

WHAT'S NEW TORONTO

2020 NEW PRODUCT GUIDE
QUARTER 1



Let Yourself In to

CANADA'S DOWNTOWN

PERFORMING ARTS

ON NOW

The Second City Toronto

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

The Second City is renowned as the world's premier comedy theatre, with critically-acclaimed live improv and sketch comedy shows on stage every night. Enjoy a night of laughs and up-to-the-minute satire from the legendary comedy troupe that inspired Saturday Night Live, SCTV, and Whose Line Is It Anyway! The Second City's list of alumni include entertainment legends such as Martin Short, Eugene Levy, Gilda Radner, John Candy, Andrea Martin, Mike Myers, Colin Mochrie, and many more. Tickets start as low as \$20, making The Second City the best entertainment value in Toronto. Located in the heart of Toronto's Entertainment District, The Second City's intimate cabaret theatre also offers table service of an affordable bar and food menu.

The Second City **will move into an all new space late 2020**. The third floor of One York Street along the waterfront will be home to three comedy theatres and increased classroom space for The Second City's improv classes.

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.

Mysteriously Yours...Mystery Dinner Theatre

www.mysteriouslyYours.ca

Saturday evenings, Chelsea Hotel

Select Wednesdays, Old Mill Toronto

The intrigue begins when you meet some colourful characters as you finish your mouth-watering meal. The plot thickens when somebody you've just met... dies! A detective

leads the investigation. The suspects are spread throughout the room, sitting right at the tables with you. So, you get to participate and see if you can solve whodunit?!

Rose Theatre Brampton

www.rosetheatre.ca

Rose Theatre is a beautiful and intimate 860-seat venue located a short drive from Toronto in historic downtown Brampton. Enjoy Broadway, theatre, concerts, dance and fantastic family entertainment year-round. Parking is always free on show nights.

Symphony at the Castle (Casa Loma)

Tuesday evenings, 7 p.m.

<https://casaloma.ca/project/symphony-at-the-castle/>

Every Tuesday evening, enjoy the stunning sounds of the Casa Loma Symphony Orchestra in the Great Hall. Led by Maestro Paolo Busato.

Castle open late until 9pm on Tuesdays. General admission rates apply.

Tickets can be purchased onsite upon arrival or in advance online.

Seating first come, first served and is not guaranteed.

Come From Away (Mirvish Productions)

Until September 6, 2020, Royal Alexandra 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!"

Jesus Hopped the 'A' Train (Soulpepper)

Until February 23, 2020, Young Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto's Distillery Historic District

<https://www.soulpepper.ca/performances/peter-pan/7432>

When justice locks you up, what sets you free? Gripping from start to finish, two notorious men await trial for murder, only to discover justice and goodness where it is least expected. Pulitzer Prize-winner Stephen Adly Guirgis delivers an uncompromising drama about contradiction, contrition, and hypocrisy.

A Rockin' Good Time (Famous PEOPLE Players)

Until May 30, 2020

www.famouspeopleplayers.com

When has Famous PEOPLE Players ever left you in the Dark? This time you'll be guessing where we are and what comes next.

As our most award winning numbers take you back to the Good Old Days from Swing, Jive, to Rock and Roll, as you Twist and Shout.

It is "A Rockin' Good Time" as Happy Days Are Here Again!

JANUARY

Caroline, or Change

January 30 to February 15, 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

Radical Vitality: Solos and Duets (Canadian Stage + TO Live)

February 5 to 9, 2020, St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts

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.

Hamilton (Mirvish Productions)

February 11 to May 17, 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.

Quiana Lynell (TO Live)

February 15, 2020, Meridian Arts Centre (formerly Toronto Centre for the Arts)

www.tolive.com

Winner of the prestigious Sarah Vaughan International Jazz Vocal Competition Award, New Orleans-based vocalist extraordinaire Quiana Lynell was born in Texas and raised on Gospel. A feast of soul, gospel, R&B, groove, and jazz, her Concord Jazz debut album A Little Love blooms with songs about searching, trying times, buoyant love, deep reflection, and social action. A Little Love is a heady collection of A-list material associated with Sarah Vaughan, Nina Simone, Chaka Khan, Duke Ellington, Ray Charles and New Orleans soul queen Irma Thomas. The album concludes with a contemporary anthem, "Sing Out, March On," composed by Joshua Campbell and featuring four generations of Lynell's gospel-singing family.

Part of Jazz at the George.

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.

Skyfall in Concert (TO Live and Attila Glatz Concert Productions)

February 21 & 22, 2020, Meridian Hall (formerly Sony Centre)

<http://www.tolive.com>

Daniel Craig returns as the legendary secret agent in the franchise's most successful film to date!

Now you will be able to experience composer Thomas Newman's BAFTA-winning original score performed live by Motion Pictures Symphony Orchestra in sync to the picture!

Directed by Sam Mendes, *Skyfall* pits 007 against the ruthless cyberterrorist and former British agent Silva (Javier Bardem), and the action takes him from a thrilling chase across the rooftops of Istanbul to the violent underworld of Macau, and ultimately to the streets of London and the very heart of MI6 itself.

His pursuit of the villainous Silva leads to an epic showdown at Skyfall Lodge, Bond's remote family estate in the Scottish highlands. Judi Dench returns as M, and *Skyfall* introduces two beloved Bond characters: Q (Ben Whishaw), and Eve Moneypenny (Naomie Harris). Film Concerts Live! is proud to present *Skyfall in Concert*, the second installment in the James Bond Concert Series, produced in association with EON Productions and Metro Goldwyn Mayer Studios (MGM).

Riverdance 25 (Mirvish Productions)

February 25 to March 1, 2020, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Riverdance, as you've never seen it before! A powerful and stirring reinvention of this beloved favorite, celebrated the world over for its Grammy award-winning score and the thrilling energy and passion of its Irish and international dance. Twenty-five years on, composer Bill Whelan has rerecorded his mesmerizing soundtrack while producer Moya Doherty and director John McColgan have completely reimagined the ground-breaking show with innovative and spectacular lighting, projection, stage and costume

designs. Immerse yourself in the extraordinary power and grace of its music and dance—beloved by fans of all ages. Fall in love with the magic of *Riverdance* all over again.

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.

