

Harbourfront Centre presents

SUMMER MUSIC *in the garden*

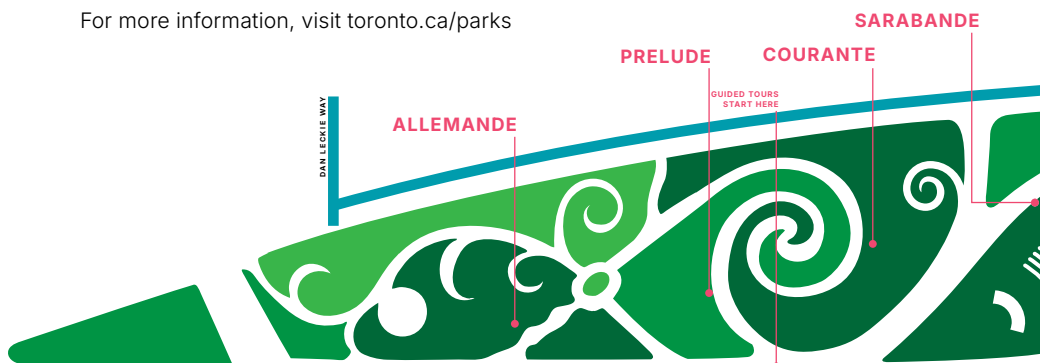
JUN21–AUG28, 2025
FREE

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OUR GARDEN IS YOUR CONCERT HALL

The Toronto Music Garden is a City of Toronto park and is open year-round. This unique park was conceived by internationally renowned cellist Yo-Yo Ma and landscape designer Julie Moir Messervy, in partnership with the City of Toronto's Parks and Recreation department. Through its landscape, the garden interprets Bach's Suite No. 1 in G major, BWV 1007, for unaccompanied cello.

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SUMMER MUSIC IN THE GARDEN

Summer Music in the Garden is an intimate live music experience by the waterfront, occurring most Thursdays at 7pm and Sundays at 4pm all summer. This summer celebrates the 26th anniversary of the Toronto Music Garden. Featuring 18 free performances by JUNO Award-winning Canadian musicians and celebrated international artists.

GIGUE
CONCERT LOCATION

MENUETT

QUEENS QUAY WEST

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JUNE & JULY

JUN 21

SATURDAY 7-8PM



MATRIARCHS AND MELODIES

OPERA, INDIGENOUS

On National Indigenous Peoples Day celebrate Indigenous music through a blend of classical and contemporary works featuring arias by Métis composer Ian Cusson, selections from Louis Riel and evocative pieces by Serbian-Canadian composer, Ana Sokolović. Emma Pennell, one of Canada's rising opera stars, brings the depth of her expressive soprano voice to each piece, reflecting both personal and cultural narratives.

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JUN 26

THURSDAY 7-8PM



A JOURNEY THROUGH SOUL AND JAZZ

CLASSIC SOUL AND JAZZ

Ready to dance? With the lush arrangements and vocals setting the tone, this will be a night to remember with classic hits by Al Green, Donny Hathaway, Luther Vandross, The Temptations, The Commodores, Smokey Robinson, Lou Rawls, among many other iconic male soul vocalists — all blended with classic crooning and swinging jazz standards.

JUN 29

SUNDAY 4-5PM



SONGS OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE

GOSPEL, INSPIRATIONAL

Enjoy inspirational music and gospel from Canadian Mezzo Soprano, Melissa Davis. As a dynamic concert soloist, she has played principal roles in many concert and opera productions throughout Canada, the United States, Europe and the Caribbean. Expect a moving three-part setlist comprised of hymns and other songs borrowed from the oral traditions of the African-American culture, like "My God is So High," "His Name So Sweet" and "I Go to the Rock."

JUL 3

THURSDAY 7-8PM



SOUNDS OF STORIES

INDIAN FUSION

A blend of Indian classical and jazz, Sounds of Stories features a trio of musicians improvising instrumental music that moves through spoken word poetry, drawing on a range of musical genres to guide stories through live music. Merging pre-recorded poetry by various poets in multiple languages, the accompanying music explores the intersection of sound and story, crafting a unique auditory experience that spans emotions.

TAKE ME TO THE DANCE?

WESTERN CLASSICAL, FOLK

Escape to the night clubs of Buenos Aires and the cabarets of Montmartre with this powerhouse duo. Bruno-Bridge is a powerhouse violin and accordion duo on stage, giving a mysterious and musical escape into the clubs of Spain and the Moulin Rouge cabarets of Paris. Come to hear romantic favourites alongside new works that will leave you feeling a warm nostalgia and the urge to dance.

JUL 6

SUNDAY 4-5PM



SONGS OF BIRDS AND LOVE

EUROPEAN RENAISSANCE

A delightful program of music from the English and French Renaissance with madrigals, rounds, chansons and instrumental music from Ravenscroft, Weelkes, Richafort, Vautor and others, performed with combinations of voices, lute and flutes. Explore love's many expressions and nature's many gifts – perfect for an evening in the Music Garden!

