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# From the Editor



**Joey Cee,**  
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## Hundreds of Great Festivals Give You More Great Reasons to Celebrate SUMMER 2024 — Rain or Shine!

The GTA is buzzing this summer with so much to do and see! It's hot and it's getting hotter! Whether it's for the chance of just getting out into the great outdoors away from

your patio or out to experience the many cultures dotting the Toronto and GTA landscape through food, music and dance — Toronto has it all!

*HOToronto Magazine/TorontoOnDemand.com* is celebrating it's 30th year. And throughout those, we have been here to help guide you through the maze of events ready for you to experience and explore. For more than three decades, we've been covering festivals and other entertaining events, keeping you informed about what's happening in the city, around the GTA and surrounding area.

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Best wishes for a safe and enjoyable summer ...



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# Tips on Enjoying Toronto Festivals

Enjoying festivals in Toronto can be a fantastic experience. Here are some tips to make the most of your time.

**T**oronto, the largest city in Canada, and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) host a vibrant array of festivals that reflect the region's cultural diversity, artistic dynamism, and communal spirit. From globally renowned events like the Toronto International Film Festival to local street fairs celebrating neighborhood cultures, these festivals offer something for everyone, making the city a lively, year round destination.

## Planning and Preparation

1. **Check the Schedule:** Look up the festival schedule and highlight the events or performances you don't want to miss.
2. **Buy Tickets in Advance:** For popular festivals like TIFF or Veld Music Festival, buy tickets in advance to avoid long lines or sold out events.
3. **Plan Your Route:** Toronto is a big city. Use public transportation or plan your parking ahead of time to avoid delays. Consider using the TTC, GO Transit, or ride sharing services.
4. **Dress Appropriately:** Check the weather forecast and dress accordingly. Festivals often involve a lot of walking and standing, so wear comfortable shoes.
5. **Stay Hydrated and Bring Snacks:** Bring a water bottle and some snacks, especially if you're attending an all-day event. Most festivals have food vendors, but lines can be long.
6. **Bring Essentials:** Carry essentials like sunscreen, a hat, a portable phone charger, and a small backpack to keep your hands free.

## During the Festival

1. **Arrive Early:** Arriving early helps you get a good spot, especially for parades, concerts, and popular events.
2. **Stay Safe:** Be aware of your surroundings, keep your belongings secure, and stick with friends or family. Know where the emergency exits and first aid stations are.
3. **Explore Beyond the Main Events:** Many festivals have hidden gems like smaller performances, workshops, and art installations. Take the time to explore these.

4. **Engage with the Community:** Talk to vendors, performers, and other festival-goers. Festivals are a great opportunity to meet new people and learn about different cultures.
5. **Support Local Artists and Businesses:** Buy from local vendors and artists to support the community. This can also be a great way to find unique souvenirs.
6. **Take Breaks:** Festivals can be overwhelming. Find a quiet spot to rest and recharge if needed.

## Specific Tips for Different Types of Festivals

1. **Cultural Festivals:** Try the traditional foods, watch the performances, and participate in cultural activities to fully immerse yourself in the experience.
2. **Music Festivals:** Bring earplugs to protect your hearing, and consider bringing a blanket or portable chair for comfort.
3. **Film Festivals:** Plan which films you want to see in advance, as popular screenings can fill up quickly. Take advantage of Q&A sessions to engage with filmmakers.
4. **Food Festivals:** Pace yourself and share dishes with friends to try a variety of foods without getting too full. Be aware of dietary restrictions and allergens.
5. **Art Festivals:** Take photos (where allowed) and take notes of artists or pieces you like for future reference or purchases.

## Post – Festival

1. **Reflect and Share:** Share your experiences and photos on social media or with friends. Writing a review or a blog post can also be fun.
2. **Follow Up:** If you discovered new artists, musicians, or vendors, follow them on social media to stay updated on their work.
3. **Plan for Next Year:** Many festivals are annual. Note what you enjoyed and any changes you'd make for next time.

With these tips, you can maximize your enjoyment and make lasting memories at Toronto's diverse and vibrant festivals. ■



# SUMMER/FALL 2024 FESTIVALS SUPERGUIDE

Toronto and the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) host a diverse range of festivals throughout the year celebrating everything from arts and culture to food, music, and more. Here is what happening in your city,

## JUNE 2024

### June 1 – 30 PRIDE WEEK 2024

Various Locations

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

Pride Week in Toronto is one of Canada's premier arts and cultural festivals. Largest Pride celebrations in the world.

### June 14 – August 5 TORONTO CARIBBEAN CARNIVAL

Downtown Toronto

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

Toronto's Caribbean Carnival is a colourful celebration of the hundreds of thousands of Jamaicans, Trinidadians, Haitians, Dominicans, Bermudans and Guyanans who make up the city's Afro-Caribbean community.

### June 21 – 30 TD TORONTO JAZZ FESTIVAL

Various Location

[torontojazz.com](http://torontojazz.com)

This festival has become a destination event, not just for music lovers but for some of the greatest jazz celebrities in the world, reinforcing its reputation as a leader in artistic excellence and outstanding production standards.

### June 22 – 23 WOOFSTOCK®

Woodbine Park

[woofstock.ca](http://woofstock.ca)

Woofstock® is a ground-breaking celebration of dogs, an occasion for humans and companion animals to party.

### June 27 – July 21 LAVAZZA INCLUCITY FILM FESTIVAL

Distillery District

[icff.ca/lavazza-inclucity-festival](http://icff.ca/lavazza-inclucity-festival)

Prepare to be captivated, thrilled, and moved by an array of films that will leave you on the edge of your seat

### June 29 – July 1 RHYTHMS OF CANADA FESTIVAL

Aga Khan Museum

[agakhanmuseum.org/programs/rhythms-of-canada-2024](http://agakhanmuseum.org/programs/rhythms-of-canada-2024)

Three days of delicious food, activities for all ages, special programming, entrancing musical performances by local artists.

## JULY 2024

### July 3 – 14 FRINGE FESTIVAL

Various Locations

[fringetoronto.com](http://fringetoronto.com)

Fringe Festival is the largest theatre festival with performances from dramas, musicals, comedy, improv, and more!

### July 5 – 7 WINE FEST TORONTO

Roundhouse Park, 255 Bremner Blvd.

[winefesttoronto.com](http://winefesttoronto.com)

### July 5 – 7 SOUNDS OF LESLIEVILLE-RIVERSIDE

Jimmie Simpson Park

[www.beachesjazz.com/sounds-of-leslieville-riverside](http://www.beachesjazz.com/sounds-of-leslieville-riverside)

### July 5 – 7 TASTE OF LAWRENCE 2024

Lawrence Avenue East, Warden Avenue & Birchmount Rd.

[www.wexfordbia.ca/tasteoflawrence2024](http://www.wexfordbia.ca/tasteoflawrence2024)

### July 5 – 7 TASTE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Nathan Phillips Square

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

### July 6 – 7 TD SALSA ON ST. CLAIR

St. Clair Ave. West

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

The only festival where people do more than just eat and watch entertainment – they take part in non-stop dancing.

### July 4 – 28 BEACHES INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

Woodbine Park

[beachesjazz.com](http://beachesjazz.com)

The Beaches Jazz Festival promises to be a world class event that host an annual audience of 1 million jazz lovers from across the globe. With performances by newcomers and favourites, there is sure to be something for everyone.

### July 5 – 7 AFROFEST 2024

Woodbine Beach Park

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

Afrofest Toronto is one of the largest African music festivals in North America, celebrating the richness and diversity of African culture through music, dance, art, and food.



**July 5 – 21**  
**SUMMERLICIOUS 2024**

Various restaurants in Toronto  
[toronto.ca](http://toronto.ca)

It's time to Indulge your senses and tantalize your taste buds. Get together with friends and family to savour each moment and every delectable bite of a three-course prix fixe menu at more than 200 Toronto restaurants.

**July 12 – 14**  
**TORONTO OUTDOOR ART FAIR**

Nathan Phillips Square  
[toaf.ca](http://toaf.ca)

Toronto Outdoor Art Fair has grown to become one of the most popular art events of the summer and continues to expand its cultural offerings.

**July 12 – 14**  
**SALSA ON THE BEACH –**  
**BEACHES JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Woodbine Park  
[www.beachesjazz.com/salsa-on-the-beach](http://www.beachesjazz.com/salsa-on-the-beach)

Celebrating the diversity of nations, Woodbine Park transforms into a dance floor featuring the energetic Latin melodies of Salsa, Merengue and Cumbia.

**July 13**  
**IMPORTFEST 2024**

Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
[importfest.com](http://importfest.com)

See hundreds of imported cars and walk through any exhibits featuring accessories, tuning, and lifestyles.