Drum Tao 2020 (TO Live)

February 27, 2020, Meridian Hall (formerly Sony Centre)

<http://www.tolive.com>

Drum Tao's modern, high-energy performances showcasing the ancient art of Japanese drumming have transfixed audiences worldwide. Combining highly physical, large-scale drumming with contemporary costumes, precise choreography, and innovative visuals, the performers of DRUM TAO 2020 create an energetic and unforgettable production.

MARCH

Socalled Sings Di Frosh (TO Live)

March 3, 2020, Meridian Arts Centre (formerly Toronto Centre for the Arts)

<http://www.tolive.com>

"A theatrical musical mastermind" – Now Magazine

This new program of songs arranged for string quartet is Josh "Socalled" Dolgin's attempt to present some of the most incredible songs of this most incredible of repertoire: songs from the Yiddish Theatre, art songs, Hassidic melodies, Klezmer, folksong, songs from the Holocaust, from Israel, and even some original songs written by masters of the genre for Di Frosh.

Socalled performs with Montreal-based Warhol Dervish: an unorthodox chamber music collective, gathering together some of the most interesting and creative musicians in Canada.

Summer (Mirvish Productions)

March 10 to 22, 2020, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

She was a girl from Boston with a voice from heaven, who shot through the stars from gospel choir to dance floor diva. But what the world didn't know was how Donna Summer risked it all to break through barriers, becoming the icon of an era and the inspiration for every music diva who followed.

Summer: The Donna Summer Musical takes us through Donna Summer's tumultuous life, tempestuous loves and mega-watt musical hits. Spend the night in her electrifying universe.

God is a Scottish Drag Queen (Mirvish Productions)

March 20 to 22, 2020, CAA Theatre

www.mirvish.com

God, dressed in a floral power suit, comes down to set the record straight and expound on everything from Adam & Eve to Star Wars in a hilarious, irreverent and unforgettable two act comedy of biblical proportions.

A 3 time 'Canadian Comedy Award' nominee and 22 time 'Best of the Fest' award winner, God has broken ticket sale records at festivals across the continent with audiences waiting more than 10 hours in line to get tickets.

Nederlands Dans Theater – NDT1 (TO Live)

March 21, 2020, Meridian Hall (formerly Sony Centre)

<http://www.tolive.com>

Nederlands Dans Theater (NDT) is one of the world's leading contemporary dance companies, under the artistic guidance of choreographer Paul Lightfoot. The programme performed by NDT 1 will feature The Statement by NDT's associate choreographer Crystal Pite, VLADIMIR by Hofesh Shechter, and Singulière Odyssee by NDT's house choreographers Sol León and Paul Lightfoot.

Six Guitars (Mirvish Productions)

March 24 to 29, 2020, CAA Theatre

www.mirvish.com

6 Guitars is a pitch perfect blend of music, comedy and characters. A single performer portrays 6 different guitar playing characters each sharing their own style of music.

The Seagull (Soulpepper)

March 26 to April 22, 2020, Young Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto's Distillery Historic District

<https://www.soulpepper.ca/performances/the-seagull/7625>

The stage is set for a little family drama. Unrequited love. Creative jealousy. Guns. Vodka. Art. A summer weekend at a lakeside estate falls apart when celebrities come to visit. Switching effortlessly between the ridiculous and the profound, this masterpiece of the modern era examines the burning need to create art and the destructive power of love.

The Boy Friend (Mirvish Productions)

March 29 to May 3, 2020, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Sandy Wilson's all-singing all-dancing love letter to 1920s musical comedies comes to Toronto direct from a critically acclaimed, sell-out season at the prolific Menier Chocolate Factory in London and prior to a West End transfer. Set in Madame Dubonnet's finishing school in the south of France, perfect young ladies burst into song at the least provocation, and forbidden boy friends are forever popping through the French windows to sing and dance with them. Since its premiere in 1953, this light-hearted soufflé of a show has delighted audiences worldwide and has become one of the most well-loved British musicals of all time.

The Boy Friend will star beloved stage and screen actor **Kelsey Grammer** as Lord Brockhurst, making his Canadian stage debut in this new production.

APRIL

Shaw Festival

April 2 to December 23, 2020

www.shawfest.com

The perfect intermission from life! Nestled in historic Niagara-on-the-Lake in the heart of Niagara wine country, the Shaw Festival's 2020 Season features 13 plays in three theatres from April 2 to December 23 including Gypsy, the iconic Sondheim musical, Bernard Shaw's *The Devil's Disciple*, Sherlock Holmes and *The Raven's Curse* as well as the comedy *Charley's Aunt*. Plus, for the Holiday Season, Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* and *Me and My Girl*.

Uptown Moves: Dances with Trane & DJ Andy Williams (TO Live & DanceWorks)

April 2 to 4, 2020, Meridian Arts Centre (formerly Toronto Centre for the Arts)

<http://www.tolive.com>

In this exciting co-presentation with DanceWorks, Toronto's Holla Jazz performs its world premiere *Dances with Trane*, set to live John Coltrane music. The double-bill show opens with legendary Montreal composer/DJ Andy Williams setting the mood by spinning Coltrane-era tracks. Profound, moving and electrifying jazz dance and music for the soul! The performance weekend includes a post-show artist talk, and a Dance Night Out premium ticket that includes the performance and an after-party featuring danceable jazz beats and soul food catering.

Hiromi (TO Live)

April 3, 2020, Meridian Arts Centre (formerly Toronto Centre for the Arts)

<http://www.tolive.com>

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.

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.

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 + TO Live)

April 22 to 26, 2020 | St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts

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 groundbreaking work that explores forced displacement and the human need to control and transform beauty.

MAY

Canada's Wonderland – New attraction

Opens May 2020

www.canadaswonderland.com

Take adventure to new heights at Canada's Wonderland in 2020 at Mountain Bay Cliffs, a multi-level cliff jumping attraction, and soar to the skies in Beagle Brigade Airfield, an exciting airplane ride for children. Mountain Bay Cliffs will be a thrill unlike any other in Splash Works, our 20-acre water park. And Beagle Brigade Airfield is the latest of fun, kid-friendly rides offered in Planet Snoopy and KidZville.

Indecent (Mirvish Productions)

May 5 to 24, 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.

Miss Saigon (Mirvish Productions)

May 5 to 24, 2020, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Experience the acclaimed new production of the legendary musical *Miss Saigon*, from the creators of *Les Misérables*. This is the epic story of a young Vietnamese woman named Kim. In a bar run by a notorious character called The Engineer, Kim meets an American G.I. just before the fall of Saigon.

