



## THE BLOOR ST. CULTURE CORRIDOR'S HUB OF CULTURE DAYS EVENTS

The **Bloor St. Culture Corridor**, Toronto's most diverse arts and culture district, celebrates **Culture Days**, the annual weekend when people across the country enjoy and participate in free arts and culture, with a special **Bloor St. Culture Corridor hub of Culture Days** Friday, September 30 through Sunday, October 2, 2016.

The weekend kicks off with the third installment of **Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema** and **Bloor St. Culture Corridor's Culture Workers Unwind** series, a professional development and networking event for workers in the arts, culture and non-profit sector, on Friday, September 30 at 4pm. Guest speakers include moderator **Brett Hendrie**, Executive Director, Hot Docs; along with panelists **Sara Diamond**, President, OCAD University; **Adrian Fung**, Vice President of Innovation, Toronto Symphony Orchestra; and **Ravi Jain**, Associate Artistic Director, Soulpepper Theatre Company.

As part of the Bloor St. Culture Corridor Hub of Culture Days, **The Royal Conservatory** presents three free concert events. **Gábor Takács-Nagy conducts the Royal Conservatory Orchestra with pianist Rossina Grieco** perform in Koerner Hall on Friday, [September 30](#), at 8pm. The wildly popular **Koerner Hall Free for All** returns on October 1, with aspiring and professional musicians enjoying their five minutes of glory on the Koerner Hall stage. Acoustic performances are between 12 noon and 3pm and amplified performances from 5pm to 8pm. For those unable to come in person, the event will be available on the "Live at Koerner Hall" Livestream, at [www.rcmusic.ca/livestream](http://www.rcmusic.ca/livestream). On October 2, at 2pm, the new free Sunday Interludes concert series starts with 2016 Juno Award-winning saxophonist, composer, and arranger, **Allison Au**, and her quartet performing in Mazzoleni Concert Hall.

The **Talisker Players** join the **Gardiner Museum** on Saturday, October 1, to celebrate Culture Days with ***Puttin' on the Ritz: Selections from the Irving Berlin Songbook*** featuring the music of one of the greatest songwriters in history, amongst one of the most important collections of ceramics from across time and around the world. The Talisker Players and guest artist, mezzo soprano Whitney O'Hearn, sample some of the favourites, including 'Always', 'Cheek to Cheek' – and of course, the title song.

**The Gardiner Museum** is also a site of free art events and exhibitions that are also part of Nuit Blanche, including **Bleue et Blanche**, pottery from the ancient Americas and cutting-edge contemporary works; **URBAN SYNCOPATION**, and installation by Mona El Khafif, Ila Berman, Marcella Del Signore, Steven Beites that temporarily cloaks urban surfaces with a patterned, responsive and performative skin that functions as a dynamic interface; and **Korsi**, Maziar Ghaderi's intimate and interactive installation of a low table found in rural Iran decorated with donated blankets and arranged with heaters underneath it.

Also as part of Nuit Blanche, the courtyard in front of **The Royal Conservatory** is the site of art installations from 7pm Saturday night until 7am Sunday morning, including **Bike Date / Rest Stop Bike Repair Shop with Laura**

**Curry; The Firefly Effect**, Jody Naderi and John Fillwalk's multi-media art event accessed through a mobile app, and **Weight**, Rosary Solimanto's endurance performance involving 20lb steel boots.

At the **Bata Shoe Museum** people can experience Nuit Blanche exhibitions and the Bloor St. Culture Corridor hub of Culture Days, with **Salute the 6ix ~ Piece by Piece** where everyone can show our pride for Toronto and be part of a unique puzzle sculpture that captures what we love about this city, **Melting** by Evan Steingarten and Jason van Horne, featuring photographs of glacier ice displayed on sculpted pedestals and frames formed from manufactured ice with internal lights they become beacons slowly melting throughout the night and **Cushion** by F\_Rmlab, featuring dozens of colourful inflatable masses lit from within which will lead visitors to enter the museum through the 'back door'.

**The Gardiner Museum** is free all weekend and features **Family Sunday** activities, including clay workshops and tile painting, on Sunday, October 2, 11am – 4pm.

**Alliance française** presents a screening of **Le Petit Prince**, the animated movie by Mark Osborne, on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 2pm.

**Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra** will present solo violin music at the **Bata Shoe Museum** on Sunday, October 2 at 3pm. Violinist Patricia Ahern will present a one-hour program, performing music by Telemann, Biber, and Bach, all while giving context to the audience about this beautiful music. Admittance to this event and to the entire Bata Shoe Museum is free all day Sunday.

