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Harbourfront centre

THIS IS TKARONTO

We respectfully acknowledge the past and present traditional owners of this territory and their unique role in the life of the region. Harbourfront Centre is committed to honouring Indigenous peoples' cultural and spiritual relationships to the land and waters, and their rich contribution to society.

Toronto is on the traditional territory of the Anishinaabe, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging. We ask that you respect the land and traditions of those who walked upon it for millennia before us.



WELCOME TO OUR WINTER SEASON

At Harbourfront Centre, the colder months invite you to experience our waterfront in a completely different way.

From the winter wonder of HarbourFrost to the celebration of Black arts and community at KUUMBA, and our family-fun programming during March Break, there are countless reasons to experience the waterfront this season.

What I am particularly proud of is how much is available to our community for free. Our extraordinary partners, donors and government make this possible, sharing our belief that meaningful experiences should be accessible to everyone.



This winter marks our first season with the Shaw Festival, bringing exceptional Canadian theatre to Toronto.

Our partnership with the Ontario Science Centre continues to bring science and learning to our campus, while Jumpstart Charities helps make recreation more accessible through our Community Rink and outdoor soccer pitch. These partnerships make our waterfront a unique place where arts, culture, learning, recreation, food and community come together.



This season also marks an exciting new chapter for Harbourfront Centre as we welcome Gideon Arthurs as our new CEO. I look forward to working alongside Gideon as he leads the organization into its next chapter.



Thank you to our artists, partners, supporters and community for making it possible.

We're glad you're here.



Tenio Evangelista
President and Chair
Harbourfront Centre Board of Directors

SHAW FESTIVAL
AT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

Harbourfront Centre and the Shaw Festival have partnered on a theatre residency, bringing celebrated Shaw productions to Toronto audiences starting this fall.
THE FLECK AT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE THEATRE TICKETED

A CHRISTMAS CAROL
BY CHARLES DICKENS, ADAPTED FOR THE STAGE BY TIM CARROLL

This fresh adaptation brings Dickens's world to life through inventive puppetry, towering ghosts that fill the stage, traditional carols and audience participation with spirited sing-alongs. Interactive performers mingle throughout the theatre, while beautifully detailed period costumes and sets create an atmospheric Victorian Christmas.
NOV 12 – DEC 23



Graeme Somerville as Mr. Hubble (centre) with the cast of *A Christmas Carol* (Shaw Festival, 2025). Photo by David Cooper.

OHIO STATE MURDERS
DIRECTED BY PHILIP AKIN

Penned by legendary playwright Adrienne Kennedy, this haunting and provocative play centres on Suzanne, an acclaimed Black author who returns to her alma mater, Ohio State University, to deliver a speech about the violent nature of her writing. Confronted by dark memories of her past, she begins to unravel the painful truth of what happened in 1949, during her time as a student. Mature content. **JAN 22 – FEB 21**



Sophia Walker in *Ohio State Murders*. Photo by Michael Cooper.

CRAFT & DESIGN STUDIO

Visit Harbourfront Centre's Craft & Design Studio, where artists work in glass, design, metal, ceramics, textiles and jewellery. Meet resident artists, see works in progress and discover the materials, tools and processes behind contemporary craft.

The Residency is generously supported by Canadian Heritage, the City of Toronto, Ontario Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts and the Lewitt Family Foundation.

EXHIBITIONS

NOW UNTIL MAR 15 FREE

MOTTO MOTTO

MARINA VAN RAAY

A playful ceramic exhibition that explores nostalgia and memory through Japanese decorative culture and Heisei-era retro aesthetics.

MAPPING NOTES

KEENAN O'TOOLE

Drawing and sculpture come together as speculative maps, revealing the hidden infrastructures that shape how we experience space and memory.

SWALLOWED WHOLE

NILOU GHAEMI

Figurative sculptures inspired by sedimentary rock textures, exploring the anxiety of navigating between cultures and ways of belonging.

