a tasteful sanctuary, high above the city.

### **St. Regis Toronto**

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

St. Regis marks its Canadian debut, extending its rich lineage to the most coveted address in Toronto. Rising 65-stories above Canada's international epicenter for business and culture, the hotel unites discreet opulence and bespoke butler service with 258 of the city's largest and most luxurious guestrooms and suites.

Gastronomic discoveries and exclusive pampering await at the 31st floor restaurant and spa where iconic rituals and immersive experiences are uncovered and guests can simply live exquisite.

Unique dining outlets include a street-side lobby lounge, and LOUIX LOUIS - the hotel's 31st floor Grand Bar and Restaurant with sweeping views of the city and Lake Ontario. The hotel's two-level full service spa and wellness centre, located on the 31st and 32nd floor, features a saltwater infinity lap pool with spectacular views of Toronto's endless skyline.

## DINING / NIGHTLIFE

### **Rex Hotel Jazz & Blues Bar**

[www.therex.ca](http://www.therex.ca)

"Where jazz musicians come to hear jazz."

From humble beginnings, The Rex Hotel Jazz & Blues Bar has grown into a musical mecca presenting 19 shows per week.

Since the late '80s, the Rex has been at the forefront of Toronto's thriving local jazz scene. The casual atmosphere, eclectic mix of retro-chic decor, and an exciting variety of draught beer combine to make The Rex feel like a second home.

The Jazz & Blues Bar continually attracts Canada's finest musicians and is unique in that it remains distinctly inexpensive and affordable for the budget-conscious. During the annual Toronto Jazz Festival, The Rex is one of the central venues with the busiest programme.

At The Rex, we stay true to our motto: "More Great Jazz than anywhere else, all the time!"

### **Eataly**

Canada's first Eataly opens fall 2019, residing in the newly renovated Manulife Centre in the heart of Yorkville. Eataly, a vibrant Italian food marketplace including a mix of food markets, restaurants, and eateries will span three stories for a total space of 50,000 sq. ft.

[Click here](#) for more information.

### **Tora Aburi Sushi**

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

Yorkdale's newest restaurant, TORA opened January 15. This brand new concept to the Aburi Restaurants family will bridge quality Japanese fare with state-of-the-art technology to introduce the next generation of dining. TORA offers delicious Aburi, traditional style sushi and appetizers that people have come to expect of our restaurants, but in a completely new setting that is fun, fast-paced, and unique. This new spot is located across from Restoration Hardware and Sporting Life.

## SPECIAL SERVICES

### **Queen Street West BIA – Free Public Wi-Fi**

Spring 2019

[www.queenstreetwest.ca](http://www.queenstreetwest.ca)

The installation of the free public Wi-Fi is expected to bolster traffic on Queen Street West, with heightened consumer engagement and increased foot traffic. Toronto attracts more than 40 million visitors annually and Queen Street West dubbed the hippest street in Canada, is one of the defining destinations where tourists congregate to experience the epicentre of the city's cultural richness and its diversity. Additionally, the free Wi-Fi is predicted to raise the profile of the list of lively, eclectic and edgy Signature Events planned along the trendy strip for 2019.

The network will extend from Simcoe Street to Bathurst Street along Queen Street West and will be part of the longest unbroken stretch of free public Wi-Fi in Ontario.

## **Global Allure Management**

<http://www.allurecanada.com>

Global Allure Management knows what you need to curate the transportation logistics for any event. Whether it is entertainment, tours and corporate conferences we have got it covered. We are fully committed to creating the most convenient and professional transportation logistics for your specific needs.

## **Vaughan Mills**

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

Vaughan Mills is pleased to offer many tourism programs including our new VIP Visitor Card and Tiered Gift with Purchase.

The VIP Visitor Card offers out-of-town visitors a range of discounts from a wide variety of our retailers. Pick up your VIP Visitor Card at Guest Services. Take advantage of our new Gift with Purchase program. With 3 exclusive tiered spend rewards starting at \$350+\*, each gift is more rewarding than the next. Simply visit Guest Services with same-day receipts to redeem your free gift.

\*Same-day receipts must total \$350/\$550/\$750+. Must reside outside of the Greater Toronto Area & Simcoe County to be eligible. Valid photo ID required. One gift per person, per visit.