The **Museum of Estonians Abroad (VEMU)** presents the exhibition **Free Lines. Portraits from the Restored Republic of Estonia by Andrus Peegel**, on view Friday, September 30, 10am-5pm. The exhibition celebrates 25 years since the restoration of the independence of Estonia.

Also happening that weekend, the **Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)** will present **#FNLROM: Nuit ROM** on Friday, September 30, **Wildzone Workshops** on Saturday October 1, and **Meet the ROM's Aquarium Keeper** on Sunday October 2. These events are free with the purchase of general admission.

**A complete calendar of events and programs, including links to each presenting organization and admission and ticket information, are at [www.bloorstculturecorridor.com](http://www.bloorstculturecorridor.com) and on the Bloor St. Culture Corridor mobile app.**

On the Bloor St. Culture Corridor website you'll also find **Bloor St. Culture Stories**, #BCCStories, showcasing some of the unique voices and Bloor St Culture Corridor organizations: [www.bloorstculturecorridor.com/stories](http://www.bloorstculturecorridor.com/stories)

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**The Bloor St. Culture Corridor**, Toronto's most diverse arts and culture district, is a true creative cluster; an arts and culture destination, and a sector-enhancing and community-building collaboration between some of Toronto's most dynamic arts and culture organizations. All 19 of the Bloor St. Culture Corridor partner organizations present arts and cultural events for the public year-round in destination venues - all located in a cluster along a vibrant stretch of Bloor Street West. The Bloor St. Culture Corridor offers the public a wide variety of arts genres, from museum experiences to films, art exhibitions to music concerts, and opportunities to experience some of Toronto's cultural diversity, including French, Jewish, Italian, Japanese, Estonian, and Aboriginal arts and culture. Each year more than three million members of the public go to Bloor St. Culture Corridor arts and culture destinations, and attend exhibitions, performances, and events. Together, the Bloor St. Culture Corridor organizations generate more than \$629,500,000 in economic impact each year.

**Bloor St. Culture Corridor partner destinations include:**

**Alliance Française de Toronto:** 24 Spadina Road [www.alliance-francaise.ca](http://www.alliance-francaise.ca)

**Bata Shoe Museum:** 327 Bloor Street West [www.batashoemuseum.ca](http://www.batashoemuseum.ca)

**Hot Docs Ted Rogers Cinema:** 506 Bloor Street West [www.hotdocscinema.ca](http://www.hotdocscinema.ca)

**Gardiner Museum:** 111 Queen's Park [www.gardinermuseum.com](http://www.gardinermuseum.com)

**Istituto Italiano di Cultura:** 496 Huron Street [www.iictoronto.esteri.it](http://www.iictoronto.esteri.it)

**Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre:** 750 Spadina Ave. [www.mnjcc.org](http://www.mnjcc.org)

**Native Canadian Centre of Toronto:** 16 Spadina Road [www.ncct.on.ca](http://www.ncct.on.ca)

**Royal Ontario Museum (ROM):** 100 Queen's Park (Entrance on Bloor Street W.) [www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca)

**The Royal Conservatory of Music / Koerner Hall:** 273 Bloor Street West [www.performance.rcmusic.ca](http://www.performance.rcmusic.ca)

**Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra & Chamber Choir:** 427 Bloor Street West [www.tafelmusik.org](http://www.tafelmusik.org)

**Talisker Players:** 427 Bloor Street West [www.taliskerplayers.ca](http://www.taliskerplayers.ca)

**The Toronto Consort:** 427 Bloor Street West [www.torontoconsort.org](http://www.torontoconsort.org)

**University of Toronto Faculty of Music:** 80 Queen's Park [www.music.utoronto.ca](http://www.music.utoronto.ca)

Bloor St. Culture Corridor associates include:

**918 Bathurst Centre for Culture, Arts, Media + Education:** 918 Bathurst St. [www.918bathurst.com](http://www.918bathurst.com)

**The Japan Foundation, Toronto:** 2 Bloor Street East [www.jftor.org](http://www.jftor.org)

**Museum of Estonians Abroad/VEMU:** 310 Bloor Street West [www.vemu.ca](http://www.vemu.ca)

**The Randolph Centre for the Arts:** 736 Bathurst St. [www.randolphcentreforthearts.com](http://www.randolphcentreforthearts.com)

**Soundstreams:** various venues on the Bloor St. Culture Corridor [www.soundstreams.ca](http://www.soundstreams.ca)

**Toronto Reference Library:** 789 Yonge Street [www.torontopubliclibrary.ca](http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca)

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