

## COMMUNITY

### BIG ON BLOOR FESTIVAL

Bloor Street West

The weekend long festival features events, activities and exhibitions that celebrate local business, arts, and culture.

July 23 & 24. Bloor St. W., Dufferin to Landsdowne. [bigonbloor.com](http://bigonbloor.com). Free.

### CALYPSO STARS SHOWCASE

Harbourfront Centre

An entertainment-packed two-and-a-half-hour showcase featuring music, dance and carnival with four top Canadian soca artists, a virtuoso steelpan player and characters from Swizzletick Theatre.

July 27. 231 Queens Quay W., 416-973-4000.

### CULTURA 2011

Mel Lastman Square

Canadian jazz artist Elizabeth Shepherd performs on the main stage for the third week of this year's Cultura summer festival, which attempts to bring culture to Toronto's public spaces. Running for six consecutive Fridays in the summer, the festival features a lineup of musicians, buskers, international street-food vendors, a drum circle, break dancers and an outdoor film.

To Aug. 12. 5100 Yonge St., [cultura2011.com](http://cultura2011.com).

### THE HAPPINESS PROJECT: IN THE HOUSE FUNDRAISER

Gladstone Hotel

Artist Bloc hosts this event to raise funds for The Happiness Project at Nuit Blanche 2011, a side project of Broken Social Scene's Charles Spearin. He will perform pieces off The Happiness Project album, followed by Sexy Merlin, DJ Kyle Marshall and Circle Research.

July 26. 1214 Queen St. W., [artistbloc.com](http://artistbloc.com). \$30.

### JAYS DAYS II

Opera Bob's

Big-screen baseball, \$1 hotdogs, peanuts, popcorn and ice cream are just a few of the things to expect at Opera Bob's when a Jays game is on. Baseball fans will gather to watch the Jays take on the Texas Rangers and St. Louis Cardinals.

July 22 & 24. 1112 Dundas St. W., 416-536-5585, [operabobspublichouse.com](http://operabobspublichouse.com).

### THE LUVLI LADIES' SHOW

Gladstone Hotel

This '50s-inspired event will feature a fashion show and speaker series, and aims to empower and educate black women in

Toronto. Partial proceeds will go to The Olive Branch of Hope, a support network for black women diagnosed with cancer.

July 24. 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. 1214 Queen St. W., \$40 advance, \$50 door.

### MRKT

99 Sudbury

Featuring local and independent fresh-food distributors, artists and designers that come together to showcase their treats, eats, wares and art pieces.

July 24. 99 Sudbury St., 416-849-6567, [99sudbury.ca](http://99sudbury.ca).

### PARK ATMOSPHERE

Ontario Place

Enjoy musical act John Williams and the Illuminair Entertainment Fire Artist.

July 22. 955 Lake Shore Blvd. W., 416-314-9900, [ontarioplace.com](http://ontarioplace.com). Free.

### SHORT & SWEET WEEKLY

No One Writes to the Colonel

This weekly short film evening features the work of Nikolaus von Uthmann, Aoife McArdle, James Lancett

July 25. 8 p.m. 460 College St., [shortandsweet.tv](http://shortandsweet.tv). Free.

### WATERFRONT NIGHT MARKET

T & T Supermarket

The second annual night market brings modern-day tradition from across the Pacific Ocean to Toronto's waterfront. Attendees can indulge in Asian food, culture and entertainment, recreating the exciting air of popular night markets across Asia.

July 21-24. 222 Cherry St., [waterfrontnightmarket.com](http://waterfrontnightmarket.com).

### WALKING TOURS

Various locations

Heritage Toronto continues its 18th year of free walking tours, with strolls through Warden Woods, Cabbagetown and Baby Point.

July 23 & 24. [heritagetoronto.org](http://heritagetoronto.org). Free.

### YOUTH DAY 2011

Yonge Dundas Square

The fifth annual Youth Day allows young artists aged 14 to 24 to showcase their efforts and achievements in music, dance, art and photography.

July 24. 10 Dundas St. E., 647-427-0189.