TORONTO BIENNIAL OF ART

Harbourfront Centre is a co-presenting partner of the fourth edition of the Toronto Biennial of Art, *Things Fall Apart*, a city-wide exhibition featuring works by more than 30 artists and collectives. **NOW UNTIL DEC 31**

COCO FUSCO



Three murals explore threats to democracy, civil liberties and environmental justice in *Imprisoned Artists, Journalists Killed at Work, Assassinated Environmental Activists*.

SIMRANPREET ANAND



A series of LED signs, *Living with the Eternal*, offers a playful, tongue-in-cheek take on religious and spiritual advertising.

THE POWER PLANT CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY
WINTER EXHIBITIONS

Discover thought-provoking contemporary art by leading artists at The Power Plant.

This fall, The Power Plant brings together a variety of practices by artists exploring place, identity, ecology and the worlds that connect us.

Featuring exhibitions by Zadie Xa with Benito Mayor Vallejo, Sharon Lockhart, a film program and new and recent works by Ella Gonzales, Sami Tsang and Morgan Sears-Williams. All exhibitions are free.
OCT 24, 2026 – MAR 21, 2027



Photo: Eva Herzog.

WONDER AWAITS AT THE ONTARIO SCIENCE CENTRE

ONGOING $15 ADMISSION | FREE FOR KIDS AGES 2 & UNDER

For tickets, hours and more programming, visit **OntarioScienceCentre.ca**

SPACE DECK



Gaze upon the cosmos in the planetarium, launch satellites and navigate by stars on your space adventure. Plus, get inspired by Canada's many contributions to space exploration. Prepare your curiosity for liftoff – the universe is waiting for you.

INNOVATION STATION



What if what you imagine could become real? Design and test your wildest ideas using an ever-changing mix of materials. Try a building challenge or invent something that's uniquely you as you experiment with the art of science.

KIDSPARK



Everyday adventures become extraordinary discoveries. Shop for groceries, team up to build a house or set sail on a fishing trip. A bit of play unlocks real-world understanding for curious kids…and their grown-ups!

WONDERSTORE



Take some wonder home with you in the form of science souvenirs and gifts designed to fuel more curious adventures.


Harbour Frost
NOV 20 – DEC 20

Make the most of winter on the waterfront!
Enjoy performances from the Alpine Merry Sheep Choir and InKloosiv Voices Choir, bring the family to a live fire performance or Sleeping Beauty, a pantomime based on the beloved fairy tale.
NOV 20 – DEC 20 FREE & TICKETED

LIGHT UP THE NIGHT TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY



Join us as we light our spectacular 33-foot holiday tree! Meet beloved holiday characters and enjoy the glow of crackling fire pits as we ring in the merry season together.
NOV 20 COMMUNITY SQUARE FREE

INKLOOSIV VOICES CHOIR



Inkloosiv Voices is Toronto's first queer-led, inclusive Gospel and R&B choir, joining the Tree Lighting Ceremony to sing a collection of holiday favourites with their own Inkloosiv twist. **NOV 20 COMMUNITY SQUARE** FREE

HALA CIRCUS ARTS



Hala Circus Arts brings an enchanting cast of winter circus characters to life, from regal Snow Queens and Ice Princesses to whimsical Frosted Fawns, Toy Soldiers, Nutcrackers, Poinsettia Princesses and more.
This stunning cast roams, hoops, dances and stilt-walks their way into the hearts of guests of all ages.
NOV 20–22, NOV 28–29, DEC 5–6, DEC 12–13, DEC 19 COMMUNITY SQUARE FREE

ILLUMINAIR: FROST & FIRE



Light up the night with Illuminair's spectacular winter-themed fire performances! Watch as multiple talented artists bring the magic of fire to life through dazzling choreography and an exciting variety of fire apparatus. From mesmerizing flames to thrilling spins and dynamic group performances, there's something to captivate audiences of all ages. **NOV 20–21, NOV 27–28, DEC 4–5, DEC 11–12, DEC 18–19 COMMUNITY SQUARE** FREE