**July 13 – 14**  
**FESTIVAL OF INDIA**

Parade: Yonge Street & Festival: Central Island  
[www.festivalofindia.ca](http://www.festivalofindia.ca)

Everyone is invited to come, walk, chant, sing or dance in the parade. Celebrations then continue throughout the weekend at Toronto Centre Island.

**July 14**  
**2024 CRAFT BEER FEST**

Evergreen Brick Works  
[www.evergreen.ca/evergreen-brick-works/events/beerfest2024](http://www.evergreen.ca/evergreen-brick-works/events/beerfest2024)

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[moreinfo@designsource.com](mailto:moreinfo@designsource.com)

The advertisement features a dark blue background with a hand interacting with a digital interface. The text is in white and light blue. The main text 'Your full-service design firm specializing in developing your business identity through all marketing venues.' is in white. The website and email information are at the bottom. A QR code is on the left side.

### July 19 – 21 HONDA DEALERS INDY

Exhibition Place  
[hondaindy.com](http://hondaindy.com)

The Toronto Honda Indy not only showcases cutting-edge racing technology but also provides a festival-like atmosphere with entertainment, food, and interactive activities for all ages.

### July 20 JUNIOR CARNIVAL PARADE AND FAMILY DAY

Neilson Park, Scarborough  
[www.caribanatoronto.com/event/caribanajuniorcarnival](http://www.caribanatoronto.com/event/caribanajuniorcarnival)

### July 20 – 21 BIG ON BLOOR

Bloordale District  
[bigonbloorfestival.com](http://bigonbloorfestival.com)

BIG on Bloor; Bloordale's Festival of Art & Culture features a weekend street closure and site-based activations for a week after, with 100,000+ visitors participating in multidisciplinary art projects, presented by over 100 local artists from various backgrounds, identities and groups.

### July 20 ALOHAFEST TORONTO

Mel Lastman Square  
[www.alohafesttoronto.com](http://www.alohafesttoronto.com)

### July 20 – 21 PANAMERICAN FOOD & MUSIC FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square  
[2024.panamfest.com](http://2024.panamfest.com)

### July 20 – 21 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BRAZILFEST

St Clair Avn. West  
[www.brazilfest.ca](http://www.brazilfest.ca)

Experience the rich colours, captivating rhythms, and mouthwatering flavours.

### July 21 YOUTH DAY 2024

Yonge-Dundas Square  
[youthdayglobal.com](http://youthdayglobal.com)  
Celebrating our next generation of young creatives and supporting their PASSION for the ARTS ~ since 2007.

### July 25 -27 BEACHES JAZZ FESTIVAL STREETFEST

Queen Street East (of Woodbine)  
[www.beachesjazz.com/streetfest](http://www.beachesjazz.com/streetfest)

### July 26 – 28 TORONTO BEER WEEK

Bandshell Park, Exhibition Place  
[www.beerfestival.ca](http://www.beerfestival.ca)  
Over 400 types of beer, in addition to a selection of ready to drink, spirits and plenty of non-beer drinks as well.

### July 26 – 28 TORONTO'S FESTIVAL OF BEER

Bandshell Park – Exhibition Place  
[www.beerfestival.ca](http://www.beerfestival.ca)  
A celebration of Canada's rich brewing history, hosted by experts in the brewing craft from around the country.

### July 26 – 28 FUN PHILIPPINES FOOD AND MUSIC FESTIVAL

Harbourfront  
[harbourfrontcentre.com/series/fun-philippines-toronto-food-music-festival](http://harbourfrontcentre.com/series/fun-philippines-toronto-food-music-festival)  
Three-day festival showcasing the best of Filipino culture with street food, music

### July 26 – 28 OLG WEEKEND – BEACHES JAZZ FESTIVAL

Woodbine Park  
[www.beachesjazz.com/olg](http://www.beachesjazz.com/olg)

### July 27 – 28 CANADIAN MULTICULTURAL PERUVIAN FESTIVAL

Yonge-Dundas Square  
[www.peruviantown.com](http://www.peruviantown.com)

### July 27 – 28 THE GUILD ALIVE WITH CULTURE ARTS FESTIVAL

Guild Park and Gardens,  
201 Guildwood Pkwy, Scarborough  
[www.guildalivewithculture.ca](http://www.guildalivewithculture.ca)

### July 27 – 28 SUMMER LIVE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Trillium Park  
[ontarioplace.com/en/whats-on/summerseries](http://ontarioplace.com/en/whats-on/summerseries)

## AUGUST 2024

### August 1 – 11 SUMMERWORKS PERFORMANCE FESTIVAL

Various Venues  
[summerworks.ca](http://summerworks.ca)  
Showcasing over 30 performance works and events, presented in 13 neighbourhoods across Toronto, as well as an extensive array of online and hybrid offerings.

### August 2 – 4 VELD MUSIC FESTIVAL

Downsview Park  
[veldmusicfestival.com](http://veldmusicfestival.com)

### August 3 TASTE OF INDIA FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square  
[www.schoolofflavours.ca/taste-of-india](http://www.schoolofflavours.ca/taste-of-india)

### August 3 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL 1

Albert Campbell Square  
[www.facebook.com/TIDFCanada](http://www.facebook.com/TIDFCanada)

### August 9 – 11 TACO FEST 2024!

The West Island, Ontario Place,  
955 Lakeshore Blvd West  
[www.thetacofest.ca](http://www.thetacofest.ca)  
TasteToronto announces the three – day fiesta showcasing some of Toronto's best and most celebrated chefs with an authentic Mexican twist.

### August 9 – 11 TORONTO WATERFRONT NIGHT MARKET

Hotel X Toronto, Exhibition Grounds  
[www.waterfrontnightmarket.com](http://www.waterfrontnightmarket.com)  
The Toronto Waterfront Night Market is excited to make its highly anticipated return, bringing the perfect pairing of cultural potency and urban waterfront life. Symbolically designed in celebration of the QiXi Double Seven Festival (Asia's version of Valentine's Day). The 2024 edition of the WNM continues to be anchored by the Signature Pan-Asian Food Festival, Kre8ions Cultural Showcase, and illuminasian Floating Lantern & Music Festival.



**August 9 – 11**  
**TD JERKFEST**

Centennial Park  
[www.jerkfestival.ca](http://www.jerkfestival.ca)

JerkFest is one of Ontario's hottest summer festivals with a three-day international event celebrating jerk cuisine and Caribbean culture.

**August 9 – 11**  
**TACO FEST**

Fort York  
[www.thetacofest.com/toronto/home](http://www.thetacofest.com/toronto/home)

An electric atmosphere showcasing some of Toronto's best and most celebrated chefs with an authentic Mexican twist.

**August 11**  
**CANADIAN LATIN FESTIVAL**

Nathan Philips Square  
[www.canadianlatinfest.org](http://www.canadianlatinfest.org)

**August 16 – September 2**  
**CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION (THE CNE)**

Exhibition Place  
[www.theex.com](http://www.theex.com)

The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE), better known as 'The Ex' to locals, is the event that Toronto's beloved Exhibition Place is named for. To say there's a lot to see at the Canadian National Exhibition is an understatement, this is Canada's biggest annual fair known for its fairgrounds, entertainment, agricultural displays, and food vendors. (See Page 22 for highlights.)

**August 17**  
**WHEELS ON THE DANFORTH STREET FESTIVAL**

3400 Danforth Avenue  
[www.wheelsonthedanforth.com](http://www.wheelsonthedanforth.com)

**August 17**  
**THE KINGS PLATE @ WOODBINE**

Woodbine Race Track  
[woodbine.com/events/kings-plate/](http://woodbine.com/events/kings-plate/)

**August 17 – 18**  
**PUNK IN DRUBLIC CRAFT BEER & MUSIC FESTIVAL**

Downsview Park, 15 Carl Hall Rd.  
[www.punkindrublicfest.com/toronto](http://www.punkindrublicfest.com/toronto)

**August 17 – 18**  
**TASTE OF MANILA 2024**

Corner of Bathurst St. and Wilson Ave.  
[www.facebook.com/TasteOfManilaCanada](http://www.facebook.com/TasteOfManilaCanada)

Now celebrating its 11th year, this year's festival is going to be another unforgettable festival in terms of vendor participants and visitors from all over the world celebrating Filipino culture, wide variety of Filipino cuisine, and community.

**August 17**  
**ISLAND EATS FOOD FESTIVAL**

Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge Street  
[www.islandfest.ca](http://www.islandfest.ca)

Get ready to tantalize your taste buds and indulge in the flavors of summer from around the Caribbean!

