

WHAT'S NEW TORONTO

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PERFORMING ARTS

ON NOW

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.

Mirvish Express (Mirvish Productions)

<https://www.mirvish.com/pages/express>

Mirvish Productions is pleased to provide direct luxury coach transportation aboard the MIRVISH EXPRESS to the Royal Alexandra, Princess of Wales, Ed Mirvish, CAA and Elgin Theatres in Toronto. This exclusive bus service is available for patrons attending Wednesday, Saturday or Sunday matinee performances and is now operating round-trip from three areas; London, Peterborough and Niagara Falls.

Rock This City (Famous PEOPLE Players)

Until October, 2019

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!

Stratford Festival

Until November 3, 2019

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.

Come From Away (Mirvish Productions)

Until December 22, 2019, Elgin Theatre

www.mirvish.com

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!"

Shaw Festival

Until December 22, 2019

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.

JULY

Shakespeare in High Park (Canadian Stage)

July 4 to September 1, 2019, High Park Amphitheatre

www.canadianstage.com

Shakespeare in High Park, Canada's longest-running outdoor theatre experience, returns for its 37th season with two adaptations of the Bard's most popular and enduring works. The battle of sexes is on full display with a comedic tale of love and desire, Much Ado About Nothing, and the timeless story of morality and power, Measure For Measure.

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.

SEPTEMBER

Cirque du Soleil – Alegría

September 12 to December 1, 2019, Ontario Place

<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.

The Band's Visit (Mirvish Productions)

September 17 to October 20, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Canadian Premiere! Winner of 10 (2018) Tony® awards.

Spend an evening in the company of unforgettable strangers at The Band's Visit — now one of the most celebrated musicals ever. It rejoices in the way music brings us to life, brings us to laughter, brings us to tears, and ultimately, brings us together.

In an Israeli desert town where every day feels the same, something different is suddenly in the air. Dina, the local café owner, had long resigned her desires for romance to daydreaming about exotic films and music from her youth. When a band of Egyptian musicians shows up lost at her café, she and her fellow locals take them in for the night. Under the spell of the night sky, their lives intertwine in unexpected ways, and this once sleepy town begins to wake up.

Girl From The North Country (Mirvish Productions)

September 28 to November 24, 2019, Royal Alexandra Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Duluth, Minnesota. 1934. A community living on a knife-edge huddle together in the local guesthouse.

The owner, Nick, owes more money than he can ever repay, his wife Elizabeth is losing her mind, and their daughter Marianne is carrying a child no-one will account for. When a preacher selling bibles and a boxer looking for a comeback show up in the middle of the night, things start to spiral beyond the point of no return...

Award-winning playwright Conor McPherson beautifully weaves the iconic songbook of Bob Dylan into this powerful new show full of hope, heartbreak, and soul.

Piaf/Dietrich – A Legendary Affair (Mirvish Productions)

September 17 to December 8, 2019, CAA Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Based on a true story, Piaf/Dietrich is a musical drama that explores the intimate and entertaining portrait of a fascinating friendship between show business legends that began under the most unlikely of circumstances and lasted their entire lives.

The Book of Life (Canadian Stage)

September 17 to 29, 2019, Marilyn and Charles Baillie Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

WORLD PREMIERE

Odile Gakire (Kiki) Katese, director, author and humanitarian, has been honoured around the world for her use of art to heal and inspire. In this groundbreaking collaboration with Ross Manson, one of Canada's most celebrated directors, Katese takes the audience on a remarkable journey of resilience and imagination. At a time when our world is racked with disharmonies, hatreds and struggle, *The Book of Life* offers hope, unlocking trauma, and finding a humane way forward full of joy.

OCTOBER

un poyo rojo (Canadian Stage)

October 3 to 11, 2019, Marilyn and Charles Baillie Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

TORONTO PREMIERE

In an empty locker room, two men move effortlessly from wrestling to dance, acrobatics to physical comedy in this irresistible distortion of the expectations of manhood. Channelling the physical comedic genius of Charlie Chaplin, The Three Stooges and Abbott and Costello, this epic slapstick masterpiece is part dance battle, part seduction and a whole lot of fun!

Minorities (Canadian Stage)

October 17 to 27, 2019, Marilyn and Charles Baillie Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE

Yang Zhen gives a voice to the social condition of a new generation of ethnic minorities in China. Using dancers and performers from the Tibetan region, Inner Mongolia, the Uyghur Autonomous Region Xinjiang and Macao, as well as a Korean-Chinese dancer and an opera singer from Hunan Province, *Minorities* examines the constant conflict between social prejudice and artists need to express themselves and relate their identities to the world they live in. Dance, theatre, documentary material from Zhen's extensive travel experiences, and the performers' memories, form the basis of this interdisciplinary and immersive work of theatre.

Opera Atelier's Mozart Don Giovanni (Mirvish Productions)

October 31 to November 9, 2019, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Don't miss this outrageous comedy of an incorrigible young playboy who blazes a path to his own destruction in a single day. Firmly grounded in the tradition of the Italian Commedia dell'arte, this glittering new production took Toronto by storm in 2011.

Let's Run Away (Canadian Stage)

October 31 to November 17, 2019, Marilyn and Charles Baillie Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

WORLD PREMIERE

The dynamic duo of MacIvor and Brooks have created such seminal works as *Here Lies Henry*, *Monster*, *Cul-de-sac*, and *Who Killed Spalding Gray*. For their seventh collaboration, they chronicle the life of Peter. Finding his estranged mother's memoir after her death, the eccentric Peter reads aloud the story of his life as told sometimes

incorrectly by his mother. *Let's Run Away* is a touching story of love and abandonment, and Maclvor is glorious in this captivating solo performance.

NOVEMBER

Jingle All The Way (Famous PEOPLE Players)

November to December 2019

www.famouspeopleplayers.com

The ornaments are hung up, the tree is lit, and the JOY is here with jingle bells! A holiday musical production that will have your feeling the warmth inside your heart! Get ready to JINGLE all the way, as we Deck the Halls!

The Kingdom Choir (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

November 5 to 6, 2019

<http://www.tocentre.com/events/kingdom-choir>

The best known gospel choir in the world!

London's The Kingdom Choir are best known for their show-stopping performance at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. The group's performance of "Stand By Me," seen by a global audience of over two billion, instantly catapulted the choir to worldwide fame.