FROSTBITE LANE



Frostbite Lane brings together a little bit of everything for your holiday shopping. With seasonal finds and local vendors throughout, the market is a great place to shop small and support the people behind the products.
NOV 20 – DEC 20 WEST LANEWAY FREE ADMISSION

THE REDPATH EXPRESS

Take a festive train ride through HarbourFrost and soak up the sights, sounds and spirit of the season. Cruise along the waterfront as you take in the winter atmosphere, twinkling lights and festive energy all around you.
NOV 20 – DEC 20 FREE





THE ALPINE MERRY SHEEP CHOIR

Experience the Alpine Merry Sheep Choir led by a devoted shepherd where three playful sheep jingle and bleat through festive classics. With dance, harmonies and charm, they warm hearts, leaving smiles behind.
DEC 12 & 19 COMMUNITY SQUARE FREE



THE CARIBBEAN CHRISTMAS MIXTAPE FEATURING JOY LAPPS & LARNELL LEWIS

Joy, an award-winning steelpan artist of Antiguan and Barbudan descent, and Larnell, a Grammy Award-winning musician and member of Snarky Puppy, blend jazz, soul, R&B, gospel, Caribbean and contemporary influences to reimagine beloved holiday classics.
DEC 12 COMMUNITY SQUARE FREE



J3M & THE FAM

J3M brings a fearless sense of joy that creates instant connections with every performance. His special winter show will blend everything from holiday classics to disco staples, high-energy originals to soul-touching ballads. Expect to sing along, dance along and be pulled into his world during this festive season.
DEC 13 COMMUNITY SQUARE FREE



NOAH MALCOLM

Get ready for a holiday performance filled with enchanting melodies, playful storytelling and a festive spirit. Noah Malcolm makes music at the intersection of folk, roots, indie and classic pop, pairing catchy, hook-driven songs with emotionally honest lyrics and ear-catching vocals.
DEC 18 COMMUNITY SQUARE FREE

SLEEPING BEAUTY: A MERRY MAGICAL PANTOMIME



A fantastic holiday treat for the entire family. *Sleeping Beauty: A Merry Magical Pantomime* is packed with action and zingers with a couple of magical surprises tossed in for good measure. As a traditional Pantomime, there will be lots of laughs and guffaws, but what if the prince doesn't show up? What is the evil villain really up to? And will Sleeping Beauty wake up?
DEC 18–20, STUDIO THEATRE TICKETED

JADE HILTON



Join Jade Hilton and her band at HarbourFrost for a joyful celebration filled with the magic and spirit of the holiday season! Enjoy an uplifting collection of timeless holiday classics, festive favourites and beloved seasonal singalongs. **DEC 19 COMMUNITY SQUARE** FREE

UNDER THE WINTER SKY AN INDIGENOUS SOLSTICE GATHERING OF SONG, DANCE & STORYTELLING



A warm, intergenerational celebration of the Winter Solstice through Indigenous song, dance, drumming and storytelling. **DEC 20 COMMUNITY SQUARE** FREE

HARBOURFROST MAKERS MARKET



Discover unique, handmade gifts at the Makers Market, featuring work by Harbourfront Centre's Craft & Design Artists-in-Residence. Shop textiles, glass, ceramics, jewellery and more, with everything from scarves to beautiful handmade glassware.
NOV 20–22 CRAFT & DESIGN STUDIO, EAST HALLWAY



EVERY KID DESERVES THE CHANCE TO PLAY

Play is about more than just getting active — it's a chance to help kids to build self-esteem, nurture creativity, and connect with their community.

That's why Jumpstart helps kids across Canada access sport and play. Since 2005, we've helped over 4.5 million kids get off the sidelines and into the game.

To learn more, visit **jumpstart.canadiantire.ca**.

Jumpstart
Bon départ

SKATE BY THE LAKE



Is there anything more magical than gliding across the ice beneath an open winter sky? Thanks to our partnership with Canadian Tire Jumpstart Charities, the beloved community skating rink is back for another season. Lace up and make memories on ice — from first-time skaters to seasoned pros, all are welcome.