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.

The Ex-Boyfriend Yard Sale (Soulpepper)

May 19 to June 7, 2020, Young Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto's Distillery Historic District

<https://www.soulpepper.ca/performances/the-ex-boyfriend-yard-sale/7634>

"How can we turn sentimental value into cold, hard cash?"

Haley McGee was on the phone with Visa, promising to pay off her bill by having a yard sale, when she realised the only things she could sell were gifts from her exes. Inspired by this call, *The Ex-Boyfriend Yard Sale* is a hilarious and daring show about the cost of love... or what love costs us. Following the success of *I'm Doing This for You* (2017) Haley returns to Soulpepper with a critically-acclaimed show that has sold out runs in London and Toronto.

The Simon & Garfunkel Story (Mirvish Productions)

May 26 to June 7, 2020, CAA Theatre

www.mirvish.com

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

Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ Part 1 in Concert (TO Live & Attila Glatz Concert Productions)

May 29 to 31, 2020, Meridian Hall (formerly Sony Centre)

<http://www.tolive.com>

Featuring the Toronto Symphony Orchestra

Harry's last year at Hogwarts™ is here, part one of the epic finale *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows™ in Concert!* Experience the loss and the love of this series' finish all over again as Harry and his friends rush to face the Dark Lord Voldemort™ for the last time. With the full film set to a live symphony orchestra, the final battle for Hogwarts™ School of Witchcraft and Wizardry has never been so emotional.

Uptown Moves: Nova Dance & Parul Shah (TO Live + Nova Dance)

May 30, 2020, Meridian Arts Centre (formerly Toronto Centre for the Arts)

<http://www.tolive.com>

Uptown Moves features a dance double-bill with new ground-breaking work by Parul Shah Dance Company of New York and Nova Dance of Toronto. Both choreographers draw from classical Indian sources to create moving contemporary works that pay homage to and celebrate the strength of women.

The performance weekend includes a Bharatanatyam-based dance workshop with a member of Nova Dance, pre-show and post-show artist talks with Nova Dance, and a

Dance Night Out premium ticket that includes the dance performances, a screening of Sharada Ramanathan's acclaimed classical Indian dance documentary Natyanubhava, and dinner catered by Little India.

JUNE

Shufflin' on Broadway! (Famous PEOPLE Players)

June 11 to November 7, 2020

www.famouspeopleplayers.com

Fasten your seatbelt, you are the WINNER, you just got a ticket to the Tony's! It is opening night on Broadway, the Marquee is lit up - To the Best of the Broadway hits! The Drum Roll is heard, the curtain rises, and the host of the Tony Awards steps into the spotlight and introduces a tribute to your favourite shows that ran, or are running on Broadway. Watch as illumination meets imagination, as gigantic puppets and props come to life under black light.

Les Misérables (Mirvish Productions)

June 16 to August 23, 2020, Princess of Wales Theatre

www.mirvish.com

Les Misérables tells an unforgettable story of heartbreak, passion, and the resilience of the human spirit in a breathtaking new production.

This epic and uplifting story has become one of the most celebrated musicals in theatrical history. With its glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimaged scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo, this breathtaking new production has left both audiences and critics awestruck, hailed as the "Les Miz for the 21st Century."

Draw Me Close (Soulpepper)

June 23 to July 12, 2020, Young Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto's Distillery Historic District

<https://www.soulpepper.ca/performances/draw-me-close/7646>

A NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA AND NATIONAL THEATRE OF GREAT BRITAIN CO-PRODUCTION. PRESENTED BY SOULPEPPER AND THE NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA After captivating imaginations around the globe, this pioneering work makes its **North American Premiere.**

Draw Me Close blurs the worlds of live performance, virtual reality and animation to create a vivid memoir about the relationship between a mother and her son, in the wake of her terminal cancer diagnosis. Weaving theatrical storytelling with cutting-edge technology, the performance allows the audience member to take the part of the protagonist, Jordan, inside a live, animated world.

Note: This is a one-hour individual immersive experience, available in a series of timed admission slots. For assistance in booking consecutive admission slots, please call the Box Office: 416-866-8666.

AUGUST

M. Butterfly (Soulpepper)

August 13 to September 9, 2020, Young Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto's Distillery Historic District

<https://www.soulpepper.ca/performances/m-butterfly/7627>

Love can transform you. Puccini's opera is turned upside down when a married French diplomat meets a mysterious Chinese opera singer. Based on the remarkable true love

story of international espionage and personal betrayal, the result is a modern classic that blurs boundaries while redefining the nature of love and the devastating cost of deceit.

OCTOBER

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child (Mirvish Productions)

Begins October 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.

ATTRACTIONS/EXHIBITIONS/EVENTS/TOURS

ONGOING

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**.

See Sight Tours

<https://seesight-tours.com/>

"See Sight Tours is expanding its offerings from small-group day tours to include airport transfer services and multi-day experiences in select locations where we currently operate. Each multi-day experience includes: airport pick up/drop off, accommodations, day tours in multiple cities, transportation between each city (provided by a guide or VIA Rail) and a guide to meet guests upon arrival in each city. Airport transfer services are available for Buffalo Niagara and Toronto Pearson International Airports (Billy Bishop coming soon). Multi-day tours will be available starting Spring 2020 and will operate between Niagara Falls (Canada), Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal."

Rolling Hops Historic Craft Beer Tours

www.rollinghopsbeertours.com

Rolling Hops Beer Tours are designed to provide our guests with more than just a beer tour but a one of a kind craft beer experience! We have 3 tours available going through the East End, West End and Junction Neighbourhoods of Toronto.

We are structured as a walking craft beer tour to fully experience the culture of these hidden gem neighborhoods in Toronto.

As we walk through the streets you will experience historical highlights of the city's origins, how it has changed and significant developments that pertain to the history of each area. When we visit each craft brewery along the way you will learn about the rich history of each brewer, their story, the beer they make and how they brew it. If you're a big fan of craft beer or experiencing it for the first time, our tours will surely have something for you to enjoy. So come along with us on a historical craft beer adventure you will never forget!