Their debut recording features 15 songs of love, hope, and inspiration, including heart-rending renditions of Beyonce's "Halo," John Legend's "All of Me," Stormzy's "Blinded by Your Grace Pt. 2," as well as their infamous take on "Stand by Me."

Spirit (Canadian Stage)

November 8 to 9, 2019, Bluma Appel Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

TORONTO PREMIERE

The internationally renowned Australian company, Bangarra Dance Theatre, infuses 65,000 years of Aboriginal and Torres Island culture with exhilarating contemporary movement. Weaving together storytelling, dance, theatre and music, this unforgettable theatrical experience transports the audience to a mysterious and sacred space to witness nature's poetry.

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.

Isango Ensemble – A Man of Good Hope (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

November 13 to 17, 2019

www.stlc.com

Award-winning South African theatre company Isango Ensemble has garnered worldwide acclaim for vibrant productions that reimagine the classics in inventive new

contexts. They stormed the world stage with thrilling productions that bring together music, dance, and theatre, all performed by a true ensemble cast.

Within Isango Ensemble's feast of music and dance there always runs a thread of fervent political commentary – *A Man of Good Hope* is no different. This story reflects current issues and political problems: refugees, xenophobia, and the violence of civil war; while the music imbues the viewer with “the resilience of humanity and the importance of hope.”

Taj Express: The Bollywood Musical Revue (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

November 23 to December 1, 2019

www.stlc.com

Taj Express: The Bollywood Musical Revue follows the story of one man's passion and another man's genius. Young composer Shankar struggles with his music, and it's only when he begins to follow in the footsteps of his idol that he discovers his path to success.

Cats (Mirvish Productions)

November 27, 2019 to January 5, 2020, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

CATS, the record-breaking musical spectacular by Andrew Lloyd Webber that has captivated audiences in over 30 countries and 15 languages, is now on tour across North America!

DECEMBER

Anastasia (Mirvish Productions)

December 3, 2019 to January 12, 2020, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Inspired by the beloved films, the romantic and adventure-filled new musical Anastasia is on a journey to Toronto at last!

From the Tony Award®-winning creators of the Broadway classic Ragtime, this dazzling show transports us from the twilight of the Russian Empire to the euphoria of Paris in the 1920s, as a brave young woman sets out to discover the mystery of her past. Pursued by a ruthless Soviet officer determined to silence her, Anya enlists the aid of a dashing conman and a lovable ex-aristocrat. Together, they embark on an epic adventure to help her find home, love, and family.

Bend It Like Beckham: The Musical (St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts)

December 7 to 13, 2019

www.stlc.com

NORTH AMERICAN PREMIERE!

Don't miss London's West-End hit musical, Bend It Like Beckham. Based on the smash-hit movie that launched the careers of Keira Knightley, Parminder Nagra, and Jonathan Rhys Meyers, both movie and musical are gloriously written by Gurinder Chadha. Set in West London, this feel-good musical comedy is about bending the rules to reach your goals.

The SpongeBob Musical (Sony Centre for the Performing Arts)

December 17 to 22, 2019

www.sonycentre.ca

“Wonders pour from the stage in a ravishing stream of color and invention” (Time Out New York) as Broadway's best creative minds reimagine and bring to life the beloved Nickelodeon series with humor, heart and pure theatricality in a neon-sparkly “party for the eyes and ears” (Daily Beast). Be there when SpongeBob and all of Bikini Bottom face catastrophe—until a most unexpected hero rises to take center stage. This “creative explosion” (Broadway.com) is “nothing short of genius” says Theatermania, so come to celebrate friendship and cooperation, and learn the power of unity and inclusion.

2020

JANUARY

Phantom of the Opera (Mirvish Productions)

January 8 to February 2, 2020, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Cameron Mackintosh's spectacular new production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's The Phantom Of The Opera will make a triumphant return to Toronto as part of its North American Tour. Critics are raving that this breathtaking production is “bigger and better than ever before” and features a brilliant new scenic design by Paul Brown, Tony Award®-winning original costume design by Maria Björnson, lighting design by Tony Award®-winner Paule Constable, new choreography by Scott Ambler, and new staging by director Laurence Connor. The beloved story and thrilling score will be performed by a cast and orchestra of 52, making this Phantom one of the largest productions now on tour.

Sweat (Canadian Stage)

January 14 to February 2, 2020, Marilyn and Charles Baillie Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

TORONTO PREMIERE

Winner of the 2017 Pulitzer Prize in Drama

For twenty years, a group of friends working at a steel mill decompress at the local bar. When rumors surface that the company is considering layoffs and flyers are hung to recruit non-union workers for less money, the war between community and capitalism begins and tensions start destroying not only jobs, but also relationships. Filled with heart and humour, Sweat is a searing examination of industrial decline, race, politics and friendship by one of the U.S.'s most decorated playwrights.

Caroline, or Change

January 31 to February 16, 2020, Winter Garden Theatre

<https://www.ticketking.com/shows/caroline-or-change>

Set against the tumultuous backdrop of the Kennedy assassination and the Civil Rights Movement, CAROLINE, OR CHANGE uses fantasy and reality to explore a story about ordinary people facing extraordinary change. With a musical score that blends blues, soul, gospel, classical and traditional Jewish melodies, this ‘modern masterpiece’ is a timely story of change for our socially-conscious world.

Featuring “Canada's Queen of R&B” Jully Black as Caroline, internationally renowned Canadian soprano Measha Brueggergosman as The Moon and an all-star Canadian cast, this is certain to be the must-see theatre event of the season.

FEBUARY

Us/Them (Mirvish Productions)

February 27 to March 15, 2020, CAA Theatre

www.mirvish.com

The brilliant, utterly compelling hit play *Us/Them* – a sell-out at the Edinburgh Fringe and London's National Theatre – tackles the Beslan school siege from the perspective of two wise, indomitable youngsters caught up in the tragedy.

In 2004 a group of terrorists stormed a school in Beslan, Russia, taking hundreds of children hostage. Three days later, many were left dead. By capturing this terrible event from the unfiltered point of view of children, playwright Carly Wijs has created something unexpected and revelatory: a wryly humorous, poignantly matter-of-fact piece of theatre about how the young deal with trauma, and what leads people to do the unthinkable.

Hamilton (Mirvish Productions)

Begins February 2020, Ed Mirvish Theatre

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.