## KIDS

### THE ABSOLUTELY POSITIVELY COMPLETELY MADE UP SHOW

Second City

An hour of interactive, family-friendly improvisation and sketch comedy where

### EXTREME WAKE SERIES

Ontario Place

Wake boarders and water skiers show off their tricks as they race through the water and fly through the sky.

To Sept. 5. 955 Lake Shore Boulevard W., 416-314-9900, [ontarioplace.com](http://ontarioplace.com). Free.

### FIFI & THE FLOWERTOTS

Ontario Place

Kids can join Fifi in her FlowerTrot garden as she goes on adventures with her little friend FuzzBuzz. In this interactive show

To Sept. 25. 955 Lake Shore Boulevard W., 416-314-9900, [ontarioplace.com](http://ontarioplace.com). Free.

### GOLDEN PUPPET THEATRE

Harbourfront Centre

Vida Gahremani brings puppets to life on stage with the story of The Fairy King's Daughter. A workshop teaching children how to make puppets is also available.

July 24. 231 Queens Quay W., 416-973-4000.

### MY KIDS CBC DAY

CBC Broadcast Centre Atrium

A full day of free activities, crafts and live performances. Kids will have a chance to meet some of their favourite characters from a variety of hit kids' CBC series.

July 21. 250 Front St. W., [kidscbc.ca](http://kidscbc.ca).

### REPTILES: THE BEAUTIFUL AND THE DEADLY

Ontario Science Centre

Interactive zoological exhibit brings visitors eye-to-eye with living reptiles from around the world.

To Sept. 5. 770 Don Mills Rd., 416-696-3127. \$13-\$20.

### SCAVENGER HUNT

Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Explore the historic grounds through an outdoor scavenger hunt that takes place every Wednesday

July 27. 10:30 a.m. Queen's Park, 416-325-7500, [ontla.on.ca](http://ontla.on.ca).

### THOMAS & FRIENDS

Ontario Place

In this live performance of the popular children's TV show, Thomas the Tank Engine finds himself with too much work at the Sodor Railway.

To Sept. 2. Lakeshore Blvd., 416-314-9900, [ontarioplace.com](http://ontarioplace.com). Free.

### THE WIGGLES BIG BIRTHDAY TOUR

Ricoh Coliseum

The Fat Four from down under are back in town to celebrate their birthday bash in Toronto.

July 23 & 24. 100 Princes' Blvd., 416-263-3900. \$25-\$85 at TM.

The Grid - July 21, 2011

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Comedy Festival and the Just For Laughs Festival. He headlines a week of stand-up shows at Absolute Comedy.

To July 24, 2335 Yonge St., 416-486-7700, [absolutecomedy.ca](http://absolutecomedy.ca), \$10-\$15.

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## DANCE



### COEXISTDANCE SERIES #38

*Majlis Art Garden*

This duet series features some of this city's most dynamic and innovative dance improvisers along with the Association of Improvising Musicians Toronto.

July 23, 163 Walnut Ave., 647-476-6472, [coexistdance.wordpress.com](http://coexistdance.wordpress.com), \$10.

### LES BALLETS PERSANS

*Harbourfront Centre*

Founded by Nim Kiann in 2002 as the reincarnation of the former Iranian National Ballet, the company's thematic repertoire ranges from classical ballets to neoclassical works and contemporary productions inspired equally by Iranian literary and spiritual masterpieces and current social issues.

July 22 & 23, 231 Queens Quay W., 416-973-4000.

### SILK ROAD DANCE COMPANY

*Harbourfront Centre*

Part of the Tirgan Iranian Festival, the company presents the Canadian premiere of a repertoire of folkloric dances as well as a workshop in Persian dance.

July 23 & 24, 3 p.m., 231 Queens Quay W., 416-973-4000,

[harbourfrontcentre.com](http://harbourfrontcentre.com), Free.

### TORONTO BURLESQUE FESTIVAL 2011

*Various locations*

Home-grown talent and award-winning stars from across the U.S.A. and as far away as Japan come to Toronto for Canadiana-rama.

July 21-24, [torontoburlesque.com](http://torontoburlesque.com), \$10-\$40.