ON NOW

Winter packages and flights to Muskoka (FlyGTA Airlines)

www.flygta.com

City Escape coming right up! Flights from downtown Toronto's Billy Bishop Airport to Muskoka all winter long. Enjoy a beverage, the views, and your entire weekend away in Muskoka. FLYGTA operates flights and offers packages to "Stay&Play"! We will do all the booking for your next weekend getaway.

Best of TO Private Food Tour - *NEW - by night option* (Eating Through T.O.)

Year-round, Daily, [6pm](#)

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

Simply the best, most diverse, and customizable eating tour offered in Toronto - now offered under the glow of the evening lights! Hop in our private luxury SUV to see the sights of Toronto while enjoying the best eats the city has to offer. Your guide will take you not only to see some of the city's most famous locations, but also show you unique ethnic pockets of the city, local hangouts, and some well-hidden gems. This is the perfect way to start your trip, get a feel for the city, and get local suggestions on food, drink, and all things Toronto.

Niagara Parks – Redevelopment

www.niagaraparks.com

A multi-phase redevelopment project at Niagara Parks promises an all-new and unforgettable guest experience across its shopping, culinary and attraction offerings. The grand re-opening of the iconic Table Rock House Restaurant at the brink of the Horseshoe Falls showcases the Niagara region's best flavours complemented by one of the world's most unrivalled views. A new Table Rock Market will feature a modern, market-style design offering an array of locally sourced, quick serve food options. In addition, guests can find keepsakes produced by local artisans at the renovated Table Rock Shop. The ongoing project is also revamping the world-renowned Journey Behind the Falls experience that will offer guests an opportunity to enjoy this signature attraction in a whole new way.

Hornblower Niagara Cruises - ALL NEW!

Hornblower will operate for its 7th season from May - November 2020

www.niagaracruises.com

Hornblower Niagara Cruises is excited to announce the second season of its Funicular Incline Railway. In 2019, the Hornblower Niagara Funicular transported over 1 million visitors to and from the Hornblower Landing in the Niagara Gorge. All Voyage to the Falls Boat Tour ticket purchases made on Hornblower's website and mobile app include admission to the 50-passenger Funicular and a flex cruise time valid within 7 days of the selected tour date to plan your visit around the weather and other travel plans. Make more memories in Niagara Falls, Canada.

Taste of Little Taipei (Eating Through T.O.)

First Saturday of every month, [2pm](#)

<https://eatingthroughto.com/taste-of-little-taipei/>

Your Eating Through TO guide will take you down the Yonge St. corridor from Bloor to Dundas into a food hub of Taiwanese snacks, tea houses, and noodle shops reminiscent of Taipei. Taiwanese Beef noodle, gua baos, soup dumplings, shaved ice, Taiwanese fried chicken, and bubble tea shops can all be found in this little section of

Toronto, with not only the taste but the feel one of Asia's most famous foodie destinations.

Lightfest Tasting Tour (Go Tours Canada)

Until March 1, 2020

www.gotourscanada.com

Brighten up those dark winter nights with a tour and tasting experience of the 2020 Toronto light festival. The tour starts with a hot beverage and a guide will take you around the streets of the Distillery District to explore the fascinating artworks of light by artists from Canada and around the world. Guests will warm up with spirit tastings, and samples from a local chocolate factory and brewery. It is the perfect reason to get out and celebrate the season!

Buzz Tours

www.buzztours.com

Visiting Toronto during the winter? Don't let the weather hold you back from taking a tour. See the city, using PATH, Toronto's Underground City. See many of the great sites of the city while staying warm. This tour takes you from site to site underground. A unique and warm way of seeing Toronto in the winter. Tours operate 6 days a week until March 31.

Twenty Valley Finest Wine Tour (Niagara Airbus)

www.niagaraairbus.com

Pickup and drop off at Downtown Toronto Hotels and Niagara Region Hotels
20 year history of Creekside Estate winery with tour and tastings of both Red and White Wines. Visit historical Cave Spring Winery for tastings of red and white wines
3 course lunch at Inn on the Twenty featuring delicious cuisine inspired by Niagara's Bounty. Free time in Jordan Village to explore the unique boutiques and welcoming art galleries Finish your tour at Kacaba Vineyards located on the Niagara Escarpment Bench and enjoy their signature Ice Wine.

Niagara Falls Day Trip with Wine & Historic Sightseeing (New World Wine Tours)

Year-round, Daily, [9am-6pm](#)

<https://newworldwinetours.com/niagara-wine-falls-historic-sightseeing>

New World Wine Tours has designed the perfect day trip for those who wish to see, do, and taste all things Niagara in one day. With pick-up and drop-off from downtown Toronto, you'll travel in comfort to the stunning Niagara Region. Coffee in hand, water, and snacks – you'll see the falls up close in a boat ride, visit beautiful Niagara-on-the-Lake, and taste premium wines & other local fare. We have you taken care of.

Wine Tasting with CMS Sommelier (New World Wine Tours)

Wednesdays thru Sundays, [6pm](#), Saponi Wine Bar

<https://newworldwinetours.com/wine-tasting-with-cms-sommelier>

Great for tourists and locals alike, New World Wine Tours brings the wine region to Toronto. Immerse yourself in a full-sensory wine tasting experience in the cellar of a hip local wine bar on Dundas West. You'll taste wine alongside a spread of Canadian cheese + house-cured charcuterie. Learn how to taste like a professional, using a grid that will help you identify notable aspects of wine. Able to host large groups for Ontario and International wine tasting, Charcuterie Workshops, and Team Building events.

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

Until 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.

Ekow Nimako – Building Black: Civilizations (Aga Khan Museum)

Until February 23, 2020

www.agakhanmuseum.org

Enter an enchanted realm of small-scale LEGO® sculptures, featuring rogue queens, intrepid desert caravans, and terrifying Saharan scorpions. Contemporary Ghanaian-Canadian artist Ekow Nimako channels Africa's remarkable history and the continent's powerful future in this Afrofuturist exhibition, featuring nine striking sculptures made with dramatic detail. The tenth and final sculpture in the series opens in mid-November, and is the biggest piece the artist has ever attempted. Measuring 30 square feet, it imagines a utopian African city in the year 3020.

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.

Terra Lumina: An Enchanted Night Walk into a Bright Future (Toronto Zoo)

Open Until April 13, 2020

www.torontozoo.com/terralumina

Terra Lumina is the eleventh unique experience created in [Moment Factory's](#) Lumina night walk series. After nightfall at the Toronto Zoo this winter, you are invited to pursue an immersive experience along a 1.5 km walking path that travels into the future and back.