Radical Vitality: Solos and Duets (Canadian Stage)

February 5 to 9, 2020, Bluma Appel Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

Mesmerizing. Shocking. Notorious. Sensual. Original. Marie Chouinard, one of Canada's most creative and controversial dancers and choreographers, delves into her company's vast repertoire to present reworked solo pieces and duets. Edgy, experimental and boundary-pushing, these dance miniatures reveal Chouinard's unique power and vision.

How to fail to as a popstar (Canadian Stage)

February 18 to March 1, 2020, Berkeley Upstairs Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

WORLD PREMIERE

Polaris Music Prize nominee, visual artist, filmmaker and superstar of the runaway bestsellers *She of the Mountains* and *I'm Afraid of Men*, Vivek Shraya is a cultural phenomenon.

Illuminating, raw, honest and hopeful, this debut theatrical work chronicles Vivek's journey to "not quite" pop music superstardom. A reflection on the power of pop culture, dreams, disappointments, and self-determination, this astonishing performance is a triumph in finding one's authentic voice.

AF (Canadian Stage)

February 18 to March 1, 2020, Marilyn and Charles Baillie Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

WORLD PREMIERE

A leader in contemporary Indigenous performance, Toronto's internationally renowned Red Sky Performance returns with a daring new work in physical theatre. AF casts an Indigenous lens on George Orwell's classic dystopian fable, Animal Farm. With the arrival of strange new creatures to Turtle Island, a new kind of wilderness and "monster" emerges as the struggle for power and domination begins.

MARCH

Hello, Dolly! (Mirvish Productions)

March to April 2020, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Canadian Premiere of the 2018 Tony® Award-winning Revival

After breaking box office records week after week and receiving unanimous raves on Broadway, this Hello, Dolly! is now coming to Toronto, paying tribute to the original work of legendary director/choreographer Gower Champion – hailed both then and now as one of the greatest stagings in musical theatre history.

APRIL

Room (Mirvish Productions)

April 4 to 26, 2020, CAA Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Emma Donoghue's bestselling novel Room has now been adapted as a new play with songs by Scottish songwriters Kathryn Joseph and Cora Bissett. Previously adapted by Donoghue for the screen, the film won Academy Awards®, Golden Globes and BAFTAs. Kidnapped as a teenage girl, Ma has been locked inside a purpose built room in her captor's garden for seven years. Her five year old son, Jack, has no concept of the world outside and happily exists inside Room with the help of Ma's games and his vivid imagination where objects like Rug, Lamp and TV are his only friends. But for Ma the time has come to escape and face their biggest challenge to date: the world outside Room.

Indecent (Mirvish Productions)

April to May 2020, CAA Theatre

www.mirvish.com

A play filled with music and dance, Indecent combines the high entertainment of theatre with the heartbreak of the loss of art and culture for an entire people. An ensemble of actors and musicians portray more than 40 roles in this riveting and richly theatrical backstage drama. "Brimming with good faith" (The New York Times), this enchanting Tony Award®-winning play is a testament to the transformative power of theatre that is timelier than ever before.

Hiromi (Toronto Centre for the Arts)

April 3, 2020

<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.

Always Still The Dawn (Canadian Stage)

April 7 to 26, 2020, Marilyn and Charles Baillie Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

WORLD PREMIERE

Award-winning playwright Susanna Fournier's work has been called ambitious, deeply intelligent and experimental. Following the rousing success of her critically acclaimed trilogy, *The Empire*, Fournier presents a double-bill of new plays, *All The Ways You Scare Me* and *Ghosts Of My House*.

Together, these rebellious works traverse the hilarity and heartbreak of women caught in the powerful interplay between the modern and the mythic - subverting everyday notions of family, addiction, connection and femininity.

Crypto (Canadian Stage)

April 22 to 26, 2020, Bluma Appel Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

TORONTO PREMIERE

Guillaume Côté, Principal Dancer and Choreographic Associate at The National Ballet of Canada, is one of the most electrifying and in-demand dancers of his generation. Côté is also an incisive multidisciplinary artist, celebrated for his choreographic talent displayed in the riveting and complex creations, *Frame By Frame* and *Le Petit Prince*. Featuring the music of Swedish composer Mikael Karlsson and infused with theatre and technology, Côté's latest cutting-edge contemporary dance creation is a ground-breaking work that explores forced displacement and the human need to control and transform beauty.

MAY

Kelly v. Kelly (Canadian Stage)

May 15 to June 7, 2020, Marilyn and Charles Baillie Theatre

www.canadianstage.com

WORLD PREMIERE

Inspired by true events from 1915 in New York, *KELLY v. KELLY* reveals the story of a mother and daughter divided by passion, money and what it means to be a woman at a time of huge societal change. When a 19-year-old heiress becomes tangled in an affair with a seductive tango dancer, her distraught mother has her arrested and charged with incorrigibility, sparking a court case that scandalizes the nation.

Featuring an electrifying musical score and mesmeric choreography, the inaugural production of *KELLY v. KELLY* will take you inside the imaginations of two of Canada's most celebrated musical theatre forces.

OCTOBER

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (Mirvish Productions)

Autumn 2020, Ed Mirvish Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Based on an original new story by J.K. Rowling, Jack Thorne and John Tiffany, *Harry Potter and the Cursed Child* is a new play by Jack Thorne. It is the eighth story in the Harry Potter series and the first official Harry Potter story to be presented on stage.

ONGOING

3rd Monday Nights Free (Royal Ontario Museum)

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/whats-on/3rd-monday-nights>

Free admission. Extended hours. On the 3rd Monday Night of each month and enjoy free admission from 5:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the ROM. With complimentary access and extended hours, visitors are invited to explore art, culture, and nature in the Museum's 40 permanent galleries.

Daphne Cockwell Gallery dedicated to First Peoples art & culture (Royal Ontario Museum)

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/galleries/world-cultures/daphne-cockwell-gallery-dedicated-to-first-peoples-art-culture>

This gallery of Indigenous history, stories, culture and artwork is accessible via our Weston Queen's Park entrance and is **free to all guests during regular opening hours**.

Spadina Museum: The Mansion Next to the Castle

<http://www.toronto.ca/museums>

Located next door to Toronto's Casa Loma, experience a guided tour of Spadina Museum, a faithfully restored 1920s mansion. Explored six acres of curated gardens on your own.

