



## CULTURE DAYS WEEKEND 2015: THE BLOOR ST. CULTURE CORRIDOR HUB

TORONTO, Canada (September 4, 2015): **The Bloor St. Culture Corridor** – Toronto's most diverse arts and culture district – celebrates the sixth annual **Culture Days** weekend taking place Friday, September 25 through Sunday, September 27, 2015 with the **Culture Days Bloor St. Culture Corridor Hub**. **More than 15 free events and activities will be offered** at leading arts and culture destinations on Bloor St. West. The Bloor St. Culture Corridor invites everyone to create, participate, share, and celebrate culture in the heart of Toronto.

The Culture Days Bloor St. Culture Corridor Hub features a variety of **free activities** being presented by Bloor St. Culture Corridor partners **The Royal Conservatory of Music**, the **Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)**, the **Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre**, the **Gardiner Museum**, **Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir**, **The Toronto Consort**, **Alliance Française de Toronto**, the **Bata Shoe Museum**, and **The Bloor Hot Docs Cinema**.

Free events and programming include musical performances, museum tours, film screenings, art exhibitions, hands-on demonstrations, arts and crafts, and more. **A complete list of Culture Days Bloor St. Culture Corridor Hub activity is below, and [available online here](#).**

**Alliance Française de Toronto** presents *European Day of Languages* with mini language courses in Italian, German, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Hungarian, and more on Friday, September 25, 5pm-8:30pm. Appropriate for all ages.

The **Bata Shoe Museum** presents the *Culture Days Weekend* in celebration of arts and culture with free Museum admission, hands-on demonstrations, and arts and crafts on Saturday September 26, 10am-4pm, and Sunday, September 27, 12pm-4pm.

The **Bloor Hot Docs Cinema** presents a free screening of *Watermark* on Sunday, September 27 at 1pm, featuring a post-screening Q&A with filmmakers Jennifer Baichwal and Nick de Pencier, as well as a free screening of *The World Before Her* at 4pm, presented with English subtitles and featuring a post-screening Q&A with producer Cornelia Principe. Free tickets required, limited to two per person.

The **Gardiner Museum** will unveil the transformed European Porcelain Gallery, housing one of the world's most significant collections of European ceramics. Free admission and guided tours at 11am, 2pm, and 3pm, will be offered throughout the weekend. On Saturday, September 26 from 1:30pm-2:15pm, a performance by **Talisker Players** will evoke the atmosphere of the 18th century, and on Sunday, September 27 from 11am-4pm, families are invited to take part in a hands-on clay painting workshop led by an experienced arts educator.

The **Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre** presents *Shmita/Seven Generations*, a group mixed media exhibition exploring the Jewish concept of Shmita and the Indigenous concept of Seven Generations, on view Friday, September 25 through Sunday, September 27, 9am-7pm. On Sunday, September 27, exhibiting artists will be on site at the **Miles Nadal Jewish Community Centre**, 1pm-4pm. Also, the *MNJCC Ukulele Circle Open House with Jodi Pape*, Chief Connector of The Uke Connection takes place on Sunday, September 27, 2pm-4pm.

The **Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)** offers *ROMwalk – About the ROM*, a walking tour including architecture, anecdotes and archival photographs, on Sunday, September 27 at 2pm.

**The Royal Conservatory** presents *The ARC Ensemble (Artists of The Royal Conservatory)* at Koerner Hall for a free performance on Saturday, September 26 at 3pm. Free tickets required. Then, **The Conservatory** presents *Brazilian Samba with Alan Hetherington*, samba class instructor and Director of the Escola de Samba, for a public class where everyone is invited to drum, dance, and enjoy on Sunday, September 27, 1pm-3pm. Also, **The Royal Conservatory** Red Piano will be situated in the street with mini-performances by faculty and students, with the public welcome to play between performances on Sunday, September 27, 12pm-4pm.

**Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir**, in partnership with **Trinity-St. Paul's Centre** and **The Toronto Consort**, are part of *The WholeNote's 20th Anniversary Celebration*, hosted by Mary Lou Fallis and David Perlman. Performers include members of the **Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra**, **The Toronto Consort** and many others, as well as a post-performance reception at Trinity-St. Paul's Centre on Friday, September 25 at 7pm. Free tickets required.

The **Toronto Reference Library** presents author *Richard Scrimger* in conversation with John Miller on Friday, September 25, 6:30pm-8pm, in the Elizabeth Beeton Auditorium.

#### **ABOUT CULTURE DAYS**

**Culture Days** invites everyone to **create, participate and share** in arts and culture in every community across the country. The 6th annual Culture Days weekend will take place on **September 25, 26 and 27, 2015**. Once again, the event will feature free, hands-on, interactive activities that invite the public to participate “behind the scenes”—and to discover the world of artists, creators, historians, architects, curators, and designers at work in their community. As a leading national voice for the active and engaged cultural life of all Canadians, Culture Days provides support, tools and resources to a wide variety of artists and cultural organizations to help them unite the country through engagement in culture. For more details about Culture Days in Ontario please visit: <http://www.on.culturedays.ca>. Connect to Culture Days on Facebook, Flickr and YouTube and join the conversation @ONCultureDays.

More info about **Bloor St. Culture Corridor upcoming events and arts and culture destinations**, can be found at:

**[www.bloorstculturecorridor.com](http://www.bloorstculturecorridor.com)**

**Twitter: [@bloorstculture](https://twitter.com/bloorstculture)**

**Facebook: [www.facebook.com/bloorstculturecorridor](http://www.facebook.com/bloorstculturecorridor)**

**Bloor St. Culture Corridor free mobile app,**

available at [www.bloorstculturecorridor.com](http://www.bloorstculturecorridor.com), the [iTunes App Store](https://itunes.apple.com), or [Google Play](https://play.google.com).



**The 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)

**Bloor Hot Docs Cinema:** 506 Bloor Street West [www.bloorcinema.com](http://www.bloorcinema.com)

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

**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, Mazzoleni Concert Hall, Conservatory Theatre:** 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:** 131 Bloor Street West [www.jftor.org](http://www.jftor.org)

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

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

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