Terra Lumina is an outdoor experience, and will take place rain or shine (or snow!) Please note that animals are not visible during your Terra Lumina experience.

Life of the Earth | Death of the Sun (Ontario Science Centre)

Special Installation

Until April 2020

www.OntarioScienceCentre.ca

Immerse yourself in this massive multimedia work by Canadian contemporary artist Director X, renowned director/producer of popular music videos and feature films. Displayed on a giant sphere, *Life of the Earth* is a reflection on humanity, environmental destruction and the planet's sixth and current mass extinction of plant and animal life. *Death of the Sun*, which premiered at Nuit Blanche 2016, is a meditation on human mortality and our place in the Universe, portraying the death of the star that sustains us.

Dinosaurs in Motion Exhibition (Ontario Science Centre)

Until April 2020

www.OntarioScienceCentre.ca

In this unique, new exhibition, dinosaurs are the medium for educating and exciting multi-generational families on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts & Mathematics) concepts. *Dinosaurs in Motion* educates the visitor by using 14 magnificent, fully interactive, recycled metal dinosaur sculptures with exposed mechanics inspired by actual fossils. The exhibition theme captivates the visitor by drawing them into the powerful "brand" of dinosaurs, while creating a unique opportunity to teach and interact with the basic principles of STEAM. A truly interactive, engaging and fun STEAM exhibition for all ages!

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

Until September 7, 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'.

MindWorks - Special Exhibition (Ontario Science Centre)

Until Fall 2020

www.OntarioScienceCentre.ca

Explore how you think at our new MindWorks exhibition. Take an unforgettable journey through your own mind and question how you think, feel, and react to the world around you. Explore topics such as consciousness, decision-making, emotions, creativity, personality and much more. This exhibition will spark moments of mindfulness, challenging you and your students to question yourselves and discover answers through hands-on experiences.

MindWorks is a new exhibition developed and produced in-house at the Ontario Science Centre.

Knowledge Partner: *Ontario Brain Institute*

Volcanoes: The Fires of Creation (Ontario Science Centre/ Shoppers Drug Mart®

OMNIMAX® Theatre)

Until Fall 2020

www.OntarioScienceCentre.ca

Experience a tale of science, culture and thrilling adventure. Earth is a planet born of fire. For billions of years, volcanoes have helped create the world we know—the

continents, the air we breathe and all life on Earth. With over 500 active volcanoes, the Earth is bursting at the seams with forces that create extraordinary ecosystems and wildlife habitats. Join intrepid explorer Carsten Peter as he dodges boulders at the edge of an active volcano in Indonesia. Descend to a lava lake in Vanuatu and visit the incredible mineral deposit fields in Ethiopia. Travel across the globe to see the archaeological ghost town of Pompeii. Witness the devastating effects of the recent Kilauea eruption in Hawaii. Audiences will be on the edge of their seats as they discover molten worlds and exploding craters in this adrenaline-filled film.

An SK Films Release of a Digital Crossing Films Production in Association with The Giant Dome Theater Consortium.

JANUARY

A Handful of Dust: From the Cosmic to the Domestic (Ryerson Image Centre)

January 22 to April 5, 2020

ryersonimagecentre.ca

A Handful of Dust features a selection of modern and contemporary images from the last 100 years, focusing on the visual representation of dust in photography, both as an element of the everyday and as poetic allegory. Demonstrating photography's ability to highlight quotidian details of life through the unlikeliest imagery, the exhibition touches on a wide range of subjects, including aerial reconnaissance, the American dustbowl, Mussolini's final car journey, and the wars in Iraq. *A Handful of Dust* showcases photographic works by renowned artists Man Ray, Marcel Duchamp, Walker Evans, Sophie Ristelhueber, Xavier Ribas, Jeff Wall, and many others, alongside anonymous press photographs, postcards, magazine spreads, and films.

Extending the Frame: 40 Years of Gallery TPW (Ryerson Image Centre)

January 22 to April 5, 2020

www.ryersonimagecentre.ca

Extending the Frame: 40 Years of Gallery TPW celebrates 40 years of exhibitions and programs at Gallery TPW, the artist-run centre founded in 1977 as a platform for contemporary photography in Toronto. Drawing on archival materials from the Art Gallery of Ontario and artworks from the collection of the Ryerson Image Centre, the exhibition and accompanying publication highlight the gallery's role in advocating for the cultural recognition of the medium in Canada.

Nir Evron: A Free Moment (Ryerson Image Centre)

January 22 to April 5, 2020

www.ryersonimagecentre.ca

Israeli artist Nir Evron's film *A Free Moment* (2011) draws together political history and formal exploration. Shot in the abandoned shell of the never-completed Jordanian Summer Palace in East Jerusalem, this four-minute film reveals a dizzying perspective on the structure's concrete bulk and the city sprawling beneath it. Though silent and restrained, *A Free Moment* suggests that long-ago political conflicts can have persistent influence, disorienting lives and altering the meaning of public spaces far into the future.

"A Like Vision": The Group of Seven at 100 (McMichael Canadian Art Collection)

January 25, 2020 to Spring 2021

<https://mcmichael.com/event/group-of-seven-100/>

In commemoration of the centenary of the Group of Seven's first exhibition in 1920, the McMichael Canadian Art Collection will mount a landmark exhibition of the group's finest pieces from the McMichael's permanent collection. Entitled "A Like Vision": *The Group of Seven at 100*, this historic exhibition opens January 25, 2020 and runs through December 2020. "A Like Vision" spans more than 280 artworks and includes beloved masterpieces by every member of the Group of the Seven.

FEBRUARY

Kids Free on Family Day (Hockey Hall of Fame)

Monday, February 17, 2020, 10:00am - 5:00pm

<https://www.hhof.com/htmlNewsPromo/promo.shtml#famJam>

Kids receive VIP status this Family Day at the Hockey Hall of Fame — along with receiving **FREE ADMISSION***, they'll be greeted with a **FREE GIFT**, get to **PLAY** all day within our five interactive zones, and can snap a **PHOTO** with our mascot Slapshot, and of course the Stanley Cup! Cap off the visit with a **FREE KIDS MEAL** at The Bottom Line Restaurant, located steps from the Hall.