JUL 10

THURSDAY 7-8PM



WILD STRINGS AND TUNING THINGS

CONTEMPORARY MODAL

Enjoy an afternoon in the Music Garden, featuring a distinctly Toronto-diverse trio of musicians. This trio of Labyrinth Ensemble musicians will explore a repertoire acquired over four years of study with expert musicians Âriâ Mohâfez, Maliheh Moradi and Evgenios Voulgaris. Pieces from Iranian, Turkish, Arabic and the contemporary modal repertoire will be presented, interspersed with solos from each performer showcasing the technical prowess and sonic richness of modal improvisation.

JUL 13

SUNDAY 4-5PM



BAROQUE-MIDDLE-EASTERN-CYBERPUNK

BAROQUE, MIDDLE-EASTERN, ELECTRONIC

Palestinian-Canadian pianist and composer John Kameel Farah melds sound, traditions and technologies with synthesizers and electronics. Moving freely between improvisations, soundscapes and driving beats and rhythms, referring to his unique genre of music as "Baroque-Middle-Eastern-Cyberpunk."

JUL 24

THURSDAY 7-8PM



JULY & AUGUST

JUL 27
SUNDAY 4-5PM



STOLEN DANCES *FLAMENCO*

A unique blend of poetry, melody and the unmistakable rhythmic heartbeat of flamenco where four artists share the adrenaline on stage with a mix of heritage and contemporary music that will define this free and poetic performance. Joining Mariana Collado onstage will be local talents Benjamin Barrile on guitar, Ana Lia on vocals and Chendy Leon on percussion.

JUL 31
THURSDAY 7-8PM



VOICE IS THE ORIGINAL INSTRUMENT *ALTERNATIVE CHORAL*

Join us for a joyful evening of playful rounds, yodelling and enchanting medieval music. Comprised of some of Toronto's most talented and creative vocalists, The Local Singers go beyond traditional a cappella singing, and pay tribute to the awesome power of the human voice.

AUG 3
SUNDAY 4-5PM



JOURNEY *PAN-AFRICAN DRUMMING & DANCING*

Marvel at the intergenerational Ngoma Ensemble as they drum and dance their way across the African diaspora. *Ngoma*, meaning drum and dance in Swahili, is a virtuosic multi-generational dance ensemble, embracing their African ancestry with contemporary hints of Afrobeat, tap dance, congas and percussion.

AUG 7
THURSDAY 7-8PM



THE STRING'S THE THING *EARLY BAROQUE, MODERN JAZZ*

From the masterful work of J.S. Bach to the sonic worlds of Brazil, Brubeck and beyond, violinist Mark Fewer transports his audience into mesmerizing soundscapes, accompanied by Nathan Hiltz on guitar and Joseph Phillips on bass.

AUG 10
SUNDAY 4-5PM



CELTIC AND CANADIAN *WOODLAND FOLK*

Lo & the High Road is a Celtic-inspired, five-piece folk band that mixes traditional folk music and originals. Blending folklore and forest fantasy, tap your toes to favourite Celtic tunes and new Canadian music.

MEMORIES THROUGH SONG

*ALTERNATIVE POP, OPM
(ORIGINAL PILIPINO MUSIC)*

Featuring original songs, Filipino classics and reimagined arrangements, this concert is an exploration of memories through song and sound brought to life by Belinda Corpuz and a band of some of Toronto's best musicians.

AUG14
THURSDAY 7-8PM



WHAT IS TIME FOR?

INDIE POP, EXPERIMENTAL

A deeply personal performance from two of Canada's most striking creative musicians: JUNO-nominated artist Tara Kannangara and Chris Pruden perform a set of original songs using sharp lyricism, synthesizers, a drum machine and wild trumpet melodies.

AUG17
SUNDAY 4-5PM



ENSEMBLE JENG YI BY THE WILLOW TREE

TRADITIONAL KOREAN

Ensemble Jeng Yi will perform a program featuring traditional pieces and original compositions for Korean percussion. They will be joined by frequent collaborator Joo Hyung Kim on the Kayagum, the Korean zither. Ensemble Jeng Yi will begin the performance not on the stage, but at a distance, from where they will approach, drumming and marching, in the spirit of itinerant bands of old Korea.

AUG21
THURSDAY 7-8PM



A LITTLE AFTERNOON MUSIC

OPERA

Do you enjoy hearty laughter, thrilling drama and heartbreaking love? Canadian Opera Company Ensemble Studio graduate Charlotte Siegel and pianist Nate Ben-Horin pack all of these into one afternoon, as they perform their favourite opera arias, songs and musical theatre numbers.

AUG24
SUNDAY 4-5PM



IN THE GARDEN OF THE DEEP BLUE SEA

AMBIENT ANCESTRAL

An adventure in sound with artists from Australia and New Zealand, this show features stories and music of acclaimed whale songman Bunna Lawrie (Mirning Elder) and occupies a third space between ancestral song, whale song, Maori tradition and contemporary classical music.

AUG28
THURSDAY 7-8PM



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