

Interactive cultural events you don't want to miss

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Canada is bracing for a nationwide celebration of culture this weekend as thousands of activities across the country provide the public with interactive activities ranging from opera dress rehearsals to yoga for youth classes.

Among other activities, people of all ages will have the opportunity to learn a new dance, compose a song, build a clay sculpture, and even learn the art of the tea ceremony.

In Ontario alone, more than 1,600 free activities and events are planned, so there's bound to be an activity that will spark the interest of every visitor. For the complete list, visit: on.culturedays.ca.

The Sunlife Brightspots Event Schedule available on the website may also be a handy tool to organize this weekend's activities.

Here are a few highlights presented by some of Toronto's major cultural institutions:

Gardiner Museum - Hands-on Clay Workshop

Friday, Sept. 28, 4–9 PM
Location: Gardiner Museum, 111 Queen's Park (Museum Subway Station)
Explore the Gardiner Museum's ceramic art collection and try your hand at creating your own clay sculpture with the help of an experienced ceramic artist. You can then take your creation home with you.

Canadian Opera Company - "Die Fledermaus" Operetta Dress Rehearsal

Friday, Sept. 28, 6:30 pm (pre-

rehearsal chat), 7:30–9 PM (performance).

Location: Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts, 145 Queen Street West (Osgoode Subway Station)

Get a sneak peek into Strauss's celebrated comic masterpiece that will run Oct. 3–Nov. 4. This is a unique opportunity to experience the rehearsal process. The pre-rehearsal chat in the lobby will be conducted by CBC's Brent Bambury with costume designer Constance Hoffman and set designer Allen Moyer. Note that tickets are distributed at 6 PM on a first-come, first-served basis, and are limited to one ticket per person.

Toronto Public Library

Friday–Saturday, Sept. 28–29 (times vary)

The library offers over 30 free programs at 43 branches across the city. Highlights include belly dancing lessons, tapestry weaving, poetry and music workshops, storytelling, yoga for teens, and many more. For a full listings of activities, visit: www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/culturedays

Toronto Symphony Orchestra - Toronto Symphony Workshop

Saturday, Sept. 29, 12:30–1:30 PM

Location: Roy Thomson Hall, South Hall, 60 Simcoe Street (St. Andrew Subway Station)
Composer Tod Machover has been commissioned to create a new piece for the New Creations Festival in March 2013. "A Toronto Symphony: Concerto for Composer and City" is a unique work about Toronto that is inviting collaborative efforts from the public. Machover will share his ideas about the piece,

its composition, and showcase the music with the help of musicians from the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra. For more details on the project, visit Machover's blog toronto.media.mit.edu/

Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) - Medieval Dancing

Saturday–Sunday, Sept. 29–30 12–12:20 PM and 2–2:20 PM

Location: ROM plaza (outside the museum), 100 Queens Park (Museum Subway Station)

Museum staff and volunteers will don medieval costumes and dance to 15th century tunes played by professional musicians. The public is encouraged to join the fun and learn to dance medieval-style. The dances are in celebration of the Medieval Fair taking place inside the museum.

National Ballet School of Canada - Dance lessons for children and adults

Sunday, Sept. 30

Location: National Ballet School, 400 Jarvis Street (closest to Wellesley Subway Station)

Canada's National Ballet School opens its doors to provide dance lessons for children, teens, and adults alike. Whether you have never danced ballet or have some experience, these classes are sure to be a treat. In addition to ballet lessons, the school offers an urban dance and a Bollywood dance class. The classes run 11 AM–2:15 PM. The classes are free but participants must register in advance. Observation of professional ballet classes will also be available in the Betty Oliphant Theatre on Saturday, Sept. 29. For more details, visit: www.nbs-enb.ca/



Enjoy a free pottery class this Friday at the Gardiner Museum.



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FREE-THEM RAISES FUNDS TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The Invidiata Team poses for a picture during the annual Free-Them Freedom Walk. From left to right is Lesley Invidiata, her husband Christopher Invidiata, Gabriel Gallucci, Maria Costa, and Rosa Viviano.

Free-Them, a charity that works to raise awareness and bring an end to human trafficking, held its annual fundraiser on Sept. 15, 2012.