**August 17 – 18**  
**TORONTO CHINATOWN FESTIVAL**

Chinatown  
[chinatownbia.com/eventsnews/tcf2024](http://chinatownbia.com/eventsnews/tcf2024)  
An annual festivity started back in 2000, the Toronto Chinatown community will be celebrating its 23rd anniversary.



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### August 21 OPEN STREETS TORONTO

Downtown Yonge Street  
[www.openstreetsto.org](http://www.openstreetsto.org)  
FREE program that supports recreation, healthy living and community engagement in the heart of Toronto.

### August 23 – 25 TAIWANFEST

Harbourfront Centre  
[torontotaiwanfest.ca](http://torontotaiwanfest.ca)  
The TAIWANFEST 2024 features enticing performances and tasty food from Taiwan and beyond! Enjoy exhibits and culture at this beautiful festival.

### August 23 – 25 KOREAN HARVEST FEST

Mel Lastman Square, North York  
[www.torontokfest.ca](http://www.torontokfest.ca)

### August 24 – 25 AFRO CARIB FEST

Thomson Memorial Park  
[afrocaribfestival.com](http://afrocaribfestival.com)  
Celebrate the culture and diversity of the Afro-Caribbean communities, showcasing our cultural heritage through art, music, dance, and food. The event will engage audiences with live exciting performances and fun – filled, interactive activities that the entire family can enjoy.

### August 24 – 25 TAMIL FEST

Markham Road (Between McNicoll Avenue and Passmore Avenue)  
[www.tamilfest.ca](http://www.tamilfest.ca)

### August 24 - 25 MABUHAY PHILIPPINES DAY FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square  
[www.pidccanada.com](http://www.pidccanada.com)

### August 27 – September 2 ASHKENAZ FESTIVAL

Harbourfront Centre  
[ashkenaz.ca/event/ashkenaz-festival-2024](http://ashkenaz.ca/event/ashkenaz-festival-2024)

### August 22 – 25 FAN EXPO CANADA

Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
[fanexpohq.com/fanexpocanada](http://fanexpohq.com/fanexpocanada)

### August 22 – 25 AFRICAN FASHION WEEK TORONTO

Globe and Mail Centre 351 King St. East  
[afwt.ca](http://afwt.ca)  
African Fashion Week Toronto spans across Toronto and brings exposure to various designers and brands including those from out of province and throughout the world.

### August 30 - September 1 6TH ANNUAL SCARBOROUGH COMMUNITY MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

Thomson Memorial Park  
[scarboroughcommunityfestival.ca](http://scarboroughcommunityfestival.ca)  
An exciting 3-day cultural explosion of cuisine, music, revelry and entertainment, including visual and performing arts. Scarborough is sure to experience an exciting, rich and diverse multicultural festival.

### August 30 – September 2 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BUSKERFEST

Woodbine Park  
[torontobuskerfest.com](http://torontobuskerfest.com)  
BuskerFest fills Toronto's Woodbine Park with weird, wacky and wild performances for a good cause. This is Epilepsy Toronto's biggest fundraiser of the year. From mime and acrobatics to the art of clown or fire juggling and stilts or stand up comedy, there's something for everyone.

### August 30 – September 2 T.U. JAZZ FEST

Mel Lastman Square  
[www.tujazz.com](http://www.tujazz.com)

### August 31 - September 1 INDIGENOUS SOUNDS NOW

Trillium Park  
[ontarioplace.com/en/indigenous-sounds-now](http://ontarioplace.com/en/indigenous-sounds-now)  
Showcasing an eclectic Indigenous music talent line-up.

### August 31 – September 3 RIBS, BACON AND BBQ FESTIVAL

Downsview Park  
[www.facebook.com/ribbaconbbqfest](http://www.facebook.com/ribbaconbbqfest)  
Expanding on the traditional ribfest food

fare by including vendors that specialize in delicious Bacon and BBQ treats as well.

### August 31 – September 1 TORONTO DRAGON FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square  
[dragonfestival.ca](http://dragonfestival.ca)  
The 5th Toronto Dragon Festival is an iconic annual cultural event held on the first weekend of September each year. This is one of the largest events in Ontario, targeting both mainstream and multicultural visitors.

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## SEPTEMBER 2024

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### September 4 CARIBBEAN TALES INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

Various locations: The Royal Theatre, Scotiabank Theatre, TIFF Bell Lightbox  
[caribbeantalesfestival.com](http://caribbeantalesfestival.com)  
The Caribbean Tales International Film Festival celebrates the talents and culture of emerging and established Caribbean cinematographers. The films present a diverse range of stories that speak to the lives of those creating them.

### September 5 – 15 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

TIFF Bell Lightbox  
[tiff.net](http://tiff.net)  
Toronto's biggest and most prestigious event is back for another year of bringing new films and up – and coming talent to people's attention. This highly anticipated event features the latest work by both established and new filmmakers. Over the 10 days the festival runs, movie lovers, industry professionals, stars, and the media gather to determine the best.

### September 6 – 8 CABBAGETOWN ART AND CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Riverdale Park West  
[cabbagetownartandcraft.org](http://cabbagetownartandcraft.org)  
The Cabbagetown Festival will feature a variety of events throughout the weekend including the kids zone, live entertainment and Arts & Crafts Sale that will have beautiful handmade pieces for purchase.





JOIN US on **September 8th** for the  
**2024 Mississauga Music Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony**

Join us as we welcome **Internationally acclaimed classical violinist Adrian Anantawan**, and **Multi-Platinum selling guitarist and songwriter for Platinum Blonde, Sergio Galli** to the Mississauga Music Walk of Fame during the Tim Horton's Southside Shuffle Blues and Jazz Festival. The 2024 Induction Ceremony will take place on Sunday, September 8th, at 11 am at Memorial Park's Gazebo Stage in Port Credit, Ontario. Everyone is welcome.



**Adrian Anantawan, Classical Violinist**

Adrian is an Internationally acclaimed classical violinist and Juno Award nominee.



**Sergio Galli, Guitarist, Songwriter, Musician**

Sergio is a guitarist, songwriter and founding member of Canadian rock band Platinum Blonde.

## September 6 – 8 TASTE OF THE KINGSWAY

Bloor St W, Montgomery Rd to Prince Edward Dr.

[thekingsway.ca/listing/taste-of-the-kingsway-2024](http://thekingsway.ca/listing/taste-of-the-kingsway-2024)

Enjoy three unforgettable days of food, music, family entertainment, contests, and shows at South Etobicoke's largest street festival.

## September 6 – 8 ASIALICIOUS CARNIVAL

Woodside Square

[asialiciouscarnival.com](http://asialiciouscarnival.com)

Asialicious Carnival has become an annual attraction celebrating multiculturalism in a fun filled and entertaining fashion in Scarborough North.

## September 7 TASTE OF THE JUNCTION

Jackson Place, 51 Vine Ave.

[torontojunction.ca/taste-of-the-junction-2024](http://torontojunction.ca/taste-of-the-junction-2024)

## September 7 – 8 CABBAGETOWN FESTIVAL

Parliament St from Wellesley to Gerrard and Carlton St from Parliament to Ontario

[www.cabbagetownto.com/festival-information](http://www.cabbagetownto.com/festival-information)

## September 7 – 8 TRINBAGO FESTIVAL

Nathan Phillips Square

[www.caribbean scholarship.com/events-2](http://www.caribbean scholarship.com/events-2)

## September 7 – 22 ASIALICIOUS TO

Various Asian Restaurant

[asialicious.to](http://asialicious.to)

Inspired by Summerlicious and Winterlicious, AsialiciousTO is Toronto's premier Asian food campaign program, showcasing diverse and delicious cuisines of Asia.

## September 13 – 15 MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY

Nathan Phillips Square

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

A celebration of Spanish and Latin – American art, food, music and entertainment. Don't miss this free event,

which features amazing performances, exhibits and dances.

## September 13 – 15 UKRAINIAN FESTIVAL

Bloor West Village

[toronto.ukrainianfestival.com](http://toronto.ukrainianfestival.com)

This largest Ukrainian festival in North America showcases the best in Ukrainian arts and culture and celebrates the country's rich history.

## September 14 – 15 TORONTO WATERFRONT FESTIVAL (FORMALLY REDPATH WATERFRONT FESTIVAL TORONTO)

Sugar Beach

[tewaterfrontfest.com](http://tewaterfrontfest.com)

The Toronto Waterfront Festival returns to Sugar Beach with past festival favourites, cultural activities, food and more. See below for details on this year's planned programs and stay tuned for updates.

## September 14 – 15 RONCESVALLES POLISH FESTIVAL

Roncesvalles Ave (Queen St. West to Dundas St. West)

[polishfestival.ca](http://polishfestival.ca)

Come celebrate Roncesvalles Polish Festival, which include fan favourites, like Polka and pierogi, in conjunction with a fresh focus to celebrate a broader range of local artists, musicians and, of course, food.