*Up to a maximum of 4 youth (13yrs & under) will be admitted FREE with the purchase of one regular price adult admission. Full Family Day promotion details online.

Illusions: The Art of Magic (Art Gallery of Ontario)

February 22 to May 17, 2020

www.ago.net

Illusions: The Art of Magic will feature more than 55 colourful and stylized posters from the Allan Slaight Collection of the McCord Museum, Montreal, alongside photographs, films, documents and ephemera.

Illusions: The Art of Magic introduces visitors to leading magicians of the time, including famous escape artist Harry Houdini; Adelaide Herrmann, the only female magician of her time to perform the "bullet catch"; and William Ellsworth Robinson, an American magician who went by the stage name Chung Ling Soo. The exhibition was originally curated by Christian Vachon, Curator, Paintings, Prints and Drawings, at the McCord Museum and guest-curated by Toronto magician and historian David Ben.

Back from the Brink: Saved from Extinction (Ontario Science Centre/ Shoppers Drug Mart® OMNIMAX® Theatre)

February 23 to Fall 2020

www.OntarioScienceCentre.ca

Experience this amazing true story of three animal species whose numbers recently dwindled to near extinction, but were rescued from the brink: California's enchanting Channel Island Fox, China's fabled Golden Monkey and the wondrous migrating giant red crabs of Christmas Island, off the coast of Australia. Narrated by Clare Danes, this family-friendly film has a run time of 40 minutes.

MARCH

Shipwrecks (Ripley's Aquarium of Canada)

March 2020 to January 2022

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

Coming in March 2020, Ripley's Aquarium of Canada brings you "Shipwrecks"; an exciting exhibit featuring unique species and stories from around the world and the mysteries of what lies in the wreckage beneath the surface of the water. Explore the

fresh waters of the Great Lakes and the legacy of the Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald while learning about invasive species and its' impact on our greatest, fresh water source. Be amazed by the discovery and exploration of the HMS Erebus and HMS Terror hidden below the icy depths of the Arctic for over 170 years. Travel to the Mediterranean and discover the ancient history of the Uluburun Shipwreck or visit the waters of the Indo Pacific region to experience unique and colourful species from the area such as the Peacock Mantis Shrimp and Bobtail Squid.

Winnie-the-Pooh: Exploring a Classic (Royal Ontario Museum)

March 7 to June 28, 2020

www.rom.on.ca

Experience the timeless and universal appeal of one of the most adored fictional characters of all time – Winnie-the-Pooh — in this immersive and playful exhibition. Kids and grown ups of all ages are invited to discover and rediscover the magical world of this much-loved bear and his friends from the Hundred Acre Wood.

Featuring interactive activities and larger-than-life environments, this exhibition will make you fall in love again with these thoughtful characters and delight in their resourcefulness while appreciating the universal themes of cooperation, friendship and tolerance that they embody. Showcasing original sketches, manuscripts, letters, photographs and memorabilia, *Winnie-the Pooh* brings to life the story behind the creative partnership of author A.A. Milne and illustrator E.H. Shepard. Finally, have your own Heritage Minute and find out how a black bear from Winnipeg inspired the honey-loving, yellow-furred bear of very little brain, exclusively at the ROM, the only Canadian stop on the tour.

APRIL

The Cloth that Changed the World: India's Painted and Printed Cottons (Royal Ontario Museum)

April 4 to September 27, 2020

www.rom.on.ca

Made with novel cotton, vivid colours and exuberant design, the painted and printed cottons of India changed human history; they revolutionized art, fashion and science wherever they went around the globe. Featuring pieces from the Museum's world-renowned collection, and several important international loans, this ROM original exhibition explores how over thousands of years India's artisans have created, perfected and innovated these printed and painted multicoloured cotton fabrics to fashion the body, honour divinities, and beautify palaces and homes.

Group EdgeWalk Bookings (CN Tower)

Opens April 6, 2020

www.cntower.ca

Just in time for the new season of EdgeWalk we are pleased to offer bookings for Group based EdgeWalks. Bringing a group to Toronto and want to offer them the experience of a lifetime? Now you can with EdgeWalk! EdgeWalk is the CN Tower's most thrilling attraction in its history, and the first of its kind in North America. It is the World's highest full circle hands-free walk encircling the top of the Tower's main pod located at 356m/1168ft or 116 storeys above the ground. To book contact groupsales@cntower.ca or 416-601-4707

MAY

Egyptian Mummies: Ancient Lives. New Discoveries (Royal Ontario Museum)

May 16 to September 7, 2020

www.rom.on.ca

Mummies have captured our imagination throughout time. Uncover the secrets of six mummified individuals from ancient Egypt in this compelling exhibition from the British Museum. Using the latest technology explore how these people lived along the Nile and what happened to them after they died.

Egyptian Mummies: Ancient Lives. New Discoveries. presents unique insights into six mummies spanning 900 BCE to CE 180 including a priest's daughter, a temple singer and a young child. Combining CT scans, digital visualizations and the latest research, this exhibition offers a fascinating glimpse into these ancient lives. Each mummy has a story to tell.

JUNE

Picasso: Painting the Blue Period (Art Gallery of Ontario)

June 27 to September 20, 2020

www.ago.net

Curated by Dr. Susan Behrends Frank of The Phillips Collection and Kenneth Brummel, the AGO's Associate Curator of Modern Art, Picasso: Painting the Blue Period will include approximately 70 works of art by Picasso as well as a selection of works by other artists that the young Spaniard would have known and studied. Featuring major international loans from private collections and public institutions in North America, Europe, Japan and Israel, this is the first exhibition on Picasso's Blue Period to be mounted in Canada.

Uninvited - Canadian Women Artists in the Modern Moment (McMichael Canadian Art Collection)

June 27 to October 18, 2020

<https://mcmichael.com/event/uninvited/>

Uninvited: Canadian Women Artists in the Modern Moment is a major exhibition of Canadian women artists that coincides with, and offers commentary on, the centenary celebration of the Group of Seven. The exhibition will gather more than 200 pieces of art by a generation of extraordinary women painters, photographers, sculptors, architects and filmmakers from a century ago — pioneers who opened new frontiers for women artists in Canada – as well as works made by their Indigenous female contemporaries working in traditional media, for a cross-country snapshot of female creativity in this dynamic modern moment.

