



**Harbourfront Centre WORLD ROUTES 2009 *presented by RBC***  
**Canada Day (July 1)**

**TORONTO, June 11** - This **Canada Day** Harbourfront Centre meanders through the culturally and geographically diverse landscape of our provinces and territories and celebrates all things that sound, feel, look and taste like Canada.

In the spirit of history and family, this **free festival** celebrates what Canada has to offer with live music and family events from **noon until midnight** with exciting live performances from **The Constantines** and Polaris prize nominee **Chad Van Gaalen**. **The Regent Park Band** performs in celebration of their **10th anniversary** of providing music lessons to underprivileged children from this changing Toronto neighbourhood.

The annual **Canadian Citizens Swearing-In Ceremony** happens again this year as well as the tasty **Great Canadian Butter Tart giveaway!**

This year **Amnesty International** partners with Harbourfront Centre to **celebrate the culture of Canada's refugee communities** with performances and exhibits from Latin rapper **Ruben "Benny" Esguerra**; Sudanese singer **Ruth Mathiang**; Oromo artist **Kemer Yousef** and African jazz artist **Faduma Nkrumah**.

[Below, find our full site highlights for Canada Day, categorized by music, food, performing arts, film and family activities.]

**About World Routes**

A series of FREE festivals that run from July through September, **World Routes presented by RBC** explores ideas in contemporary culture, bringing together rich, artistic traditions from around the globe. For complete information visit [harbourfrontcentre.com](http://harbourfrontcentre.com) or call 416-973-4000. Harbourfront Centre is located at 235 Queens Quay West, in Toronto.

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## **MUSIC**

**The Regent Park Band:** 1 p.m. – Redpath Stage

Celebrating their 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of providing music lessons to underprivileged children in and around the Regent Park community, the Regent Park Band will be performing Canadian themed music. These students represent over 200 children who participate in music education programmes at the Regent Park School of music. [www.regentparkschoolofmusic.org](http://www.regentparkschoolofmusic.org)

**Choclo Y La Orgia Cosmica:** 2 p.m. – SIRIUS Satellite Radio Stage

Led by guitarist extraordinaire Dave West, Choclo performs a mixture of native rhythms mashed together with afro, creole, funk and blues. West's backing musicians hail from Germany, Ghana, Iran, Canada and Ecuador.

**Ruben "Beny" Esguerra:** 2 p.m. – Brigantine Room *co-produced with Amnesty International*

Born in Colombia, Toronto-based rapper and percussionist Beny Esguerra is active member of Cruzao and Pantiki Sound System. He is also the driving force behind Latin-jazz-funk group CHIVA that fuses rare Colombian rhythms and hip-hop against a Latin-jazz backdrop. <http://tiny.cc/XAPYF>

**Ruth Mathiang:** 3:30 p.m. – Brigantine Room *co-produced with Amnesty International*

Ruth Mathiang is one of the rising stars of African music in Toronto. She performs at many local and international events using her special blend of Hip-Hop, Reggae, Afrobeat and Gospel.

**Kemer Yousef:** 4:30 p.m. – Redpath Stage *co-produced with Amnesty International*

A masterful performer, Kemer Yousef is one of the musical pioneers in the development of Oromo music, a distinctive Afro-Asiatic music originating from Ethiopia and Kenya. <http://tiny.cc/ALQPr>

**Faduma Nkrumah:** 7 p.m. – Redpath Stage *co-produced with Amnesty International*

Faduma Nkrumah is a singer, dancer, musician, poet and actress who travels worldwide showcasing her talents. She moved to Canada 15 years ago and is an ambassador for the Somalian-Canadian culture.

**Chad VanGalen:** 8 p.m. – SIRIUS Satellite Radio Stage

A talented illustrator and animator, Chad VanGalen creates music that is sweepingly beautiful and undeniably genuine, all while rarely leaving his basement in Calgary, where he endlessly draws, records and makes visual art. Chad was nominated in 2008 to the shortlist of the Polaris Music Prize. <http://tiny.cc/9j8pn>

**The Constantines:** 9:30 p.m. – SIRIUS Satellite Radio Stage

On tour with their much-lauded *Kensington Heights* (named for the Toronto street where they practice) The Constantines' huge live following is testament to their talent. This is Canadiana at its best. <http://tiny.cc/03qgP>

## **FOOD:**

**The Great Canadian Butter Tart Giveaway:** Various times throughout the day – Redpath Lawn

History tells us that Canadian pioneers invented this delicious little pastry filled with butter, sugar and egg goodness. Don't miss a massive tart giveaway of mouthwatering proportions.

**Madbakh Women's Initiative:** 1 p.m. – Lakeside Terrace Tent *co-produced with Amnesty International*

An innovative, Toronto community-based non-profit organization that develops community kitchens and creates traditional Somali cuisine to reach out to East Africans living in Toronto.

**Wilkie's Bakery:** 4 p.m. – Lakeside Terrace Tent

What to do with butter, sugar and eggs? Wilkie's Bakery demonstrates how they make the best Butter Tarts in Canada.

**Chef Emiliano Perez:** 6 p.m. Lakeside Terrace Tent *co-produced with Amnesty International*

The Chef demonstrates how to make some quick and easy Colombia

## **PERFORMING ARTS:**

**The Uighurs:** 2:30 p.m. – Redpath Stage *co-produced with Amnesty International*

Uighurs (pronounced WEE-gur) are a Turkish-speaking Muslim people who live primarily in the autonomous region of Xinjiang, China. Performers wear velvet, sequined and embroidered costumes that complement their graceful, yet vigorous dancing.

## **FILM:**

**Migr@tions:** 1:30 p.m. – Studio Theatre

Launched by Radio Canada International, Migr@tions is an online short film competition open to young filmmakers. Harbourfront screens some of this year's film submissions, in both English and French.

**Take me to the River:** 4 p.m. – Studio Theatre

A behind-the-scenes look into the making of the *RESPECT* photo exhibit followed by a presentation/Q&A with the Creative Director and Producer of the project Louise Larivière. *RESPECT* is a photo odyssey that takes you on a unique journey through Canada's Boreal forest currently displayed on site at Harbourfront Centre.

**Woodland Spirits:** 5:30 p.m. – Studio Theatre

Featuring stunning scenery and powerful artwork, *Woodland Spirits* is a film that highlights the connections between three men who represent three generations of Woodland artists living in northwestern Ontario.

## **FAMILY:**

**Canadian Citizens Swearing-In Ceremony:** 12 p.m. – Lakeside Terrace

With Citizenship and Immigration Canada, Harbourfront Centre welcomes Canada's newest citizens with a swearing in ceremony.

**Amnesty International's Global Refugee Village:** 12 p.m. – Brigantine Room

Featuring 12 refugee community groups from around the world. Music, dance, games, arts and more.

**The Natrel Pond Free Canoe Rides:** 1 p.m. – The Natrel Pond

Enjoy free canoe rides in The Natrel Pond.

## **LECTURES/WORKSHOPS:**

**Larry Sherk Presentation:** 1 p.m. – Studio Lab 2

Well known horticulturist Larry Sherk will give a short informative slide show presentation of the history of the Artists Garden programme. This will be followed by a walking tour of all 23 gardens.