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FOR EVENT REQUESTS

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PERFORMING ARTS

NEW ORFORD STRING QUARTET
MOOREDALE CONCERTS
Well Known Canadian musical ensemble
Walter Hall, University of Toronto
Oct. 28 • 1:15 pm (Music & Truffles)
3:15pm (Main Concert)
mooredaleconcerts.com

MUSIC IN THE KEY OF GIVING
Featuring cellist Shauna Rolston and violinist Erika Raum
Glenn Gould Studio
Oct. 26 • 7:30pm
roythomsonhall.com

RAVEL & SIBELIUS
TORONTO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Featuring 24-year old pianist Lise de la Salle
Roy Thomson Hall
Oct. 17 & 18
roythomsonhall.com

WHIRLWIND OF MUSIC
TORONTO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Favourites by Mendelssohn and others
Roy Thomson Hall
Oct. 13 & 14
roythomsonhall.com

SOME ENCHANTED EVENING
TORONTO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
The music of Rodgers and Hammerstein
Roy Thomson Hall
Oct. 9 & 10
roythomsonhall.com

DIE FLEDERMAUS
CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY
Strauss' comic masterpiece
Four Seasons Centre
Oct. 4 – Nov. 3
coc.ca



Come check out the many art displays at Scotiabank Nuit Blanche, Sept. 29. Pictured is a still from the film *Until the End of the World, 1991*. ROBBY MÜLLE

ANNE-SOPHIE MUTTER
TORONTO SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
The superstar violinist returns to Toronto
Roy Thomson Hall
Oct. 3 & 4 • 8pm
roythomsonhall.com

STARS OF THE TSO
MOOREDALE CONCERTS
TSO's principal players perform works by Schubert and Spohr
Walter Hall, University of Toronto
Sept. 30 • 1:15 pm (Music & Truffles for young people) • 3:15pm (Main Concert)
mooredaleconcerts.com

IL TROVATORE
CANADIAN OPERA COMPANY
Acclaimed production of Verdi's mesmerizing tale
Four Seasons Centre
Sept. 29 – Oct. 31
coc.ca

FESTIVALS

TORONTO OKTOBERFEST
Celebrate Bavarian culture with food and drink
St. Lawrence Market, North Building
Oct. 4 & 5
torontooktoberfest.ca

CHILEAN WINE FESTIVAL
Sample an array of wines from Chile
Royal Ontario Museum,
Peter F. Bronfman Hall, 2nd level
Oct. 2
winesofchile.org/register-toronto

CONSUMER & TRADE SHOWS

IDEALIST GRAD FAIR
Learn about local and international graduate programs
Hart House, Great Hall,
University of Toronto
Oct. 3 • 5pm – 8pm
idealist.org

FUNDRAISERS & CHARITY

THE AMAZING PACE
Team challenge in support of the Ontario Lung Association. Register in advance
Royal Canadian Legion 344, 1395 Lakeshore Blvd. West
Oct. 13 • 8:30am – 2:30pm
theamazingpace.ca

EXHIBITIONS

MOVE: THE TRANSPORTATION EXPO
A tour of the past, present and future of transportation
Evergreen Brick Works
Jun. 30 – Oct. 28
ebw.evergreen.ca/move/about

ROGER VIVIER: PROCESS TO PERFECTION
BATA SHOE MUSEUM
Discover the designer's bejewelled, elegant shoes
Until April 2013
batashoemuseum.ca



German violinist Anne-Sophie Mutter will play at RTH for two evenings
COURTESY TINA TAHIR AND DEUTSCHE GRAMMOPHON

SPECIAL

SO YOU THINK YOU CAN DANCE
The top 10 talented finalists tour North America
Sony Centre for the Performing Arts
Nov. 7 • 7:30pm
sonycentre.ca

JAMIE OLIVER
A conversation with the famous chef, including a copy of his new book
Massey Hall
Oct. 19 • 8pm
masseyhall.com

SCOTIABANK NUIT BLANCHE
Free all-night contemporary art event
Various locations throughout Toronto
Sept. 30 • 7:03pm to sunrise
scotiabanknuitblanche.ca

COMMUNITY

SOUPALICIOUS TORONTO 2012
Savour a wide selection of soups by local restaurant chefs
Artscape Wychwood Barns
Sept. 30 • 12pm – 5pm
soupalicious.ca

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

THE WALRUS TALKS AT THE AGO: THE ART OF THE CITY
Discussion on what makes cities tick featuring celebrity speakers
Baillie Court, Art Gallery of Ontario
Oct. 9 • 6:30pm – 8pm
ago.net/the-walrus-talks-at-the-ago

CELEBRITY HUMANITARIANISM: THE IDEOLOGY OF GLOBAL CHARITY
York University professor discusses the impact of celebrity charity work
Toronto Reference Library, Elizabeth Beeton Auditorium
Oct. 9 • 1pm – 3pm
torontopubliclibrary.ca

CAST IRON CHEF
Churn butter and bake treats at this historic cooking workshop series
Todmorden Mills Heritage Site
Sept. 30 • 1pm – 4pm
toronto.ca/museums-events