NOV 28 – MAR 3 WEATHER PERMITTING COMMUNITY RINK FREE

DJ SKATE NIGHTS

Make your winter Saturday nights epic with DJ Skate Nights where top DJs spin the beats, keeping the energy high all night long. **DEC 19 – FEB 13 COMMUNITY RINK** FREE

DEC 19
HOUSE, DISCO & R&B
YOUNG TEESH
Pop, house, disco, Top 40, soca and R&B

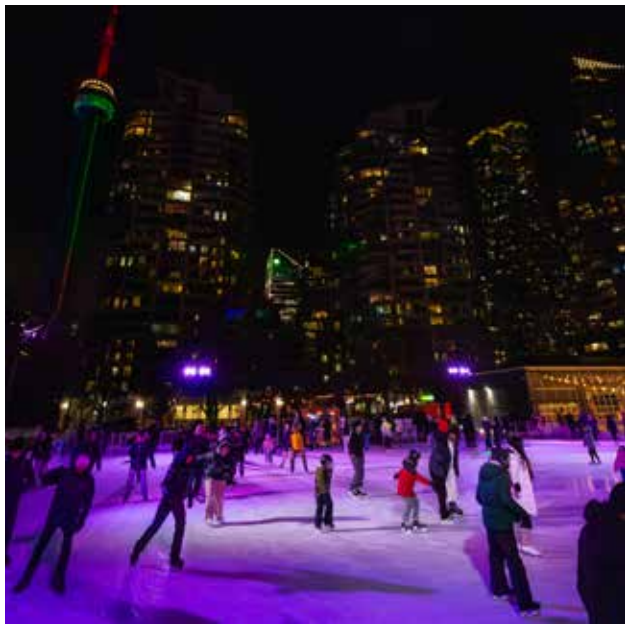
DEC 26
SOUL KITCHEN: DJ SKITZ
Classic & contemporary soul, neo-soul, new jack swing, slow jams

DEC 31
DJ JJ ROCK
NEW YEAR'S EVE
R&B, hip-hop, dancehall, Afrobeats, soca & old school

JAN 2
CLASSICS ON ICE
DJ FLY LADY DI
Golden-era hip-hop, R&B, soulful house & dancehall

JAN 9
STEREO FERMENT ON ICE
DJ DUO OREKU & COY HASTE
Psych-tropical grooves, dubbed-out folk-disco, house & leftfield club sounds

JAN 16
LATIN BEATS ON ICE
V1N0V1NA & MOMOCITA
Reggaeton, salsa, Brazilian funk, Latin house & Afro house



JAN 23
SONIC SANCOCHO ON ICE
NYHTNURSE & 936 TRAVELER
Latin American & global club sounds

JAN 30
AROUND THE GLOBE
DJ HEEBIEJABI
Rhythms across the SWANA region — Southwest Asia & North Africa

FEB 6
SOCA ON ICE
DR. JAY DE SOCA PRINCE
Feel the pulse of the Caribbean with a tropical twist

FEB 13
AFRO HOUSE ON ICE
RAZAQ EL TORO & MARTINSES
Afro house & African electronic sounds rooted in the diaspora

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATIONS

Countdown to midnight with a skate on the rink with DJ JJ Rock spinning R&B, hip-hop, dancehall, Afrobeats, soca & old school. Then, take in the City of Toronto's spectacular 10-minute fireworks display, synchronized to music for a breathtaking high-altitude light show over the lake.
We'll also have a few surprise moments you won't want to miss! **DEC 31 VARIOUS VENUES** **FREE**





KUUMBA 2027 | 365 THE STRENGTH OF OUR VOICE

KUUMBA, Toronto's largest and longest-running Black Futures Month festival, is presented by TD Bank Group. Guided by the theme The Strength of our Voice, **KUUMBA 2027** will feature a vibrant lineup spanning music, wellness and workshops amplifying Afro-Caribbean and Canadian artists in a powerful celebration and future-focused dialogue. **FEB 1–28 VARIOUS VENUES**
FREE & TICKETED