## September 16 – 22 QUEEN WEST ART CRAWL

Queen St. West, Trinity Bellwoods Park

[queenwestartcrawl.com](http://queenwestartcrawl.com)

Queen West Art Crawl creates an open, public space for arts and culture in a busy downtown neighbourhood.

## September 19 – 29 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF AUTHORS

Harbourfront Centre

[festivalofauthors.ca](http://festivalofauthors.ca)

Canada's largest and longest running literary festival, presented with a vision to inspire, empower and connect through the art of stories. Each fall, literary fans gather

to meet, hear and learn from the world's leading contemporary authors.

## September 21 WATER LANTERN FESTIVAL

Downsview Park

[www.waterlanternfestival.ca/toronto.php](http://www.waterlanternfestival.ca/toronto.php)

The Water Lantern Festival is filled with fun, happiness, hope and good memories that you will cherish all your life. It's a family event that can be shared by everyone. Friends, families, neighbors and many others whom you have not met yet can come together to create a peaceful and memorable experience.

## September 21 – 24 2024 VEG FOOD FEST

Nathan Phillips Square

[www.veg.ca/veg-to-fest](http://www.veg.ca/veg-to-fest)

The largest vegetarian food festival in North America is back for another three days of delectable plant – based dishes prepared by top gourmet food vendors. Experience the vegetarian life for a day.

## September 21 – 22 FALL FESTIVAL

Black Creek Pioneer Village

[events.trca.ca/event/fall-festival-2024](http://events.trca.ca/event/fall-festival-2024)

Immerse yourself in the joy and laughter of old-fashioned fall festivities. Enjoy autumn-themed crafts. Marvel at the incredible skills of our traveling medicine man as he performs mind-bending magic tricks that will leave you in awe.

## September 25 – October 2 TORONTO PALESTINE FILM FESTIVAL

Various Locations

[tpff.ca](http://tpff.ca)

## September 27 – 28 TORONTO OKTOBERFEST

Downsview Airport Lands

[torontooktoberfest.ca](http://torontooktoberfest.ca)

NEW LOCATION! Toronto Oktoberfest is the first Bavarian-styled Oktoberfest in Toronto. The festival is a two day event which celebrates the food, drink, music and dance of Bavarian culture. Be a part of history and be one of the first to experience this huge, indoor, iconic, easy to access venue.



**September 27 - 28**  
**THE WORLD FOOD AND CULTURAL FESTIVAL CANADA**

Christie Pits Park, Bloor Street West  
[wfcfest.com](http://wfcfest.com)

Unity through diversity – a gastronomic journey celebrating global cultures on the plate

**September 28 – 29**  
**THE WORD ON THE STREET**

Queen's Park Crescent  
[toronto.thewordonthestreet.ca](http://toronto.thewordonthestreet.ca)

Experience the best of Canadian literature and authors at The Word on the Street Festival.

**September 29**  
**TORONTO GARLIC FESTIVAL**

Spadina Road between Davenport Road and Macpherson Avenue  
[torontogarlicfestival.ca](http://torontogarlicfestival.ca)

Purchase rare garlic, taste the finest dishes from local chefs, enjoy live music, film screenings, speakers, cooking demos and more!

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**OCTOBER 2024**

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**October 1 – 31**  
**TORONTO CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL**

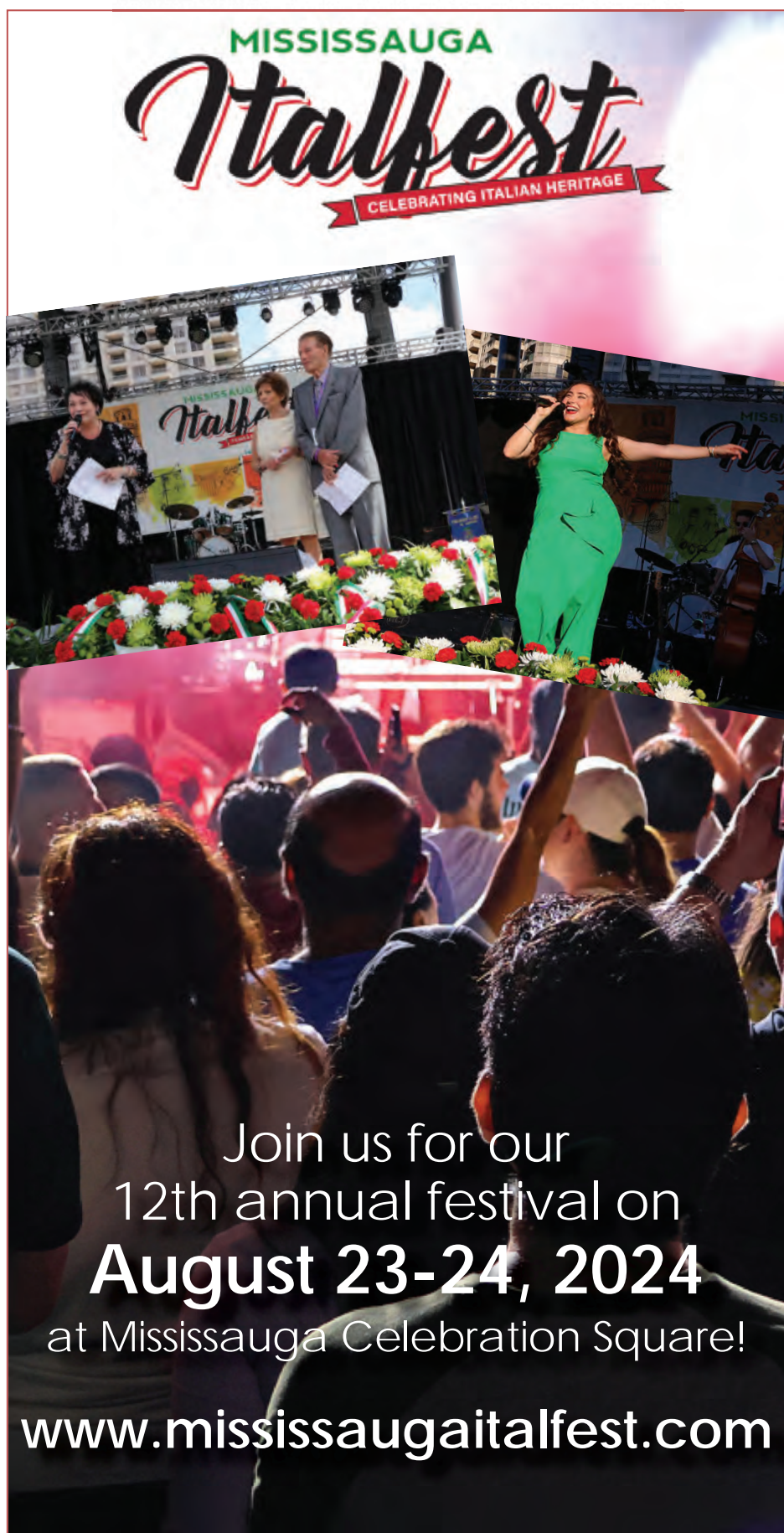
Various Locations  
[torontochocolatefestival.com](http://torontochocolatefestival.com)

One month dedicated to all things chocolate, this festival hosts a variety of entertaining events, all powered by one ingredient: CHOCOLATE! Discover chocolate in many of its magnificent and tasty forms through events such as The Chocolate Afternoon Tea at the King Edward Hotel and The Amazing Chocolate Relay.

**October 5**  
**NUIT BLANCHE TORONTO**

Throughout Toronto  
[www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/nuitblanche/](http://www.toronto.ca/explore-enjoy/festivals-events/nuitblanche/)

Nuit Blanche Toronto is the city's annual all-night celebration of contemporary art, produced by the City of Toronto in collaboration with Toronto's arts community. Since 2006, this award-winning event has featured almost 1,600 art installations by approximately 5,800 artists.



Join us for our  
12th annual festival on  
**August 23-24, 2024**  
at Mississauga Celebration Square!

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

**October 5 – 6****PICKLEFEST™ FOOD & DRINK FESTIVAL**Henderson Brewing Co.,  
128a Sterling Rd.[picklefestcanada.com](http://picklefestcanada.com)

Featuring over 50 vendors offering all things pickled and fermented with fully licensed beverage selections.

**October 11 – 14****PUMPKINFEST TORONTO**

Downsview Park Festival Terrace

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

PumpkinFest Toronto, is the place to be Thanksgiving weekend! Enjoy a weekend filled with unlimited midway rides, unlimited inflatable fun, a sprawling pumpkin patch, local food trucks, live entertainment, tons of family photo ops, and so much more!