The Birthplace of Urban Toronto (Fort York National Historic Site)

<http://www.toronto.ca/museums>

Visit Toronto's founding landscape and the site of the Battle of York and the United States attack in 1813. Enjoy the new award-winning Visitor Centre with its immersive exhibits and orientation film. You'll also enjoy a full-service guided tour of the fort's 1812 buildings, and learn more about the establishment of the Fort and the founding of York (now Toronto) in 1793. There will also be an opportunity to get snacks and souvenirs in the Fort's Canteen and take photos with Toronto's iconic skyline in the background.

Lightning Tour (Fort York National Historic Site)

<http://www.toronto.ca/museums>

Visit Toronto's founding landscape and the site of the Battle of York and the United States attack in 1813. As part of this lightning tour, you'll get to visit the Fort, get snacks and souvenirs in the Canteen, and take photos with Toronto's iconic skyline in the background.

From Riots to Respectability: The Irish Experience in Toronto in the 1800s (Mackenzie House)

<http://www.toronto.ca/museums>

On a two hour walk located steps from the Eaton Centre, explore 19th-century Toronto through the eyes of Irish immigrants driven from their home by famine and sectarian violence. The Irish brought dramatic change in Toronto's politics and populations. Learn about the Irish journalists, mayors, rebels and rioters who helped create our great city. Finish at Mackenzie House for hot apple cider & cookies.

Art Vault Tour & Tea (The Market Gallery)

<http://www.toronto.ca/museums>

Join us for a tour of the City of Toronto's Fine Art Collection, featuring paintings and prints collected since the 1850s. Your tour will be followed by afternoon tea in The Market Kitchen.

**program subject availability of the Market Kitchen.*

Old Fashioned Pub Night (Montgomery's Inn)

<http://www.toronto.ca/museums>

Book an old fashioned Pub Night at Montgomery's Inn and step into 1840! Dress the part or use our props to make history with Instagram memories. Then join the costumed staff for hearth-cooked stew in the barroom, and enjoy traditional music in a fabulous historic atmosphere.

Friday Night Jazz (Ripley's Aquarium of Canada)

<https://www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada/groups-events/jazz/>

You're invited to an underwater musical adventure in the heart of downtown Toronto. Join us on the second Friday of every month from 7-11 PM for live jazz music by a local band paired with cash bars throughout the galleries.

ON NOW

Launch of carefully-crafted 3-hour bike tours (Fitz Tours)

<https://toronto.fitz.tours>

After 10 years of operations under the Fitz & Follwell brand in Montreal, Fitz's much-loved and top-rated authentic take on urban discovery experiences have landed in Toronto. Fitz specializes in immersing travellers to the neighbourhoods of a city by way of easy-going guided bicycle tours. The routes offer a mix of must-see sights and off-the-beaten-path gems, and the guides use stories to share the history, culture, and local lifestyle of the city. Fitz Tours operate daily out of the Annex neighbourhood, use high-quality, comfortable, and stylish bikes, and keep groups sizes small for a more intimate experience. Fitz enables travellers to see more in less time in an active way.

Taste of Little Tokyo Tour

Tour offered year round

eatingthroughto.com/foodtours

Come and enjoy the diversity of savoury, crunchy, and sweet that all contribute to Japanese cuisine. Your guide will take you through Little Tokyo for Japanese curry, octopus balls, fried chicken, matcha desserts, and heavenly Japanese cheesecake. End the tour in an Izakaya bar for a drink and some traditional snacks - if by some miracle you aren't full, you can stay and snack the evening away! Tour includes a knowledgeable guide, 5+ Little Tokyo restaurant stops, Japanese beer or sake, and enough food to feel "full". Duration: 2h

Yayoi Kusama INFINITY MIRRORED ROOM - LET'S SURVIVE FOREVER (Art Gallery of Ontario)

www.ago.ca

INFINITY MIRRORED ROOM - LET'S SURVIVE FOREVER features mirrored spheres suspended from the ceiling and arranged on the floor. A mirrored column inside the room invites visitors to peer into a seemingly infinite field of silver orbs.

Chef Scott's Maritime Lobster Suppers (Toronto Food Tours)

Select dates, 6 p.m., St. Lawrence Market

<https://www.tofoodtours.com/food-tours/chef-scotts-maritime-lobster-suppers/>

Enjoy a four-course traditional Maritime lobster dinner in historical St. Lawrence Market. Join Chef Scott of Toronto Food Tours as he teams up with St. Lawrence Market to bring you a traditional East Coast Kitchen Party. An unforgettable culinary experience awaits you in a 216-year-old historical public market, named "Best Food Market in the World" by National Geographic.

Escape Manor

<https://www.escapemanor.com/toronto>

Take your guests on a fun and interactive rollercoaster of emotion! Escape Manor is Toronto's hottest new destination for uniquely immersive interactive entertainment. Challenge your wits in our award-winning themed escape rooms, throw axes in the manor armoury or simply enjoy interactive puzzles, brain teasers and games in our beautifully decorated lounge. The Manor bar stars craft beer, classic cocktails and fine wine. Lite bites, group menus and snacks are also available. Come join the 650,000+ ecstatic guests we've locked up so far!

St. Lawrence Market Food Tour

Tour offered year round (as market operations permit)

eatingthroughto.com/foodtours

Amidst the brick buildings of Toronto's "Old Town" just east of the city centre, lies the St. Lawrence Market - a world class market that is not to be missed by locals and visitors alike. Offering a mix of international cuisines, it is our mission to guide you to the best Canadian dishes and fresh, local ingredients. Sample famous butter tarts, pea meal bacon sandwiches, a spicy caesar, and so much more. Be sure to come hungry! Tour includes a local Foodie guide, 7+ dishes to try, caesar cocktail (or alternative), a historical walk of Toronto's Old Town. Duration: 3h

Canada's Wonderland – NEW RIDE

www.canadaswonderland.com

Canada's Wonderland, Canada's premier amusement park, is situated in Vaughan, Ontario and is home to more than 200 attractions, including 17 rollercoasters, and the 20-acre Splash Works. New for 2019, take a ride on the world's tallest, fastest and longest dive coaster, Yukon Striker, and be immersed in a winter wonderland during the new holiday event WinterFest. The park features two family-friendly areas, with more than 25 rides and attractions for kids and meet and greets with the Peanuts Gang. Live shows, special events and street festival entertainment will excite families, food lovers, thrill seekers and guests of all ages all summer long!

