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Canada Day July 1

Launch of World Routes Summer Festivals 2010

TORONTO, ON (June 9, 2010) – **Canada Day** is not only the kick-off to **World Routes 2010**, but it's also the biggest birthday party of the year and as always, **Harbourfront Centre** rises to the occasion. On **July 1, 2010** there will be **free** programming for all ages, including music, dance and juggling performances, family activities including a mini-kayak obstacle course, and much more!

The big idea behind all programming in this year's World Routes summer festivals is "globalocal", or global to local, a theme programmed into each festival to bring together rich artistic traditions from around the corner to around the globe! This is a unique opportunity to experience top Canadian and international artists in music, dance, theatre, visual arts, film, literature and food in a fun, family-friendly environment without ever leaving the city!

Harbourfront Centre's Canada Day festival will be a celebration of the cultures that form Canada's identity through our country's many art forms.

In addition, Harbourfront Centre welcomes the tall ships involved in Great Lakes United TALL SHIPS CHALLENGE® 2010 as part of the Redpath Toronto Waterfront Festival taking place that weekend.

Full event listings:

MUSIC:

Gypsy Melody

July 1, 1-1:30 p.m. (Redpath Stage)

Slovakia's **Gypsy Melody** brings Roma music to the Toronto scene. Featuring **Peter Ferenc**, an actor, singer, dancer and previous choreographer at the Roma professional theatre in Slovakia, Romathon, Gypsy Melody specializes in traditional Roma compositions and Roma pop. Other group members include **Denisa Janova**, **Jan Ferenc**, **Ladislav Cervenak**, **Milan Matik** and **Miroslav Kino**.

Masaisai MuDare

July 1, 2-2:30 p.m. (Redpath Stage)

Masaisai MuDare forms a unique musical experience by bringing the songs and stories of Zimbabwe to Toronto. They fuse traditional Zimbabwe art forms with contemporary elements and perform song, dance and story in a style which is all their own.

Jim Galloway

July 1, 2:30-3:30 p.m. (Sirius Stage)

Jim Galloway, saxophonist for **Wee Big Band**, celebrates his return to Harbourfront Centre with a jazz performance. Preceding his performance, there is a tribute by Harbourfront Centre which honours both Galloway's history as original leader of **Harbourfront Centre House Band** and many accomplishments throughout his long musical career.

Cheryl L'Hirondelle

July 1, 6:30-7:30 p.m. (Redpath Stage)

Cheryl L'Hirondelle will be debuting **Toronto Songlines**, a collection of songs written while she was re-tracing old indigenous trails around current-day Toronto. L'Hirondelle is a member of the group **M'Girl**, recipients of the 2006 Best Female Traditional Album Award and 2007 Best Group Award from the Canadian Aboriginal Music Awards.

Sarah Slean

July 1, 8-9 p.m. (Sirius Stage)

Sarah Slean is an accomplished, classically trained pianist from Pickering, Ontario whose unique musical style was nominated for three Juno and two Gemini Awards. Sarah has carved her own musical niche which she brings to Harbourfront Centre on Canada's special day.

The Sadies

July 1, 9:30-11 p.m. (Sirius Stage)

Honing a distinctive sound by combining country, surf music and garage rock, **The Sadies**, led by brothers **Dallas** and **Travis Good**, are hitting the Sirius Stage this Canada Day highlighting the music from their new album, **Darker Circles**. Earning notice by Neko Case and collaborating with R&B legend Andre Williams and Mekon frontman John Langford, demonstrate that this group has come a long way since their debut LP, *Precious Moments*.

Jazz Mafia's Brass Bows & Beats Open Rehearsal

July 1, 7:30-9 p.m. (Brigantine Room)

Renowned ensemble **Jazz Mafia** embarks on the only collaboration on their Canadian tour. Audiences have the chance to experience what goes on behind closed doors and how the symphony incorporates 15 Canadian musicians into the project.

FAMILY:

Canadian Citizens Swearing-in Ceremony

July 1, 1-2 p.m. (Lakeside Terrace)

Harbourfront Centre and **Citizenship and Immigration Canada** welcome our country's newest citizens with a swearing-in ceremony.

Diablo Juggling Featuring Véronique Provencher

July 1, 4-4:30 p.m. (Redpath Stage)

Hailing from Quebec City, **Véronique Provencher** is one of the hottest Canadian performers in the exhilarating art form of diablo juggling. Becoming a staple in local juggling and circus communities, diablo originated in China thousands of years ago and has made its way to Canada while becoming increasingly popular across the globe.