Little Canada – New Attraction

Summer 2020

www.little-canada.ca

This summer, come experience all things little and uniquely Canadian. Little Canada will take you on a journey of discovery through our country's captivating vistas, iconic cityscapes, famous landmarks and little stories in tiny scale. It's a place for everyone, tourist and residents alike, to experience Canada and all it has to offer under one roof. At its core, Little Canada is a celebration of the wonders, stories and values that make Canada special and a place that will unleash your childlike sense of wonder and

curiosity. Opening in the heart of downtown Toronto at 10 Dundas East, Little Canada promises to take you on an adventure unlike any other to a vast land with a small town feel.

2021

Andy Warhol (Art Gallery of Ontario)

Opens March 21, 2021

www.ago.ca

Organized by Tate Modern, London, in collaboration with the AGO and Dallas Museum of Art, the exhibition Andy Warhol spans four decades of artmaking, including early drawings, iconic images of Marilyn Monroe, experimental films, an installation of his floating Silver Clouds (1966) and the large-scale canvas Christ \$9.98 (positive) (1986) from Munich's Museum Brandhorst.

ACCOMMODATION UPDATES

Hazelton Hotel – Renovation project

www.thehazeltonhotel.com

The Hazelton Hotel is an oasis of luxury and boutique situated in the heart of Yorkville, Toronto's most upscale neighborhood. It opened its doors in 2008 with a vision of bringing international luxury to Toronto and ever since has established itself as one of the city's treasured landmarks where fashion, art and luxury collide. The Hazelton continues to pursue this vision and recently marked a milestone with an exciting transformation project which is underway until early summer 2020. This stimulating project is led by the original design firm Yabu Pushelberg and will focus on re-envisioning the guestrooms, lobby, Spa by Valmont and Mark McEwan's signature ONE Restaurant.

Omni King Edward Hotel – New Spa

Opening Q1 2020

www.omnihotels.com/toronto

Toronto is about to discover a new level of relaxation at Canada's 1st **Mokara Spa**. The welcoming tranquility of our luxurious destination spa will have you feeling revived, rejuvenated and restored. The city's newest spa will feature extensive offerings, including massage therapy, facials, body treatments, salon services and so much more. Experience refined relaxation. Experience Mokara Spa.

Park Hyatt Toronto - Transformation

Opening fall 2020

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/hotel/canada/park-hyatt-toronto/torphr>

Park Hyatt Toronto, our design creates a vision that respects and embraces our location and history. The Hotel features 219 guestrooms with 40 well-appointed suites. The hotel's restaurant and bar takes a traditional sense of the hotel lobby and reimagines it with a purposeful and residential feel. The iconic 17th floor cocktail bar features breathtaking city skyline views with an outdoor seasonal terrace. The Stillwater Spa, includes 13 treatment rooms. With 14,000 square feet of premium-upscale event and meetings spaces over two floors with on-site Kosher catering.

The Westin Prince Toronto rebranding as Pan Pacific Toronto

A new brand for Toronto

<https://www.panpacific.com/en/hotels-and-resorts/pp-toronto.html>

We are very excited to join the family of Pan Pacific which is known internationally for its warm, gracious and sincere hospitality. Pan Pacific is a brand under Pan Pacific Hotels Group which owns and/or manages nearly 50 hotels, resorts and serviced suites including those under development in 29 cities across Asia, Oceania, North America and Europe.

Pan Pacific Toronto will join four other Pan Pacific hotels in Vancouver, Whistler and Seattle, and will be accessible to 15.6 million loyal guests from the world over through its Pan Pacific DISCOVERY programme.

As a hotel that has been awarded the prestigious AAA Four Diamond Award more times than any other Canadian property, our evolution to the Pan Pacific Toronto was started earlier this year, with a \$15 million revitalization throughout the property, from our 409 rooms and suites to our public areas, bringing us into alignment with our new brand's positioning in the world.

DINING / NIGHTLIFE

Reign Restaurant + Bar + Bakery (Fairmont Royal York, Toronto)

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

A modern Canadian Brasserie with a traditional French touch, REIGN is a fitting tribute to this noble landmark. It's a living celebration of the riches of Canada, and the new essential restaurant in Toronto. Serving inspired plates built with fresh ingredients from across Canada, and finessed with French mastery. The space is stunning and sophisticated, with big-city flair and more than a hint of country nobility. You and your esteemed peers are most welcome here.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Square One Shopping Centre - Tourist Privileges

<https://shopsquareone.com/tourism/touoperators>

Square One Shopping Centre is pleased to share following updates to our 2020 tourism programs. In appreciation of your business, the tour operator incentive program now includes a \$25 gift card for the tour guide and motor coach driver of pre-registered groups of 10 guests or more.

The Gift-with-Purchase program has also evolved. Now, with a minimum spend of \$300 (before tax) in combined, same-day receipts*, your guests will receive a \$30 gift at Guest Services.

**Receipts must be redeemed on the day of purchase.*

We look forward to working with you to plan the ultimate shopping experience.

Yorkdale Shopping Centre – Tourist Privilege Program

<https://yorkdale.com/tourism/travel-professionals/>

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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

JANUARY

Next Stage Theatre Festival – January 8 – 19 -- www.fringetoronto.com

Interior Design Show – January 16 – 19 -- www.interiordesignshow.com

Toronto International Boat Show – January 17 – 26 -- <http://www.torontoboatshow.com/>

DesignTO Festival – January 17 – 26 -- <https://designto.org/>

Toronto Light Festival – January 17 to March 1, 2020 -- <https://www>

Toronto Chinatown Lunar New Year Celebration – January 25 – 26

<http://www.chinatownbia.com.torontolightfest.com/>

Winterlicious – January 31 – February 13 -- <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/winterlicious/>

FEBRUARY

Winter Craft Beer Festival – February 1 -- www.craftbeerfest.ca

Kuumba Festival – Month of February -- www.harbourfrontcentre.com

Toronto's Golf & Travel Show – February 7 – 9 -- www.torontogolfshow.com

Bloor-Yorkville IceFest – February 8-9 -- <http://www.bloor-yorkville.com/icefest>

Valentine's Day in Toronto – February 14 -- <http://www.seetorontonow.com>

Canadian International Auto Show – February 14 – 23 -- www.autoshow.ca

Family Day in Toronto – February 17 -- <https://www.seetorontonow.com/annual-events/family-day-in-toronto/>