Niagara Vintage Wine Tours – NEW TOUR

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

"Do you like wine, cider, whiskey, and beer? Well then we have some exciting news for you! Niagara Vintage Wine Tours is now offering a tour experience that caters to all Niagara travelers. Get a true variety of different tastes only found in Niagara-on-the-lake while visiting Wayne Gretzky's Distillery, following tastings at a local craft brewery, cidery and winery. Oh and we can't forget about your stop for lunch featuring a variety of gourmet Stone Oven pizza options, while sipping on a glass of wine and beautiful vineyard views. Welcome to the world of wine, cider, whiskey and craft beer!"

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

Until 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 or call 416-646-4671.

Janet Nungnik (McMichael Canadian Art Collection)

Until August 25, 2019

www.mcmichael.com

One of Canada's most beloved folk artists, Maud Lewis (1903–1970) is known for her brightly-coloured paintings of rural Nova Scotia. Working from her cabin on the side of a highway, she produced hundreds of small works that captured the rapidly-changing aspects of country life. This exhibition will emphasize the aesthetics of Lewis' achievement, looking carefully at her serial repetition of images and motifs across her career, and the dizzying variety that she brings to the problem of picture making.

Brian Jungen (Art Gallery of Ontario)

Until August 25, 2019

www.ago.ca

This exhibition invites a new way of looking at Brian Jungen's internationally acclaimed art practice, including the first-ever presentation of the artist's archive that offers the viewer insight into his unique method of art production.

Wild Encounters (Toronto Zoo)

Until September 2, 2019

www.torontozoo.com

For those of you who have been waiting for the chance to go behind the scenes and get up close to the animals in our care, watch for our new Wild Encounters program starting in May. You will be able to visit areas where our world class Wildlife Care staff work and have an experience with giraffes, tigers, polar bears, penguins and more! Stay tuned for details and check out

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

Until 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.

Louie Palu: Distant Early Warning (McMichael Canadian Art Collection)

Until September 2, 2019

www.mcmichael.com

Louie Palu's (b. 1968, Toronto) project documents the vestigial legacies of the Cold War and the increased military presence in the Arctic today. The changes in the region are exacerbated by the many unknowns the Arctic faces, among them the warming of the planet. Taken as a whole, this series of photographs examines the growing geopolitical tensions and changing life around Inuit communities in one of the planet's most extreme and challenging places. Louie Palu's work was supported by funding from the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, National Geographic Magazine and Pulitzer Centre.

In the Age of Rembrandt: Dutch Paintings from the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston (Royal Ontario Museum)

Until September 15, 2019

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/in-the-age-of-rembrandt-dutch-paintings-from-the-museum-of-fine>

Discover the Dutch Golden Age with an exceptional collection of 70 powerful paintings, including works from world-renowned artists Rembrandt, Frans Hals, Jan Steen, and Jacob van Ruisdael. From detailed still lifes, humorous genre scenes and striking portraits to impressive landscapes, cityscapes, and architectural paintings, *In the Age of Rembrandt* presents artworks that capture life in the Dutch Republic.

Itee Pootoogook: Hymns to the Silence (McMichael Canadian Art Collection)

Until September 22, 2019

www.mcmichael.com

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is pleased to present a retrospective of over 80 drawings and ephemera by Itee Pootoogook (1951–2014) as part of an ongoing analysis of the careers of contemporary Inuit trailblazers. One of the key members of the third-generation of Inuit artists from Kinngait (Cape Dorset), Pootoogook contributed to the transformation and reshaping of the creative traditions that were successfully pioneered in the second half of the 20th century by members of the West Baffin Eskimo Cooperative at Kinngait Studios. This exhibition is curated by Dr. Nancy Campbell.

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

(Royal Ontario Museum)

Until September 29, 2019

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.

Go Tours Canada – NEW Tour

Until September 2019, Ontario Place

www.gotourscanada.com

After a training session on how to use the Segway PT, you will get to experience the best of this amazing waterfront park and paths that make up the east and west islands of **Ontario Place**. This is your opportunity to share a special experience with friends and family and rediscover the waterfront. Your tour guide will showcase the iconic places that make the park unique, including the Cinesphere, Trillium Park, lookout points, and more. While on tour, we'll point out some history and spectacular photo opportunities of Toronto's skyline!

Kangaroo Walk-Thru (Toronto Zoo)

Until October 14, 2019

www.torontozoo.com

The Toronto Zoo's Kangaroo Walk-Thru is reopening this summer! The walk-thru exhibit was temporarily closed to the public in 2013 for the opening of the Giant Panda Experience, but this much-loved habitat will re-open to Zoo visitors this summer – walk through the kangaroo's outdoor habitat and say hello to Western grey kangaroos, Bennett's and swamp wallabies too!

Janet Nungnik: Revelations (McMichael Canadian Art Collection)

Until November 10, 2019

www.mcmichael.com

Delight in radiantly coloured textile works that celebrate life in the North.

Washed Ashore – Art to Save the Sea (Toronto Zoo)

Until November 2019

www.torontozoo.com

You won't want to miss Toronto Zoo's feature exhibit for 2019, Washed Ashore – Art to Save the Sea. This installation will open May Long Weekend and includes 10 larger than life sculptures of aquatic animals created entirely from plastic and other debris gathered from the ocean. This powerful display will educate guests about the impact plastic pollution has on our oceans and waterways, and aims to spark change in people's everyday lives.

Maud Lewis (McMichael Canadian Art Collection)

Until January 5, 2020

www.mcmichael.com

One of Canada's most beloved folk artists, she is celebrated for her brightly coloured, endearing paintings of rural Nova Scotia.

9 & 99: The Howe • Gretzky Exhibition (Hockey Hall of Fame)

Until March 2020

<https://www.hhof.com/htmlNewsPromo/promo9and99.shtml>

Never seen before. Never seen again.

An exhibition unlike any other, paying homage to the most prolific scorers of our generations. Witness the greatest compilation of milestone artifacts and rare personal memorabilia, all hand-picked by Hockey Hall of Fame curators from the Howe and Gretzky family collections. Revel in the legacy and indelible bond of 'Mr. Hockey' and 'The Great One'.

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

Until March 30, 2020

<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.

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.

AUGUST

Breeders' Stakes (Woodbine Racetrack)

August 17, 2019

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

Victorian Gothic at Mackenzie House

September 1 to December 31, 2019

www.toronto.ca/museums

From Dracula and Frankenstein to the fear of being buried alive and the fetish of post-mortem photos, take this interactive tour that surveys the Victorian fascination with death.