**October 15 – 20****25TH ANNUAL PLANET IN FOCUS INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL FILM FESTIVAL**The Paradise Theatre,  
1006c Bloor St. W[planetinfocus.org](http://planetinfocus.org)

Don't miss the lineup of groundbreaking documentary films focusing on the environment, energy, immigration and sustainable cities.

**October 16 – 20****TORONTO AFTER DARK FILM FESTIVAL**

Scotiabank Theatre

[torontoafterdark.com](http://torontoafterdark.com)

The Toronto After Dark Film Festival is one of the world's leading showcases of new horror, cult, action and sci-fi movies. This annual festival features nine nights of thrilling film and interesting Q&amp;A sessions. This age 18+ event will feature a zombie – themed night, and Pub After Dark, a social hour where fans can meet the filmmakers.

**NOVEMBER 2024****November 1 – 10****ROYAL AGRICULTURAL WINTER FAIR**

Exhibition Place

[royalfair.org](http://royalfair.org)

The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is the largest combined indoor agricultural fair and international equestrian competition in the world. Whether you're a visitor or an exhibitor, The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair is jam-packed with home-grown fun and the best in local food and animal entertainment.

**November 8 – 11****HOCKEY HALL OF FAME INDUCTION WEEKEND + LEGENDS CLASSIC**

The Hockey Hall of Fame

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

Come down and take part in daily Induction Weekend events commemorating the Class of 2024. Celebrate the Class of 2024 with new Legends Line collectibles! Shop. Additional 2024 Induction Celebration merchandise is available for in-store shopping at the Spirit of Hockey.

**November 26****TORONTO INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL 2**

Chinese Cultural Centre

[www.tidfcanada.com](http://www.tidfcanada.com)**November – December****TORONTO CHRISTMAS MARKET**

The Historic Distillery District

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

The Toronto Christmas Market, located in the historic Distillery District, is a beloved holiday tradition that transforms the area into a festive wonderland. Held annually from mid-November to December, this market features charming wooden stalls offering unique gifts, seasonal treats, and handcrafted goods. Visitors can enjoy live entertainment, holiday lights, and the iconic giant Christmas tree, creating a magical atmosphere that captures the spirit of the season.

**DECEMBER 2024****December 1 – January 2025****WINTERFEST AT CANADA'S WONDERLAND**

Canada's Wonderland

[www.canadaswonderland.com/events/winterfest](http://www.canadaswonderland.com/events/winterfest)

An immersive holiday experience for the whole family, this event features live shows and holiday entertainment, ice skating on Snowflake Lake and even a few rides. Canada's fave amusement park lives up to its name, with hundreds of beautiful Christmas trees and millions of spectacular lights throughout the park, including two 15 m (50 ft) Christmas trees. ■



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# Canada Day Parade at the Beaches







## WHAT'S ON WHERE IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO

Ontario hosts a variety of festivals throughout the year that cater to diverse interests, from music and food to art and cultural celebrations. Here are some notable festivals outside of Toronto:

### WOW: BARRIE/ORILLIA

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-barrie-orillia](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-barrie-orillia)

**July 5 – 7**

#### THE MARIPOSA FOLK FESTIVAL

J.B. Tudhope Memorial Park  
[mariposafolk.wpengine.com](http://mariposafolk.wpengine.com)

The Mariposa Folk Festival is an all-inclusive showcase of Canada's heritage, cultures, and talents. The Festival profiles over 100 artistic performances.

**July 19 – 21**

#### ANNUAL ORILLIA SCOTTISH FESTIVAL

Couchiching Beach Park  
[www.scottishfestival.ca](http://www.scottishfestival.ca)

A celebration of Scottish culture and heritage!

#### August 2 – 5 KEMPENFEST

Barrie Waterfront, South Shore  
[kempenfest.com](http://kempenfest.com)

Kempenfest is Ontario's biggest and best waterfront festival featuring over 400 vendors, live music, a youth village, a midway, antiques, and great food.

#### August 8 – 11 BOOTS AND HEARTS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Burl's Creek,  
Line 7 and Line 9 South off of HWY 11  
[bootsandhearts.com](http://bootsandhearts.com)

The Boots and Hearts Music Festival is a multi-day country music and camping festival.

#### August 9 – 11 ORILLIA WATERFRONT FESTIVAL

Port of Orillia  
[www.orillia.com/waterfront-festival](http://www.orillia.com/waterfront-festival)

The Orillia Waterfront Festival features entertainment, food, a vendor market, new and used boat sales, a Cardboard Boat Race, and a dog diving contest!

#### September 13 – 14 ORO WORLD'S FAIR

84 15th/16th Sideroad  
[oroworldsfair.com](http://oroworldsfair.com)

Presented by: The Oro Agricultural Society (celebrating 172 years).

#### August 17 ANNUAL BARRIE DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL

Barrie's Heritage Park, Downtown Barrie  
[barriedragonboatfestival.ca](http://barriedragonboatfestival.ca)

Enjoy dragon boat racing, cultural and commercial exhibits, participate in children's activities, and much more.

#### August 22 – 25 BARRIE FAIR

Essa Agriplex, 7505 10th Line, Thornton  
[essaagriplex.ca/barrie-fair-2](http://essaagriplex.ca/barrie-fair-2)

Annual Barrie Fair presents agriculture in an entertaining and educational fashion.

#### September 27 – 29 COLDWATER FALL FAIR

Coldwater Coldwater,  
[coldwaterfallfair.com](http://coldwaterfallfair.com)

Bring the family to enjoy the Magical Midway, exhibitions, vendors, entertainment and more!

#### October 11 - 24 2024 IMAGES THANKSGIVING STUDIO TOUR

Simcoe County, Orillia, Oro-Medonte Area  
[www.images-studio-tour.com](http://www.images-studio-tour.com)

Ontario's finest and longest running studio tours. Discover exceptional art and enjoy the beautiful fall colours.

**October 12-13**

#### HOMETOWN HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sainte Marie Among the Hurons, Midland  
[saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca/events/hometown-harvest-festival](http://saintemarieamongthehurons.on.ca/events/hometown-harvest-festival)

Come celebrate the abundance of the fall season! Put on a cozy sweater and shop our artisan market with more than 40 local vendors.

### WOW: BRAMPTON

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-brampton](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-brampton)

**July 12 – 24**

#### CARABRAM

Venues Across Brampton  
[www.carabram.org](http://www.carabram.org)

Carabram is Brampton's annual multi-cultural festival, celebrating its 40th anniversary in 2024. Carabram multi-cultural festival that brings together cultures across Brampton through food, entertainment and education.

#### August 2 COLOURS OF CARNIVAL

Garden Square, 12 Main St. N.  
[www.experiencebrampton.com/event/colours-of-carnival](http://www.experiencebrampton.com/event/colours-of-carnival)

It's Toronto's Caribbean Carnival long weekend, and we're warming things up on The Rose Patio in Garden Square with a musical combination of soca, dancehall, calypso, and MORE blended together for a radiant mix of soulful perfection.

#### August 5 CELEBRATE EMANCIPATION DAY

Gage Park  
[bit.ly/celebrate-emancipation-day](http://bit.ly/celebrate-emancipation-day)

Celebrate Brampton's vibrant Indo and Afro-Caribbean diaspora through food and music at JAMBANA, the Emancipation Day celebration.



**August 30 – September 1, 2024**  
**BRAMPTON FOOD TRUCK FESTIVAL**

Chinguacousy Park  
[www.canadianfoodtruckfestivals.com/brampton](http://www.canadianfoodtruckfestivals.com/brampton)

Brampton Food Truck Festival is expanding to 3 days! 40 Food Trucks will be serving up some of the best food from around the country, this is a festival you won't want to miss! Show some of your Brampton love by bringing your friends and family. Oh and don't forget, there will be FREE ADMISSION, local performers, cold beer and eating challenges geared to entertain the masses!

**September 7 – 8**  
**WORLD OF JAZZ FESTIVAL**

Various Venues, Brampton  
[www.worldofjazz.ca](http://www.worldofjazz.ca)

The World of Jazz Festival is the annual signature event for B-Jazzed, hosting more than 100 musicians performing over two days, in Downtown Brampton.

**September 12 – 15**  
**BRAMPTON FALL FAIR**

Brampton Fairgrounds,  
12942 Heart Lake Rd, Caledon  
[bramptonfair.com](http://bramptonfair.com)

**September 14**  
**3RD ANNUAL BRAMPTON LATIN FESTIVAL**

Ken Whillans Square:  
[bramptonlatinosassociation.com/brampton-latin-fest](http://bramptonlatinosassociation.com/brampton-latin-fest)

A lively celebration of Latin culture that you don't want to miss out on! There will be plenty of music, dance, and cuisine to experience. The festival promises to immerse you in the colorful and diverse mosaic of Latin heritage with an experience filled with passion, energy, and rhythm. You don't need to travel far, Latin America is in Brampton, right in our backyard! Come be a part of the celebration.