## **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://torontopremiumoutlets.ca>

An extraordinary line-up of luxury brands highlights the 140,000 square foot expansion which opened recently at [Toronto Premium Outlets](#). The joint venture between Simon and SmartCentres boasts over 500,000 square feet of retail space and over 130 designer outlets. Shoppers can now enjoy advanced amenities, exceptional food offerings and new retailers all in one convenient space. Gucci, Montblanc, Prada and Saint Laurent join existing marquee tenants such as Burberry, Hugo Boss, Jimmy Choo, Stuart Weitzman, and Ted Baker. Along with the extensive line-up of world-class, luxury brands and first-to-market outlet stores, notable Canadian retailer, Aritzia, launched its first outlet in North America as part of the expansion. The Centre's food mix is also enhanced with the introduction of the Centre's first full-service restaurant, Madisons Restaurant and Bar as well as fast casual and grab-and-go offerings including Cultures,

Cacao70, A&W, Real Fruit Bubble Tea and David's Tea.

### **Yorkdale Shopping Centre – Tourist Privilege Program**

[www.yorkdale.com/tourism](http://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.*

### **Francesco's Limousine**

<http://www.francescoslimousine.ca>

Francesco's Limousine has provided luxury vehicle transportation in the GTA area for over 18 years. We focus to provide curated services in special needs access transport, experienced chauffeurs and coach services. Experience our updated fleet of vehicles and allow us to get you to where you need to be!

### **GO Transit – Niagara ↔ Toronto**

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

A new [GO rail service](#) is now running between Niagara Falls and Toronto. The week-day GO train service, added by Metrolinx, will offer one daily train trips from Niagara to Toronto and back each day. Additional services are flagged for the future.

## **ADDED VALUE**

### **CityPASS Toronto**

[www.citypass.com/partners/travel-trade](http://www.citypass.com/partners/travel-trade)

CityPASS ticket booklets save 37% 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.

### JANUARY

Next Stage Theatre Festival – January 9 – 20 -- [www.fringetoronto.com](http://www.fringetoronto.com)  
Interior Design Show – January 17 -20 -- [www.interiordesignshow.com](http://www.interiordesignshow.com)  
Toronto International Boat Show – January 18 – 27 -- <http://www.torontoboatshow.com/>  
DesignTO Festival – January 18 – 27 -- <https://designto.org/>  
Toronto Light Festival – January 18 – March 3 -- <https://www.torontolightfest.com/>  
Toronto International Boat Show – January 18 – 27 -- [www.torontoboatshow.com](http://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](http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com)  
National Bridal Show – February 1 - 3 -- [www.nationalbridalshow.com](http://www.nationalbridalshow.com)  
Toronto's Golf & Travel Show – February 8-10 -- [www.torontogolfshow.com](http://www.torontogolfshow.com)  
Bloor-Yorkville IceFest – February 9-10 -- <http://www.bloor-yorkville.com/icefest>  
Winter Craft Beer Festival – TBC -- [www.craftbeerfest.ca](http://www.craftbeerfest.ca)  
Valentine's Day in Toronto – February 14 - - <http://www.seetorontonow.com>  
Canadian International Auto Show – February 15-24 -- [www.autoshow.ca](http://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](http://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](http://www.canadablooms.com)  
National Home Show – March 8 – 17 -- [www.nationalhomeshow.com](http://www.nationalhomeshow.com)  
TIFF Kids International Film Festival –TBD – [www.tiff.net/kids/](http://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](http://www.oneofakindshow.com)

### APRIL

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

### MAY

Scotiabank Contact Photography Festival – May 1-31 -- [www.contactphoto.com](http://www.contactphoto.com)  
Toronto Jewish Film Festival – May 2-12 -- [www.tiff.com](http://www.tiff.com)  
Mississauga Marathon – May 3-5 -- [www.mississaugamarathon.com](http://www.mississaugamarathon.com)  
Goodlife Fitness Toronto Marathon – May 5 -- [www.runtoronto.com](http://www.runtoronto.com)  
Canadian Music Week – May 6-12 -- <http://cmw.net/>  
Tastemaker Toronto – May 10-11 -- [www.thetastemakertour.com/](http://www.thetastemakertour.com/)  
Sporting Life 10K Marathon – May 12 -- [www.sportinglife10k.ca](http://www.sportinglife10k.ca)  
Inside Out Toronto LGBT Film Festival –May 23- June 2 -- [www.insideout.ca](http://www.insideout.ca)  
Carassauga - Mississauga's Festival of Cultures – May 24-26 -- <http://www.carassauga.com/>

Doors Open Toronto – May 25 – 26 -- [www.toronto.ca/doorsopen](http://www.toronto.ca/doorsopen)  
Streetsville Founders Bread and Honey Festival – May 31 – June 2 -- <http://breadandhoney.ca>