Parkdale guided walking tour – NEW (Art Insite)

Fall 2019, Available year round by appointment

<http://www.artinsite.com>

Parkdale has hit critical mass as the newest locus of Toronto's multicultural mix married with downtown arts-savvy. Beginning in the fall of 2019, we will be offering on-demand guided walking tours of west end Parkdale. Come see how Parkdale epitomizes Toronto's constant creative reinvention via hip bar and food spots (Vegandale, Little Tibet, local + Newfoundland + Nordic + Latin cuisine,) influential galleries (Black Artists Network in Dialogue), indie boutiques (magic-meets-Harry Potter at Curiosa) and historic buildings such as the former Parkdale Cinema (now Toronto Designers Market).

Haunted High Park: An Evening Ghost Walk Tour (Colborne Lodge)

September 15 to October 31, 2019

www.toronto.ca/museums

Enter Toronto's High Park after dark and discover the chilling legends and ghostly tales that have been spooking visitors for decades. A costumed guide will share these secrets as they lead the group through this amazing green space.

23rd Woodbine Mile (Woodbine Racetrack)

September 14 to 15, 2019

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.

The Way She Looks: A History of Female Gazes in African Portraiture. Photographs from The Walther Collection (Ryerson Image Centre)

September 11 – December 8, 2019

<https://ryersonimagecentre.ca/exhibition/the-way-she-looks-a-history-of-female-gazes-in-african-portraiture/>

Drawn from the extraordinary holdings of The Walther Collection, *The Way She Looks* revisits the history of African photographic portraiture through the perspectives of women, both as sitters and photographers. Spanning the beginnings of colonial photography on the continent to the present day, the exhibition features contemporary works by female artists, including Yto Barrada, Jodi Bieber, Lebohang Kganye, Zanele Muholi, Grace Ndiritu, and Nontsikelelo "Lolo" Veleko alongside 1950s studio portraits by such important historical figures as Malick Sidibé and Seydou Keïta, and nineteenth-century prints, *cartes de visite*, postcards, and albums.

Robert Houle: Histories (McMichael Canadian Art Collection)

September 14, 2019 to January 26, 2020

www.mcmichael.com

Maria Chapdelaine Dates: Winter 2019 – 2020 Among the treasures of the McMichael Canadian Art Collection is a group of 54 jewel-like miniatures by the artist Clarence Gagnon (1881–1942). Completed in the early 1930s, this group of work was made for what is arguably the most famous illustrated book by a Canadian artist: *Maria Chapdelaine*, a novel written by the French novelist Louis Hémon (1880–1913) and published in 1933. Due to conservation concerns, these artworks can now be only displayed once every three years, and the McMichael is pleased to announce that they will be on view in the winter of 2019.

Octo-berfest at the Aquarium (Ripley's Aquarium of Canada)

Friday, September 27, 2019. 8pm-12am

<https://www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada/>

Splash into Octo-berfest (19+) on Friday, September 27th at Ripley's Aquarium of Canada! Raise your stein and enjoy live music, entertainment, and craft beer from local breweries. Prost! Save the date. Tickets on sale soon.

OCTOBER

Fall High Tea (York Durham Heritage Railway)

October 4, 2019

www.ydhr.ca

What's more beautiful than riding in a historic train, with fresh linen tablecloths decorated with a traditional high tea lunch. Musicians playing softly in the background, and the autumn colours all around you, it will be an afternoon to remember. From the beautiful fresh flowers on the table, to the homemade delights to enjoy, this event promises to be one of the best yet!

Fall Celebrations (York Durham Heritage Railway)

October 5-6 & 12-13, 2019

www.ydhr.ca

If you enjoy the fall season, what better way to appreciate all it has to offer than from the comfort of a classic heated 1950's heritage car. The train travels through the [Oak Ridges Moraine](#), Enjoy the beautiful forests, bushes, and captivating fall colours (all depending on Mother Nature of course). The trains run between the Uxbridge station and Goodwood. On-board entertainment for the entire family is for all to enjoy.

Canadian International (Woodbine Racetrack)

October 12, 2019

www.woodbine.com/experiences

Canadian International is a Grade 1 stakes race for thoroughbred racehorses featuring a star-stacked 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.

Into the Light: The Art of Lionel LeMoine FitzGerald (McMichael Canadian Art Collection)

October 12, 2019 to April 5, 2020

www.mcmichael.com

Into the Light: The Art of Lionel LeMoine FitzGerald, is a comprehensive and diverse examination of the lasting impact of Lionel LeMoine FitzGerald (1890–1956), the last member to join the Group of Seven, and the only member to live in Western Canada. Co-curated by McMichael Chief Curator Sarah Milroy and Executive Director Ian A.C. DeJardin, the exhibition will present more than 200 paintings, drawings and prints in partnership with the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

Early Rubens (Art Gallery of Ontario)

October 12, 2019 to January 5, 2020

www.ago.ca

Peter Paul Rubens (1577–1640) was a gutsy entrepreneur, a diplomat, a city-builder and an ingenious self-promoter. He's also one of most the renowned painters in Western art

– widely recognized for his dynamic, even cinematic, style. *Early Rubens* is a revealing exhibition of works the Flemish master produced between 1609 and 1621, a crucial time that marks Rubens's rise to prominence on the world stage.

Frightful Friday (York Durham Heritage Railway)

October 25, 2019

www.ydhr.ca

The first of many, Frightful Friday Evening Halloween Dinner Trains. Come dressed in your favorite Halloween costume. Be ready to have our "spooky conductors, and servers greet you a Spooktacular welcome". Come ready to hear our eerie tale aboard our 2 hour+ train ride, dance the night away in our doors open ghostly baggage car, and enjoy spookish alcoholic beverages. This event is sure to sell out- so get your seats early.

Dark Waters: Halloween at the Aquarium (Ripley's Aquarium of Canada)

Friday, October 25, 2019, 8pm-12am

<https://www.ripleyaquariums.com/canada/>

Celebrate Halloween (19+) at the Aquarium on Friday, October 25th. There's something lurking in the deep so tread water lightly. Save the date. Tickets on sale soon.

NOVEMBER

Bloodsuckers: Legends to Leeches (Royal Ontario Museum)

November 16, 2019 to March 29, 2020

<https://www.rom.on.ca/en/exhibitions-galleries/exhibitions/bloodsuckers-legends-to-leeches>

Sink your teeth into Bloodsuckers: Legends to Leeches and explore the intricacies, evolution, and interconnected world of blood-feeding organisms, and the myths, legends and pop culture they have influenced around the world and across time.