**September 28**  
**APPLEFEST**

Battlefield House Museum & Park  
[www.hamilton.ca/things-do/festivals-events/events-calendar/apple-festival-0](http://www.hamilton.ca/things-do/festivals-events/events-calendar/apple-festival-0)  
Get ready for bushels of fall-time family fun in Battlefield Park!

**November 1**  
**PUMPKIN PARTY**

Ken Whillans Square  
[www.brampton.ca/EN/Arts-Culture-Tourism/Festivals-and-Events](http://www.brampton.ca/EN/Arts-Culture-Tourism/Festivals-and-Events)

Grab your pumpkin and light it up one last time in Ken Whillans Square! Wear your costume and join us at this FREE event. Featuring live entertainment, interactive games, giveaways and the return of the pumpkin smash!

**November 15 – 16**  
**WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL**

Downtown Brampton  
[www.brampton.ca/EN/Arts-Culture-Tourism/Festivals-and-Events/Pages/Winter-Lights-Festival.aspx](http://www.brampton.ca/EN/Arts-Culture-Tourism/Festivals-and-Events/Pages/Winter-Lights-Festival.aspx)

Celebrate the holiday season with annual Brampton's Winter Lights Festival.

**WOW: BURLINGTON**

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-burlington](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-burlington)

**August 3**  
**HALTON EMANCIPATION FREEDOM CELEBRATION FESTIVAL**

Spencer Smith Park  
[www.hbhas.ca/events.php](http://www.hbhas.ca/events.php)

**August 10**  
**BUTTER TART FESTIVAL RACES**

Spencer Smith Park  
[raceroster.com/events/2024/80820/butter-tart-festival-race](http://raceroster.com/events/2024/80820/butter-tart-festival-race)

Come and be part of the VR Pro's signature race events – the Butter Tart Festival. Each race kit comes with a finisher medal and butter tarts! The 1KM event makes this race fun for the whole family.

**August 17**  
**BURLINGTON VEGFEST**

Burloak Waterfront Park  
[www.burlingtonvegfest.com](http://www.burlingtonvegfest.com)

Delicious food, kids activities, amazing presenters, live music and more!

**August 24**  
**BURLINGTON LATIN FESTIVAL**

Central Park 2299 New St.  
[burlingtonlatinfest.com](http://burlingtonlatinfest.com)

Get ready to immerse yourself in a celebration of Latin culture.

**August 30 – September 2**  
**CANADIAN LARGEST RIBFEST**

Spencer Smith Park, Burlington  
[canadalargestribfest.com](http://canadalargestribfest.com)

Renowned for being one of the largest ribfests in Canada, attracting thousands of visitors each year enjoying ribs, music, and family activities.

**WOW: HAMILTON**

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-hamilton](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-hamilton)

**September 13 – 15**  
**ANNUAL ARTS AND MUSIC FESTIVAL SUPERCRAWL**

James Street North, Hamilton  
[supercrawl.ca](http://supercrawl.ca)

Supercrawl is an exciting annual arts and music festival.

**September 19 – 22**  
**ANCASTER FAIR**

Ancaster Fairgrounds,  
630 Trinity Road, Ancaster  
[ancasterfair.ca/ancaster-fair](http://ancasterfair.ca/ancaster-fair)

**October 26 – 27**  
**HALLOWEEN PUMPKIN PARTY**

Westfield Heritage Village  
1049 Kirkwall Road, Rockton  
[westfieldheritage.ca/event/halloween-pumpkin-party-241026/](http://westfieldheritage.ca/event/halloween-pumpkin-party-241026/)

**WOW: MARKHAM/ UNIONVILLE**

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-markham-unionville](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-markham-unionville)

**June 28 – 29**  
**TASTE OF ASIA 2024**

Kennedy & Steeles, Markham  
[taste-of-asia.ca](http://taste-of-asia.ca)

Taste of Asia is one of Canada's largest Asian festivals takes place over a week-end in June and celebrates the diverse cultures and cuisines of Asia.

**July 20 – 21**  
**MARKHAM INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL**

Markham Civic Centre  
[www.mciff.ca](http://www.mciff.ca)

Markham International Film Festival 2024 showcases diverse global films, including features and shorts, for free.

## August 16 – 18 TD MARKHAM JAZZ FESTIVAL

Millennium Bandstand

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

Wind down the summer season with the smooth sounds of jazz at the TD Markham Jazz Festival. Plan to be in historic Unionville for 30+ performances by award-winning artists on multiple outdoor stages – all free to you.

## September 7 MARKHAM-MILLIKEN CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

Aaniin Community Centre & Library,  
5665 14th Avenue

[yourvoicemarkham.ca/childrens-festival](http://yourvoicemarkham.ca/childrens-festival)

Join the City of Markham at its exciting annual children's festival, now at the Aaniin Community Centre and Library, located in the heart of southeast Markham.

### WOW: MISSISSAUGA

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-mississauga](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-mississauga)

## July 19 – 21 MUSLIMFEST

Mississauga Celebration Square

[www.muslimfest.com/event/mississauga](http://www.muslimfest.com/event/mississauga)

## July 28 BACK 2 ROOTS FESTIVAL

Living Arts Centre

[bit.ly/back-2-roots-festival](http://bit.ly/back-2-roots-festival)

School of Indian Folk Arts & Tradition Inc. (SIFAT) & Rooh Punjab Dee Toronto presents the biggest Indian Punjabi festival of the year called Back 2 Roots Festival.

## August 2 – 4 MOAIC FESTIVAL 2024: SOUTH ASIAN FESTIVAL

Celebration Square

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

Celebrate the rich art, culture, heritage and cuisine of South Asian Canadians in a family-oriented free festival featuring artists from Pakistan, India, USA and Canada.

## August 9 – 11 MISSISSAUGA LATIN FESTIVAL

Celebration Square

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

## August 17 - 18 JAPAN FESTIVAL CANADA

Mississauga Celebration Square

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

Japan Festival Canada is the largest Japanese Cultural Event in North America with the exciting entertainments, tasteful Japanese foods and many more to experience.

## August 23 – 24 MISSISSAUGA ITALFEST

Mississauga Celebration Square

[mississaugaitalfest.com](http://mississaugaitalfest.com)

A celebration of Italian history, heritage and culture.

## September 6 – 8 GEORGETOWN FALL FAIR

1 Park Ave, Georgetown

[georgetownfallfair.ca](http://georgetownfallfair.ca)

This Fall Fair celebrates its 177th year with concerts, Truck Pull, Agricultural Education Tent, Family Friendly Midway, Petting Zoo, Free Children's Games and Activities, Entertainment, and more.

## September 6 – 8 SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE: BLUES AND BBQ FESTIVAL

Memorial Park, Port Credit

[southsideshuffle.ca](http://southsideshuffle.ca)

The 26th annual Port Credit blues and BBQ festival is back for another year of great jazz and scrumptious BBQ. Four stages will feature the best of Canadian blues.

## September 7 PORTUGALO FEST

Celebration Square

[portugalofest.ca](http://portugalofest.ca)

Enjoy Portugal's rich and colourful traditions are shared with all of the diverse communities in Mississauga through musical performances, food vendors and marketplace vendors.

## September 7 – 8 LATIN FESTIVAL 2024

Maja Prentice Theatre, Mississauga

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

The 12th Annual LATIN FESTIVAL 2024 is a unique 2-day event that celebrates the culture of Latin America.

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## September 8 MISSISSAUGA MUSIC WALK OF FAME

Memorial Park, Mississauga

[musicwalkoffame.ca](http://musicwalkoffame.ca)

The Mississauga Music Walk of Fame honours local musicians who have made a significant impact on the city, Music Industry builders and innovators, and Mississauga's very own International Superstars.

## September 14 – 15 PHILIPPINE FESTIVAL MISSISSAUGA

Celebration Square

[philfestmississauga.ca](http://philfestmississauga.ca)

A 2-Day festival of Filipino food, music, arts, and culture at the Mississauga's Celebration Square!

## September 27 - 29 STREET EATS POUTINE FESTIVAL

Erin Mills Town Centre

[streeteatmarket.com](http://streeteatmarket.com)

Get ready to loosen your belts and break out those stretchy pants because the legendary Poutine Festival is back and it's cheesier than ever!

## September 28 – 29 TASTES OF SOUTH EAST ASIA – LOVE FESTIVAL

Celebration Square

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

Featuring the finest art, brightest culture, and best-crafted cuisine, aiming at propelling the cultural footprint of South, East, and Southeast Asia in Canada, all while raising awareness against human trafficking and child exploitation.