Christine Nesbitt, Olympian Gold Medal Winner

July 1, 4:30-5:45 p.m. (Redpath Stage/Ann Tindall Lawn)

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An Olympic gold medalist in speed skating, **Nesbitt** will speak about her experience at the games and sign autographs.

Mini-Kayak Obstacle Course for Kids!

July 1, noon-6 p.m. (Natrel@ Pond)

No athletic ability necessary – the only requirement is to have a blast! The whole family can participate in this mini-kayak obstacle course with **Free Canoe Rides** taking place in between.

Canadian Games from Around the World

July 1, 1-6 p.m. (HarbourKIDS Zone)

Demonstrations and interactive workshops performed by winning competitive rope-skipping teams. Produced in partnership with the **Ontario Rope Skipping Organization**.

Colour Me Canada

July 1, 1-6 p.m. (Kidzone Tent)

Kids can turn their hair red and white with kid-friendly hairspray to celebrate our country's birthday.

Hoop Toronto

July 1, 1:30-8:30 p.m. (Ann Tindal Lawn)

Hula Hoop lessons all day by **Sadie Spins**, instructor and founder of **Hoop Toronto**. She educates people about this unique exercise and its ability to relieve stress and get you in shape simply by circling your hips.

Tall Ships are Coming!

June 30-July 4

This Canada Day weekend, the **Redpath Toronto Waterfront Festival** is presenting *Tall Ships Challenge@ 2010*, along Toronto's waterfront from Yonge Street to Lower Spadina Avenue. A highlight docking at Harbourfront Centre is the **Freedom Schooner Amistad**, an 140-foot replica of a two-masted schooner from the 1841 rebellion. Toronto's waterfront is the only Canadian stop for this colossal ship making its way throughout the Great Lakes region.

FOOD:

Salon Del Gusto-The Greenbelt Tasting Hall

July 1, 1-6 p.m. (Brigantine Tent)

Tables will be set up featuring fresh produce from all over the Greenbelt. There will be samples in place throughout the day for patrons to enjoy.

Ask a Farmer

July 1, 4-5 p.m. (Miss Lou's Room)

Guests are given the chance to speak with **Everdale** farmers and find out about farm life in Ontario. Farmers will be sharing experiences and answering any questions.

Global Turns Local – Mexican Chefs and Maple Syrup

July 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m. (Lakeside Terrace)

Cooking demonstrations by **Chef Hadad** of **Frida Restaurant and Wine Bar** and **Chef Luis Valanzuela** of **Torito Tapas Bar**, followed by samples of their creations. Audience members will have the chance to participate in a question and answer period, conducted by host **Mary Luz Mejia**, Food Writer and Producer of TV and Food Events.

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Global Turns Local – Indian Street Food with a Canadian Slant

July 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (Lakeside Terrace)

Chef Preena Chauhan, Toronto-based Indian food expert, cookbook author, cooking instructor and entrepreneur, will be sharing her favourite Indian dish — *Pav Bhaji*. Chauhan of **Arvinda'** will be holding a demonstration of how to prepare this dish and there will be a question and answer period hosted by Mary Luz Mejia.

FILM:

Local to Global: Canadian Films in the World

July 1, 1:30-2:30 (Studio Theatre)

Canadian short films impact filmmaking everywhere. The films being shown on Canada Day are all award-winning, animated, Canadian-made short films.

Global to Local: The World in Canadian Films

July 1, 3:30-4:30 (Studio Theatre)

Filmmaker **Lester Alfonso** will present *Twelve*, a documentary interviewing 12 unique subjects, each of whom moved to Canada at age 12, like himself. Following the film, Alfonso will be present for a question and answer period.

Embargo Collective, presented by imagineNATIVE Film+Media Arts Festival with Q & A

July 1, 5-6:30 p.m. (Studio Theatre)

On the 10th anniversary of the imagineNATIVE festival, this international group of seven indigenous artists presents seven new short films that took each director in a completely new creative direction.

For additional information and complete event listings, the public may visit

harbourfrontcentre.com/worldroutes (updated throughout the summer) or call the Information Hotline at **416-973-4000**.

ABOUT WORLD ROUTES SUMMER FESTIVALS

World Routes is Harbourfront Centre's annual summer series of FREE festivals running every weekend from Canada Day through Labour Day. World Routes explores ideas in contemporary culture, bringing together rich, artistic traditions from around the globe. For summer 2010, Harbourfront Centre explores the idea of "globalocal" (global to local and local to global) with a festival line-up promising to entertain, stimulate and provoke.

ABOUT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

Harbourfront Centre is an innovative, non-profit cultural organization which provides internationally renowned programming in the arts, culture, education and recreation, all within a collection of distinctive venues on the 10-acre site it operates in the heart of Toronto's downtown waterfront.

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