A Roaring Twenties Christmas (Spadina Museum)

November 19, 2019 to January 5, 2020

www.toronto.ca/museums

Experience a 1920s Christmas on a guided tour of Spadina. Festive holly wreaths, garlands of evergreens and mistletoe adorn the house. In the kitchen visitors will enjoy holiday treats made from original recipes and sip mulled cider.

Holiday Candlelight Tour (Spadina Museum)

Evenings, November 19, 2019 to January 5, 2020

www.toronto.ca/museums

Experience the magic of the season with a candlelight tour of Spadina museum. See the lavish 55-room mansion fully decorated for the holidays, just as it was in the 1920s. An experienced guide will lead you through this rare opportunity to explore the house by night.

Victorian Christmas in Urban Toronto (Mackenzie House)

November 26, 2019 to January 5, 2020

www.toronto.ca/museums

Experience the magic of a Victorian Christmas in an 1859 row-house. Escape the hustle and bustle while you enjoy mulled cider and biscuits in the warmth of the historic kitchen. Discover how families celebrated Christmas in 19th century Toronto as you tour the decorated house.

Polar Express (York Durham Heritage Railway)

November 22 to December 22, 2019

www.ydhr.ca

JOURNEY TO THE NORTH POLE! Join us for this magical trip where York-Durham Heritage Railway will be providing service to the North Pole onboard THE POLAR EXPRESS™ Train Ride this holiday season. Set to the sounds of the motion picture soundtrack, with singers and dancers, passengers will relive the magic of the story as they are whisked away on THE POLAR EXPRESS™. Once onboard, hot chocolate and treats are served as passengers read along with the classic children's book, The Polar Express, by Chris Van Allsburg. Pajamas for children of all ages is encouraged!

DECEMBER

Lumina Night Walk Experience (Toronto Zoo)

www.torontozoo.com

The Toronto Zoo is bringing a world-class Lumina Night Walk experience to the Zoo in Winter 2019! The one-of-a-kind Lumina Night Walk experience is an outdoor immersive multimedia experience to be created by Montreal based company Moment Factory. The Lumina Night Walk brand ties in perfectly with the Toronto Zoo experience of touching hearts of the guest by creating magical moments that inspire guests to make positive change to help the environment. Guests will be led through the experience with the use of interactive displays, light, sound, scenography, music and video projection.

2020

Toronto's Authentic Winter Experience (Fort York National Historic Site)

January 2 to February 17, 2020

www.toronto.ca/museums

Enjoy an authentic winter experience at Toronto's Fort York and learn more about the founding of Toronto. Warm-up and purchase snacks and souvenirs in the Fort's Canteen, visit the new award winning Visitor Centre, and bring your skates (or rent on-site) and trace Toronto's original shoreline on The Bentway skate trail.

The Bentway, which is part of Fort York National Historic Site, is a unique and innovative public space that transforms 1.75km underneath Toronto's Gardiner Expressway into a new gathering place for our city's growing population. Visit www.bentway.ca for hours of operation and more.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATES

Fairmont Royal York, Toronto

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

Bringing vintage glamour and charm to Fairmont Royal York's new lobby, the modern space sets a bold and stylish tone for its new lounge, CLOCKWORK Champagne & Cocktails. The design pays homage to the golden age of railway exploration and was driven by the train and railroads that first brought the city's busy travelers to the hotel. New York-based Rockwell Group designed the space, carefully weaving in the concept of time and movement through a constellation clock that rotates within a night sky-inspired glass panel, and extravagant Pullman car style banquettes. Bringing

new life to the timeless lobby at Fairmont Royal York, CLOCKWORK is serving up a bubbly new cocktail offering, along with tasteful metropolitan fare on small plates.

SoHo Metropolitan Hotel and Residences

<http://www.metropolitan.com/soho>

A major renovation is well underway at The SoHo Hotel!

Full renovation in all Guestrooms and Suites! Newly renovated Fitness Facility with the latest in exercise equipment & private steam room!

Montreal's famous Moretti Restaurant & Caffe will open its flagship Toronto location at the SoHo hotel (2019) and will provide exclusive catering services for all our Meetings & Events!

The Westin Harbour Castle

<http://www.westinharbourcastletoronto.com>

Try an immersive cardio experience of Peloton bikes as a guest of The Westin Harbour Castle, Toronto. They now have two Peloton bikes at the WestinWORKOUT Fitness studio. Not into working out? No problem, the hotel has partnered with many local businesses to provide their guests with the best experience possible and great discounts (15-25%). Experience child nostalgia at HideseeK, explore the city by bike with Pedal Toronto or History in Motion tours, find your favourite dish or wine with New World Wine Tours or relax your mind at the modern meditation space in downtown Toronto – Hoame. The Westin Harbour Castle is conveniently located on the waterfront which will allow you to easily join in city festivals and fairs like Redpath Waterfront Festival and CNE.

DINING / NIGHTLIFE

Chelsea Patio (Chelsea Hotel, Toronto)

<http://www.chelseatoronto.com/en/eat-drink/chelsea-patio>

Make Chelsea Patio your go-to this season. A hidden oasis in the heart of downtown with \$6 drink features Monday to Thursday; life really is better on the patio. Aside from drink features, the patio offers a selection of wine, beer and cocktails. Chelsea Patio is conveniently connected to Market Garden (restaurant), where guests can choose from a variety of grab-and-go food items. In partnership with the Downtown Yonge BIA's [Play the Parks](#) summer concert series, Chelsea Patio will feature two free concerts:

Lindsay Brohan, Thursday, July 18, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and Stereoflavour, Thursday, August 15, 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Hot House Restaurant & Bar

<https://www.hothouserestaurant.com>

To celebrate their 25th anniversary, the Hot House Restaurant & Bar has undergone a significant renovation to its restaurant and patio. The restaurant boasts brand new décor, a fully functioning boardroom with Wi-Fi, HD screen and whiteboard, and a signature plant wall. HOTHOUSE's summer menu features international flavours and the restaurant will host events.

Table Rock Centre Redevelopment (Niagara Parks)

www.niagaraparks.com

Currently Table Rock Centre is in phase one of a three-year redevelopment plan that will see extensive renovations to the entire facility. The first phase, which will be completed for May 2019, includes full-scale renovations of Table Rock Shop and the lower pedestrian concourse along with the much-anticipated return of historic Table

Rock House Restaurant. This spectacular new space has been redesigned from the ground-up to maximize the number of tables with unobstructed views of the falls, and features a delicious locally sourced menu, showcasing the flavours of the Niagara region in both the ingredients and the bar menu, which offers a wide selection of Niagara VQA wine and craft beer.