## October 12 – 13 DIWALI RAZZMATAZZ

Mississauga Celebration Square

[canadadiwali.ca/diwali-razzmatazz](http://canadadiwali.ca/diwali-razzmatazz)



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**WOW: NIAGARA**

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-niagara](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-niagara)

**To December 22  
SHAW FESTIVAL**

Various Theatres Niagara-on-the-Lake

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

The Shaw Festival features a diverse range of productions including classical and contemporary plays, musicals, and new works.

**August 3 – 4  
NIAGARA FIESTA  
EXTRAVAGANZA**

Fireman's Park

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

An annual summer event that celebrates Filipino culture, arts and heritage in Niagara Region Ontario promoting multi-cultural awareness and appreciation of Philippine heritage.

**August 23 – 24  
NIAGARA IRISH FESTIVAL 2024**

Firemen's Park, 2275 Dorchester Rd.

[irishmusicniagara.com/festival](http://irishmusicniagara.com/festival)

Celebrate Irish Music and culture in beautiful Niagara Falls, Canada! "The best little Irish music festival in North America!" – Niagara Irish Festival 2024 will feature local musicians from the Niagara region. It will be headlined by international Irish recording artist and performer PADDYMAN.

**September 13 - 14  
IMELA INTERNATIONAL  
FESTIVAL**

Queen Victoria Park

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

Immerse yourself in Bhangra performances, live music from both local and international talents, and a captivating stage play by our very own community theater group.

**November – January 2025  
WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS**

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

Enjoy spectacular illuminations and countless festive events at the Niagara Falls Winter Festival of Lights, Canada's foremost illumination festival.

**WOW: OAKVILLE**

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-oakville](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-oakville)

**July 7  
FESTIVAL OF INDIA**

Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park

[visitoakville.com/events/festival-of-india-2](http://visitoakville.com/events/festival-of-india-2)

**July 26 – 28  
OAKVILLE LATINO FESTIVAL**

Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park

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

**August 31  
CRAFT LIVE AFRO-CARIBBEAN  
CANADIAN WATERFRONT FETE**

Bronte Heritage Waterfront Park, 2340

Ontario Street, Oakville

[visitoakville.com/events/craft-live-afro-caribbean-canadian-waterfront-fete-2/](http://visitoakville.com/events/craft-live-afro-caribbean-canadian-waterfront-fete-2/)

**September 6 - 8  
KERRFEST & KERRFEST KIDS 2024**

Westwood Park, Oakville

[visitoakville.com/events/kerrfest-kerrfest-kids-2024](http://visitoakville.com/events/kerrfest-kerrfest-kids-2024)

**September 7  
OAK PARK FALL FAIR**

2200 Sawgrass Drive, Oakville

[opnc.ca/whats-new](http://opnc.ca/whats-new)

Entertainers, tons of family friendly activities, inflatables, \$5 BBQ, outdoor movie, silent auction, bake sale and more.

**WOW: OSHAWA/AJAX**

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where)

**October 5  
DURHAM CRAFT BEER FESTIVAL**

Children's Arena, 155 Arena Street

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

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**WOW: PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY**

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where)

**August 23 – 31  
BIGLAKE FESTIVAL**

Various Locations

[biglakearts.com](http://biglakearts.com)

Biglake Festival announces its summer festival scene with its 2024 series: Roots, celebrating all the things that ground us, nourish us, and make us who we are.

**WOW: RICHMOND HILL/  
NEWMARKET**

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-richmond-hill-newmarket](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-richmond-hill-newmarket)

**September 7 - 8  
NEW'BARK'ET**

Lions Park (424 D'Arcy Street)

[www.newmarket.ca/newbarket](http://www.newmarket.ca/newbarket)

Newmarket's one of a kind, family-friendly dog festival presented by Global Pet Foods. Both dog owners and lovers alike are welcome to come visit and enjoy.

**September 20 – October 13  
ANNUAL CULTURE DAYS**

Various Richmond Hill Locations

[www.richmondhill.ca/en/things-to-do/culture-days.aspx](http://www.richmondhill.ca/en/things-to-do/culture-days.aspx)

**September 22  
RICHMOND HILL ARTWALK 2024**

Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts

[www.richmondhill.ca/en/things-to-do/artwalk.aspx](http://www.richmondhill.ca/en/things-to-do/artwalk.aspx)

**WOW: ST. CATHARINES**

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-st-catharines](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-st-catharines)

**July 4 – August 24  
THE FOSTER FESTIVAL'S 2024  
SEASON**

Mandeville Theatre, Ridley College,  
2 Ridley Road

[fosterfestival.com](http://fosterfestival.com)

**July 30 – August 4  
2024 ROYAL CANADIAN HENLEY  
REGATTA**

Henley Island

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

**August 2 – 5  
ANNUAL CANAL DAYS MARINE  
HERITAGE FESTIVAL**

City of Port Colborne

[www.portcolborne.ca/en/recreation-and-leisure/canal-days.aspx](http://www.portcolborne.ca/en/recreation-and-leisure/canal-days.aspx)



**September 20 – 29**  
**NIAGARA GRAPE & WINE FESTIVAL**

Various Locations in St. Catharines  
[niagarawinefestival.com](http://niagarawinefestival.com)

Over 100 events including cellar door experiences, fresh food, parades and concerts.

**August 30 – September 2**  
**GREEK FESTIVAL**

St. Katharine Greek Orthodox Church,  
585 Niagara Street  
[niagaragreekfestival.com](http://niagaragreekfestival.com)

Authentic Greek food, pastries, drinks, dancing, entertainment and music.

**WOW: VAUGHAN/  
WOODBRIDGE**

[www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-vaughan-woodbridge](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/category/whats-on-where-vaughan-woodbridge)

**July 13 – 28**  
**CANADA'S WONDERLAND'S KIDZFEST**

Canada's Wonderland  
[www.canadawonderland.com/events/kidzfest](http://www.canadawonderland.com/events/kidzfest)

**July 13**  
**VAUGHAN LATIN FESTIVAL**

Mackenzie Glen Park,  
220 Cranston Park Avenue  
[www.fuerzalatinaservices.org/vaughan\\_latin\\_festival](http://www.fuerzalatinaservices.org/vaughan_latin_festival)

The ultimate celebration of Latino culture, where thousands of people come together to experience the passion, energy, and beauty of Latin dance, folklore, and music.

**July 16 - 18**  
**ITALIAN CONTEMPORARY FILM FESTIVAL**

3555 Highway 7 West  
[visitvaughan.ca/calendar/event/italian-contemporary-film-festival-1](http://visitvaughan.ca/calendar/event/italian-contemporary-film-festival-1)

This year's festival promises to a tailored selection of great films and renowned guests along with an array of captivating events and experiences.

**August 10**  
**VAUGHAN CON**

Bellvue Manor, 8083 Jane Street  
[www.vaughancon.com](http://www.vaughancon.com)

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# CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION

AUGUST 16 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2024



The Canadian National Exhibition (CNE) is Canada's largest community event and one of the top five agricultural fairs in North America. Founded in 1879, the CNE is affectionately embraced as an end-of-summer ritual by more than 1.5 million annual visitors.

The event also emphasizes sustainability, having been recognized as the greenest fair in North America. This year's edition aims to promote eco-friendly practices and sustainable living among attendees.

## 2024 CNE Highlights

### GAMING GARAGE

Enercare Centre

The world of gaming will be coming to the CNE! The CNE Gaming Garage will be the place to play and watch eSports and Pinball. Compete alongside players of all skill levels for the chance to win a cash prize. Registration for these events is free.

### AIR SHOW

Lakeshore Blvd.

Head to the CNE on Labour Day weekend for a show like never before! The 76th Canadian International Air Show will be soaring over Lake Ontario for another year of thrilling loops and turns in this exciting demonstration of awe-inspiring feats!

### PERFORMANCES

International Pavillion, Enercare Centre

CNE 2024 will feature a diverse range of performances across various stages. The Bandshell Stage is set to host an impressive lineup of musicians, including local talents and international stars. For a detailed and up-to-date performances schedule, visit [theex.com](http://theex.com).

### CASINO

The CNE Casino - Better Living Centre

A popular draw, the CNE Casino features a variety of games including Blackjack, King's Bounty Blackjack, Spanish 21, Hold'Em

Bonus Poker, Omaha Poker, 3-Card Poker, No Commission Mini Baccarat, Roulette, and a private Texas Hold'Em Poker Room! **Returning This Year - Hold'Em Tournament with prizes totalling over \$250,000.**

### FOOD PRODUCTS DAY

The Toronto Star Food Building

Food Products Day returns again this year! Individuals were invited to spin the wheel and play games for a chance to win prizes in the Toronto Star Food Building. The excitement begins Wednesday August 21st.