KUUMBA 365, presented by TD Bank Group, is a year-round program celebrating Black artists and the many ways Black culture is expressed through art. This year, the program explores Black culture through voice, bringing together music and contemporary art. Music theatre vocalists Nicole Brooks, Gyles and Quisha Wint will respond to The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery's winter exhibitions, creating an original composition inspired by the works on view. The project will culminate in an extraordinary live performance that connects the visual and sonic worlds in a new artistic experience. **FEB 5 THE POWER PLANT CONTEMPORARY ART GALLERY** **PAY WHAT YOU WISH**



AMANDLA!
KARABO MOOKI

This series follows a generation of Black women in skateboarding reclaiming their right to occupy the spaces where they skate and asserting their presence against South Africa's tumultuous history of gender-based violence. **JAN – AUG PARKING PAVILION** FREE



WELLNESS WEDNESDAYS

Cultivating a space for Black, Indigenous and Women of Colour in the health and wellness space through shared dialogue and self-care practices.
FEB 3, 10, 17 & 24 THE LOOKOUT FREE WITH REGISTRATION

AFRO-FRANCO MUSIC SHOWCASE
LA CULTURE MUSICALE AFRICAINE DU QUÉBEC



A tribute to the cultures of Francophone artists from the African continent, featuring the music of the Democratic Republic of Congo, Benin and Niger. In association with Batuki Music Society.
FEB 13 STUDIO THEATRE TICKETED



DEAR TINA: CELEBRATING THE MUSIC OF TINA TURNER

From "What's Love Got to Do with It" to the show-stopping "Proud Mary," expect powerhouse vocals led by vocalist Quisha Wint, a live band and a night packed with the unmistakable spirit of Tina. **FEB 6 STUDIO THEATRE** TICKETED



THE SADE EXPERIENCE

With a full live band and curated setlists, a live music event channeling the elegance and soul of Sade Adu through the extraordinary voice of Shelley Hamilton.
FEB 7 STUDIO THEATRE TICKETED

AFRICAN WOMAN
AN ÉSIE MENSAH CREATIONS PRODUCTION



Journeying through the musical lineage of African popular culture told through the medium of dance. From the Independence Era through colonial rule across Africa, Mensah honours Afrobeat's revolutionary sound.
FEB 19, 20 & 21 STUDIO THEATRE TICKETED

TRAVIS KNIGHTS & JOANNA MAJOKO IN CONCERT

Backed by a live jazz ensemble, award-winning tap dancer Travis Knights celebrates the African American roots of tap dance while exploring its continued relevance today.
FEB 27 THE FLECK AT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE THEATRE TICKETED

KASHEDANCE AH W.I. TING

Ah W.I. Ting brings choreographer Kevin A. Ormsby and saxophonist Jillia Cato together to explore how bodies and sound can move beyond nationhood and migration.
FEB 28 THE FLECK AT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE THEATRE TICKETED



FAMILY DAY WEEKEND

Harbourfront Centre invites families to discover the magic of winter with dazzling ice dance performances, the fiery artistry of glass blowing, immersive Magical Sound Baths and mind melting magic shows.
FEB 12–15 VARIOUS VENUES FREE & TICKETED



TWICE THE MAGIC

Two magicians. Twice the wonder. A whole lot of laughter! Step into a world of imagination with BenTastic and Magic Mel in *Twice the Magic* — a theatrical magic show bursting with surprises, playful comedy and astonishing moments that bring the impossible to life.
FEB 12 STUDIO THEATRE TICKETED



SOUND MAGIC: IMMERSIVE SOUND BATH EXPERIENCE

Surrounded by gentle nature-inspired projections and singing bowls, chimes and the sounds of the natural world, each session moves from LISTEN to CREATE to REST, transforming sound into a shared experience of connection and calm. **FEB 13 MAIN LOFT** FREE