Pétros 82 (Hotel X Toronto)

www.hotelx.com

Hotel X Toronto will be adding a seventh distinct dining destination to its restaurants and lounges in late summer 2019. Experience Pétros 82, an eclectic Mediterranean inspired fine dining restaurant featuring fresh seafood dishes, a raw seafood bar with hand shucked oysters and ceviche's, and unique selections highlighting Mediterranean cuisine. Pétros 82 will offer three private dining rooms, an outdoor patio and will be the perfect setting to enjoy an upscale meal, fine wine and fantastic views of Lake Ontario. Reflecting the hotel's dedication to sustainability, the restaurant is focused on providing flavourful all-natural dishes, farmed fresh and sourced locally.

SPECIAL SERVICES

GO Transit – Niagara ↔ Toronto

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.

Niagara Airbus

www.niagaraairbus.com

Daily Frequent Connections between, Toronto Airport, Toronto Hotels and Niagara Region Hotels. Hotel Pickup times 7 days per week:

- From Niagara Hotels to Toronto Hotels – 9:30 am, 12:00 noon, 6:00 PM
- From Toronto Hotels to Niagara Region Hotels - 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:30 PM

Vaughan Mills

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.*

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

<https://www.citypass.com/toronto>

CityPASS ticket booklets save 34% 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: \$92 CAD; \$63 CAD children ages 4-12.

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

SPECIAL EVENTS AND FESTIVALS

JULY

Canada Day –July 1-- www.toronto.ca/special_events

Canada Day in Mississauga –July 1-- www.mississauga.ca

Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival –July 3 - 14 -- <http://fringetoronto.com/>

Toronto Caribbean Carnival – July 3 - August 5 -- <https://torontocarnival.ca/>

Taste of Lawrence Festival –July 5 - 7 -- <http://www.wexfordbia.ca/events/taste-of-lawrence>

Beaches International Jazz Festival – July 5 - 28 -- www.beachesjazz.com

Salsa on St. Clair – July 6 - 7 -- www.salsaintoronto.com
Toronto Summer Music Festival – July 11 - August 3 -- www.torontosummermusic.com
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition – July 12 - 14 -- www.torontooutdoorart.org
Honda Indy Toronto – July 12 - 14 -- www.hondaindytoronto.com
Carabram, Brampton’s Multicultural Festival – July 12 - 14-- <http://www.carabram.org>
Summerlicious – TBD -- <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/summerlicious/>
Afrofest – TBD -- <http://afrofest.ca/>
Toronto’s Festival of Beer – July 26 - 28 -- 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
Tennis Canada’s: Roger’s Cup presented by National Bank (Women’s) – August 3 - 11 --
www.rogerscup.com
Summer Works Performance Festival – August 8 - 18 -- <http://summerworks.ca>
Roundhouse Craft Beer Festival – TBD -- <http://www.craftbeerfest.ca>
JerkFest – Jerk Food Festival – August 9 - 11 -- www.jerkfestival.ca
Taste of the Danforth – TBD -- <http://tasteofthedanforth.com>
Canadian National Exhibition – August 16 - September 2 -- www.theex.com
Fan Expo Canada – August 22 -25 -- www.fanexpocanada.com
Toronto Chinatown Festival – August 24 - 25 -- <http://www.chinatownbia.com/eventsnews/toronto-chinatown-festival/>
Toronto International Buskerfest – August 30 – September 2 -- <http://torontobuskerfest.com/>
Hispanic Fiesta –TBD -- www.hispanicfiesta.com

SEPTEMBER

Toronto International Film Festival – September 5 -15 -- www.tiff.net
Tim Horton’s Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival – September 6 -8 -- www.southsideshuffle.com
Taste of the Kingsway Festival – September 6 - 8 -- <http://thekingsway.ca/events/taste-of-the-kingsway/>
The Toronto 5K – September 28 -- www.runtoronto.com
Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival –September 13 - 15 -- www.ukrainianfestival.com
Toronto Garlic Festival – September 15 -- <http://www.torontogarlicfestival.ca>
Toronto Just for Laughs Festival – September 19 - 28 -- <http://www.jfl42.com>
Toronto Biennial of Art – September 21 – December 2019 -- <https://torontobiennial.org/>
Queen West Art Crawl –September 21 - 22 -- www.queenwestartcrawl.com
The Word on the Street – September 21 - 22 -- www.thewordonthestreet.ca
Toronto Oktoberfest – September 26 - 28-- www.torontooktoberfest.ca**OCTOBER**
Toronto Chocolate Festival –Entire Month -- www.torontochocolatefestival.com
Scotiabank Nuit Blanche – October 5 -- <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/nuit-blanche-toronto/>
Planet in Focus Environmental Film Festival – October 15 - 20 -- www.planetinfocus.org
Creativ Festival (Fall Show) – October 17 - 19-- www.csnf.com
imagineNATIVE Film & Media Arts Festival – October 22 - 27-- www.imagenative.org
Toronto International Festival of Authors – October 24- November 3-- www.ifoa.org
Toronto Soup Festival – October 20- 21 -- <http://www.soupfestival.ca>
Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon – October 20 --www.torontowaterfrontmarathon.com/
Canada’s Walk of Fame Festival – TBD -- www.canadaswalkoffame.com
Art Toronto – October 25 - 27 -- www.tiafair.com
Halloween on Church – October 31-- www.churchwellesleyvillage.ca

NOVEMBER

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair – November 1 - 10 -- www.royalfair.org

The National Women's Show – November 15 - 17 -- <http://www.nationalwomenshow.com>

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

Santa Claus Parade – November 17 -- www.thesantaclausparade.ca

One of a Kind Winter Craft Show & Sale – November 21 - December 1 -- www.oneofakindshow.com

Cavalcade of Lights – November 30 -- <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/>

DECEMBER

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

TOUR PLANNING RESOURCES AT TOURISM TORONTO

Tourism Toronto's International Websites:

Japanese	www.seetorontonow.jp
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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.

All Canadian, All in Toronto

Here's your [primer](#) to 150 quintessentially Canuck people, places and things (plus experiences, happenings and flavours!) and where to enjoy them in Canada's Downtown: Toronto.

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/>