MARCH

Toronto Winter Brewfest – TBC -- <https://brewfest.ca/toronto/>

Toronto International Bicycle Show – March 6 – 8 -- www.bicyclerhowtoronto.com

Celebrate Toronto – March 7-8 -- www.celebratetoronto.ca/festival

Toronto Storytelling Festival – March 7-29 - <https://torontostorytellingfestival.ca>

Canada Blooms: The Toronto Flower and Garden Festival – March 13 – 22 www.canadablooms.com

Toronto Comicon – March 13 – 15 -- <http://comicontoronto.com/>

National Home Show – March 13 – 22 -- www.nationalhomeshow.com

Sugar Shack TO – March 14-15 -- <https://www.sugarshackto.ca/>

St. Patrick's Day Parade – March 15 -- <https://stpatrickstoronto.com/>

Toronto Sportsmen's Show – March 18 – 22 -- <https://www.torontosportshow.ca/>
One of a Kind Spring Show & Sale – March 25-29 -- www.oneofakindshow.com

APRIL

Myseum Intersections Festival – April 1 – 30 --
<http://www.myseumoftoronto.com/exhibition/revisionist-toronto/>
Hot Docs Film Festival – April 30 – May 10 -- www.hotdocs.ca
Scotiabank Contact Photography Festival – April 30 - May 31 -- www.contactphoto.com

MAY

City of Toronto Bike Month – May -- <http://bikemonth.ca/toronto>
Mississauga Marathon – May 1 – 3 -- www.mississaugamarathon.com
Goodlife Fitness Toronto Marathon – May 3 -- www.runtoronto.com
Sporting Life 10K Marathon – May 10 -- www.sportinglife10k.ca
Canadian Music Week – May 19 – 23 -- <http://cmw.net/>
Inside Out Toronto LGBT Film Festival – May 21 – 31 -- www.insideout.ca
Carassauga - Mississauga's Festival of Cultures - May 22 -24 -- <http://www.carassauga.com/>
SING! The Toronto Vocal Arts Festival – May 22 – 31 – www.singtoronto.com
Doors Open Toronto – May 23 – 24 -- www.toronto.ca/doorsopen
Toronto Jewish Film Festival – May 27 – June 7 -- www.tjff.com

JUNE

Streetsville Founders Bread and Honey Festival – June 5 -7 --<http://breadandhoney.ca>
Eats & Beats in Riverside StreetFEST – June 6 -- <http://www.riverside-to.com>
Woofstock – June 6 – 7 -- www.woofstock.ca
Luminato Festival – June 7 - 23 -- <https://luminatofestival.com/>
RBC Canadian Open – June 8 - 14 -- www.rbccanadianopen.ca
North by Northeast Music Festival – June 12 – 21 -- www.nxne.com
Wine & Spirit Festival – June 12 – 13 --- <http://www.drinkinc.ca>
Toronto Tango Festival – June 18 – 21 -- www.torontotangofestival.com
Mississauga Waterfront Festival – June 19 – 21 -- <http://www.themwf.com/>
Redpath Waterfront Festival, presented by Billy Bishop – June 19-21 -- www.towaterfrontfest.com
TD Toronto Jazz Festival – June 19 – 28 -- www.torontojazz.com
Living Realty Toronto International Dragon Boat Race – June 21 – 22 -- www.dragonboats.com
Toronto Craft Beer Festival – June 26 – 28 -- www.tcbf.ca
Pride Toronto Festival weekend – June 26 – 28 -- <http://www.pridetoronto.com/>
Queen's Plate – June 27 -- www.woodbineentertainment.com
Bud Light Dreams Music Festival – TBC- <http://dreamsfestival.ca/>

JULY

Canada Day – July 1-- www.toronto.ca/special_events
Fringe of Toronto Theatre Festival – July 1 – 12 -- <http://fringetoronto.com/>
Beaches International Jazz Festival – July 3 - 26 -- www.beachesjazz.com
Salsa on St. Clair – July 4 – 5 -- www.salsaintoronto.com
The Great Ontario Salmon Derby – July 4 – August 22 -- www.greatontariosalmonderby.ca
Toronto Summer Music Festival – July 9 - August 1 -- www.torontosummermusic.com
Honda Indy Toronto – July 10 - 12 -- www.hondaindytoronto.com
Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition – July 10 – 12 -- www.torontooutdoorart.org
Summerlicious – TBC -- <https://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/summerlicious/>
Afrofest – TBC -- <http://afrofest.ca/>
Toronto's Festival of Beer – July 24 – 26 -- www.beerlicious.ca

Toronto Caribbean Carnival, King and Queen Showcase – July 30 – <https://torontocarnival.ca/>

AUGUST

Toronto Caribbean Carnival Grand Parade – August 1 -- www.torontocaribbeancarnival.com

Summer Works Performance Festival – August 6 – 16 -- <http://summerworks.ca>

Tennis Canada's: Roger's Cup presented by National Bank (Men's) – August 8-16 -- www.rogerscup.com

Roundhouse Craft Beer Festival – TBC -- <http://www.craftbeerfest.ca>

JerkFest – Jerk Food Festival – TBC -- www.jerkfestival.ca

Taste of the Danforth – TBC -- <http://tasteofthedanforth.com>

Canadian National Exhibition – August 21 - September 7 -- www.theex.com

Fan Expo Canada – August 27 -30 -- www.fanexpocanada.com

Toronto Chinatown Festival – TBC -- <https://www.chinatownbia.com/eventsnews/>

SEPTEMBER

National Bridal Show – September 4 – 6 -- www.nationalbridalshow.com

Toronto International Buskerfest – September 4 – 7 -- <http://torontobuskerfest.com/>

Toronto International Film Festival – September 10 – 20 -- www.tiff.net

Taste of the Kingsway Festival – September 11 -- <http://thekingsway.ca/events/taste-of-the-kingsway/>

Tim Horton's Southside Shuffle Blues & Jazz Festival – September 11 – 13 -- www.southsideshuffle.com

Queen West Art Crawl – September 19 - 20 -- www.queenwestartcrawl.com

Toronto Garlic Festival – September 20 -- <http://www.torontogarlicfestival.ca>

Toronto Just for Laughs Festival – September 24 – October 4 -- <http://www.jfl42.com>

The Word on the Street – TBC -- www.thewordonthestreet.ca

Toronto Oktoberfest – TBC-- www.torontooktoberfest.ca

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