### AGRICULTURE ADVENTURES

Better Living Centre (CNE Farm)

The CNE introduces a new FREE experience in the city – Agriculture Adventures presented by the CNE Farm! This event will feature a variety of fun interactive educational activities.

### HORSECAPADES

Horse Palace

A delightful and FREE introduction to horses, welcome to the CNE's interactive horse program CNE HorseCapades. Designed for the young and the young at heart, HorseCapades sweeps you away from city life and into the magical world of the horse.

### KIDS' WORLD

Near the Dufferin Gate

Nestled in the west end of the CNE, is a wonderful world designed just for kids. Complete with a playground, onstage entertainment, and a park full of crazy creatures, Kids' World offers children endless surprises and lots of fun!

### FOOD TRUCK FRENZY AND CRAFT BEER FEST

Princes' Boulevard, in front of the Beanfield Centre and Enercare Centre

The Food Truck Frenzy and Craft Beer Fest features a wide variety of tasty treats and live music!

### ARTS, CRAFTS & HOBBIES PAVILION

Queen Elizabeth Building

The Arts Crafts and Hobbies Pavilion showcases of distinctive Canadian collectibles, including art, crafts, clothing, hobbies, specialty foods, home wares, jewellery and leather goods.

### AT HOME PAVILION

Hall A, Enercare Centre

The At Home Pavilion features home-related products and services including furniture and appliances, lifestyle, leisure and personal care merchandise, as well as items relating to home décor, home improvements and home renovations.

### OUTDOOR MARKETPLACE

This marketplace embraces the colourful outdoor ambience of the fair, and offers an eclectic variety of products that range from hot tubs to sunglasses, souvenirs, belts, books and psychic services.

### MUST-VISIT FOOD BUILDING

Toronto Star Food Building

Each year, more than one million people visit the Toronto Star Food Building for the unique experience that makes it a Toronto institution. With local restaurants serving cuisines from around the world, offering a vibrant and varied mix of international flavours and traditional fair favourites.



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Ribfest Season is upon us and the Toronto and GTA are packed full of Ribfests for you and your family to enjoy!

Ribfests are a great way to get your rib fix and spend a day with family and friends. Try the best rib recipes around while participating in the numerous activities these festivals offer, from live entertainment to midways, contests, and more!

**June 14 – 16, 2024**  
**TORONTO BEACHES RIB AND BEER FESTIVAL**

Woodbine Park, 1675 Lakeshore Blvd. E.  
[www.northernheatribseries.ca/beaches](http://www.northernheatribseries.ca/beaches)

**June 28 – July 1, 2024**  
**TORONTO RIBFEST 2024**

Centennial Park, Toronto  
[www.torontoribfest.com](http://www.torontoribfest.com)

**July 5 – 7, 2024**  
**CHATHAM RIBFEST 2024**

Tecumseh Park, Stanley St, Chatham  
[www.chathamribfest.ca](http://www.chathamribfest.ca)

**July 5-7**  
**GEORGETOWN RIB & BEER FESTIVAL**

Trafalgar Sports Park, Georgetown  
[www.northernheatribseries.ca](http://www.northernheatribseries.ca)

**July 12 – 14, 2024**  
**WHITBY RIBFEST**

203 – 269 Victoria St W, Whitby  
[www.whitbyribfest.com](http://www.whitbyribfest.com)

**July 19 – 21, 2024**  
**KITCHENER RIBFEST & CRAFT BEER SHOW**

Victoria Park, Downtown Kitchener  
[www.kitchenerribandbeerfest.com](http://www.kitchenerribandbeerfest.com)

**July 12 – 14, 2024**  
**MISSISSAUGA ROTARY RIBFEST**

Erin Mills Town Centre, Mississauga  
[www.ribfestmississauga.com](http://www.ribfestmississauga.com)

**July 19 – 21, 2024**  
**ORANGEVILLE ROTARY RIBFEST**

Headwaters Fitness & Racquet Club,  
205467 County Rd 109, Orangeville  
[www.orangevilloribfest.com](http://www.orangevilloribfest.com)

**August 1 – 5, 2024**  
**LONDON RIBFEST**

Victoria Park, 580 Clarence St, London  
[www.canadasbiggestparty.com/london-ribfest](http://www.canadasbiggestparty.com/london-ribfest)

**August 9 – 11, 2024**  
**BRANTFORD RIBFEST**

Brantford & District Civic Centre,  
79 Market St. South, Brantford  
[www.brantfordribfest.com](http://www.brantfordribfest.com)

**August 8 – 11, 2024**  
**BROCKVILLE RIBFEST**

Hardy Park, Home Street, Brockville  
[www.biggerevents.ca/brockville-ribfest.php](http://www.biggerevents.ca/brockville-ribfest.php)

**August 9 – 11, 2024**  
**CAMBRIDGE RIBFEST**

Riverside Park, Cambridge  
[www.cambridgeribfest.com](http://www.cambridgeribfest.com)

**August 16 – 18, 2024**  
**OSHAWA ROTARY RIBFEST**

Lakeview Park, Oshawa  
[www.oshawaribfest.com](http://www.oshawaribfest.com)

**August 23 – 25, 2024**  
**RIBS, RHYTHM & ROTARY – GUELPH**

Riverside Park, 709 Woolwich St, Guelph  
[www.ribfestguelph.com](http://www.ribfestguelph.com)

**August 23 – 25, 2024**  
**AURORA'S RIBFEST**

Machell Park  
[www.aurora.ca/en/recreation-arts-and-culture/ribfest.aspx](http://www.aurora.ca/en/recreation-arts-and-culture/ribfest.aspx)

**August 30 – September 2, 2024**  
**CANADA'S LARGEST RIBFEST**

Burlington's Spencer Smith Park  
[www.canadaslargestribfest.com](http://www.canadaslargestribfest.com)

**September 6 – 8, 2024**  
**KINGSTON RIBFEST AND CRAFT BEER SHOW**

Kingston Memorial Centre,  
303 York St., Kingston  
[www.kingstonribandbeerfest.com](http://www.kingstonribandbeerfest.com)

For festival details, visit  
[torontoondemand.ca/summer-ribfests](http://torontoondemand.ca/summer-ribfests).



# 2024 Canadian Food Truck Festival Is Serving Up Some Real Must-Eats!

**C**anadian Food Truck Festivals produces five Food Truck Festivals: Hamilton Food Truck Festival, Burlington Food Truck Festival, Toronto Food Truck Festival, Pickering Food Truck Festival, and Brampton Food Truck Festival Each Festival will feature live musical performances and 30-50 Food Trucks showcasing diverse and delicious menus in beautiful green parks. Attendees are encouraged to walk around and discover the sights and sounds while enjoying a cold beverage as each festival site is fully licensed.

## Hamilton Food Truck Festival July 12 – 14, 2024 • Gage Park

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30 Food Trucks will be serving up some of the best food from around the country, this is a festival you won't want to miss! There will be FREE ADMISSION, Free Children's Games, Tribute Bands, cold beer and eating challenges geared to entertain the masses!

## Burlington Food Truck Festival July 19 – 21, 2024 • Spencer Smith Park

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40 Food Trucks will be serving up some of the best food from the country, this is a festival you won't want to miss! Show some of your Burlington love by bringing your friends and family. There will be FREE ADMISSION, a children's midway, local performers, cold beer, and eating challenges geared to entertain the masses!

## Toronto Food Truck Festival August 2 – 5, 2024 • Woodbine Park

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Woodbine Park has never tasted this delicious before. Back for another year, the Toronto Food Truck Festival is serving up some real must-eats! Entertain yourself with some of Toronto's best local talent, participate in our live-eating challenges and enjoy a cold beer!

## Pickering Food Truck Festival August 9 – 11, 2024 • Esplanade Park

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You'll want to bring your friends and kids to Esplanade Park for some unbelievable food! We're transforming the park to a foodie haven, jam-packed with a children's village, beer garden and live entertainment stage. As always, admission is free and we'll be beefing up the park with some good tunes.

*\* Unfortunately pets will not be permitted at the Pickering Food Truck Festival due to a City of Pickering regulation.*


## Brampton Food Truck Festival August 30 – September 1, 2024 • Chinguacousy Park

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Brampton Food Truck Festival is expanding to 4 days! 40 Food Trucks will be serving up some of the best food from around the country, this is a festival you won't want to miss! Show some of your Brampton love by bringing your friends and family. Oh and don't forget, there will be FREE ADMISSION, local performers, cold beer, and eating challenges geared to entertain the masses!

Visit  
[www.torontoondemand.ca/canadian-food-truck-festival](http://www.torontoondemand.ca/canadian-food-truck-festival)  
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