## **JUNE**

Riverside Eats & Beats StreetFEST – June 1 -- <http://www.riverside-to.com>  
RBC Canadian Open – June 3-9 -- [www.rbccanadianopen.ca](http://www.rbccanadianopen.ca)  
Luminato Festival – June 7-23 -- <https://luminatofestival.com/>  
North by Northeast Music Festival – June 7 – 16 -- [www.nxne.com](http://www.nxne.com)  
Sound of Music Festival – (Burlington) – June 8 - 16 -- [www.soundofmusic.ca](http://www.soundofmusic.ca)  
Toronto Tango Festival – June 13-16 -- [www.torontotangofestival.com](http://www.torontotangofestival.com)  
Mississauga Waterfront Festival – June 14 – 16 -- <http://www.themwf.com/>  
Toronto Craft Beer Festival – June 21-23 -- [www.tcbf.ca](http://www.tcbf.ca)  
TD Toronto Jazz Festival – June 21 – 30 -- [www.torontojazz.com](http://www.torontojazz.com)  
Pride Toronto Festival weekend – June 22 – 24 - <http://www.pridetoronto.com/>  
Redpath Waterfront Festival, presented by Billy Bishop – June 29-July 1 -- [www.towaterfrontfest.com](http://www.towaterfrontfest.com)  
Queen’s Plate – June 28-29 -- [www.woodbineentertainment.com](http://www.woodbineentertainment.com)  
The Great Ontario Salmon Derby – June 29 – August 17-- [www.greatontariosalmonderby.ca](http://www.greatontariosalmonderby.ca)

## **JULY**

Canada Day – July 1-- [www.toronto.ca/special\\_events](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events)  
Canada Day in Mississauga – July 1-- [www.mississauga.ca](http://www.mississauga.ca)  
The Toronto Fringe Theatre Festival – July 3-14 -- <http://fringetoronto.com/>  
Toronto Caribbean Carnival – July 3 to August 5 -- <https://torontocarnival.ca/>  
Beaches International Jazz Festival – July 5-28 -- [www.beachesjazz.com](http://www.beachesjazz.com)  
Toronto Summer Music Festival – July 11 – August 3 -- [www.torontosummermusic.com](http://www.torontosummermusic.com)  
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition – July 12-14 -- [www.torontooutdoorart.org](http://www.torontooutdoorart.org)  
Honda Indy Toronto – July 12 - 14 -- [www.hondaindytoronto.com](http://www.hondaindytoronto.com)  
Toronto’s Festival of Beer – July 26-28 -- [www.beerlicious.ca](http://www.beerlicious.ca)

## **AUGUST**

Toronto Caribbean Carnival, King and Queen Showcase – August 1 -- <https://torontocarnival.ca/>  
Toronto Caribbean Carnival Grand Parade – August 3 -- [www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com](http://www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com)  
Tennis Canada’s: Roger’s Cup presented by National Bank (Women’s) – August 3-11 -- [www.rogerscup.com](http://www.rogerscup.com)  
Summer Works Performance Festival – August 8-18 -- <http://summerworks.ca>  
JerkFest – Jerk Food Festival – August 9-11 -- [www.jerkfestival.ca](http://www.jerkfestival.ca)  
Taste of the Danforth – TBD -- <http://tasteofthedanforth.com>  
Canadian National Exhibition – August 16 – September 2 -- [www.theex.com](http://www.theex.com)  
Fan Expo Canada – August 22 - 25 -- [www.fanexpocanada.com](http://www.fanexpocanada.com)  
Toronto International Buskerfest – August 30 – September 2 -- <http://torontobuskerfest.com/>

## **SEPTEMBER**

Toronto International Film Festival – September 5 -15 -- [www.tiff.net](http://www.tiff.net)  
Tim Horton’s Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival – September 6 -8 -- [www.southsideshuffle.com](http://www.southsideshuffle.com)  
The Toronto 5K – September 28 -- [www.runtoronto.com](http://www.runtoronto.com)  
Toronto Garlic Festival – September 15 -- <http://www.torontogarlicfestival.ca>  
Queen West Art Crawl – September 21-22 -- [www.queenwestartcrawl.com](http://www.queenwestartcrawl.com)  
Toronto Oktoberfest – September 26 - 28-- [www.torontooktoberfest.ca](http://www.torontooktoberfest.ca)

## TOUR PLANNING RESOURCES AT TOURISM TORONTO

### Tourism Toronto's International Websites:

Japanese	<a href="http://www.seetorontonow.jp">www.seetorontonow.jp</a>
Korean	<a href="http://www.seetorontonow.kr">www.seetorontonow.kr</a>
Spanish	<a href="http://www.seetorontonow.mx">www.seetorontonow.mx</a>
Portuguese	<a href="http://seetorontonow.com.br">http://seetorontonow.com.br</a>
French (Europe)	<a href="https://seetorontonow.fr/">https://seetorontonow.fr/</a>
German	<a href="http://www.seetorontonow.de">www.seetorontonow.de</a>

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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](http://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/>