MAGIC IN MOTION: LIVE ICE DANCE PERFORMANCE

Blending the artistry of dance with the exhilaration of skating, Storm Productions invites audiences into a captivating journey across the ice with choreography, imaginative storytelling, music and movement.
FEB 13 & 14 SKATING RINK FREE

NEW IN MARCH

SO NOW YOU KNOW

More than a show, *So Now You Know* is a community engagement project from Mixed eMotion Theatrix. With a cast from Toronto and Los Angeles, the work shares in the communal stories of love, family and discovery through words and movement. **MAR 20–21 THE FLECK AT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE THEATRE** TICKETED



MOLTEN MAGIC: LIVE GLASS BLOWING DEMONSTRATION



Step into the mesmerizing world of molten glass, where fire, artistry and a little bit of magic come together. Watch as a glass artist transforms glowing molten glass into a one-of-a-kind work of art.
FEB 14 CRAFT & DESIGN STUDIO FREE

FUN FAMILY MAGIC SHOW



Join BenTastic and Magic Mel for magic, laughter and unexpected surprises! With playful comedy and audience participation, this lively show brings the whole family together for a little wonder and a lot of fun.
FEB 15 STUDIO THEATRE PAY WHAT YOU WISH

BIG, FUN, FAMILY GAMES

A play zone with Giant Jenga, Giant Connect 4, Giant Tic Tac Toe, Basketball and many more. These fun games will keep you moving by discovering the magic of playing as a family. **FEB 15 COMMUNITY SQUARE** FREE





WINTER ACTIVITIES

On Toronto's waterfront

For a full list of upcoming winter events, activities, and programs happening along the waterfront, visit **waterfrontbia.com**

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FROM OUR PARTNERS

For a complete list of upcoming events in the neighbourhood, follow **@waterfrontbia**

HOLIDAY SHOWS AT THE SECOND CITY



'Tis the season for laughter and cheer! The Second City is decking its holiday lineup with shows for every sense of humour. Whether you're after nostalgia or a new tradition, The Second City makes any winter outing merry and bright.
NOV 19 – DEC 31 110 HARBOUR ST. TICKETED SecondCity.com

LASSONDE ART TRAIL



Hank Willis Thomas, *Saverio and Daisy (Navel)*, 2022. Photo: WBIA. Courtesy the artist and Lassonde Art Trail.

Explore contemporary art along the Lassonde Art Trail, a free outdoor destination spanning more than four kilometres through Biidaasige Park. Discover permanent and rotating works by leading Canadian and international artists across 15 interconnected public art sites.
BIIDAASIGE PARK, 51 COMMISSIONERS ST.
FREE LassondeArtTrail.org

SUGAR SHACK TO PRESENTED BY REDPATH SUGAR



Toronto's only urban *cabane à sucre* returns to the waterfront with all things maple. Additional programming includes live entertainment, winter activities, delicious maple-infused comfort food and so much more.
MAR 13–14 51 DOCKSIDE DR. FREE SugarShackto.ca



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For 179 years, Labatt has built a legacy on the ambition to **lead**, **challenge**, and **achieve greatness** in everything we do.

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THE FOOD SCENE

Bold flavours meet lakeside charm, from chic Mediterranean-Asian share plates to artisan coffees, casual bites and full-on comfort food.

AMSTERDAM BREWHOUSE



Celebrate the holidays at Amsterdam Brewhouse, Toronto's largest waterfront craft brewery, restaurant and BrewMart. Our 14,000 sq. ft. space offers cozy, chef-crafted menus and fresh craft beer – perfect for festive gatherings and winter celebrations. Book now at **AmsterdamBeer.com**

MIRACLE TORONTO AT BOXCAR HARBOURFRONT



In November and December, Boxcar Social transforms into Miracle, a festive Christmas bar full of holiday cocktails and good cheer. From January through March, we are back to cafe service only: a cozy lakeside escape on Toronto's waterfront all winter long. **MiracleToronto.com OPENS NOV 20**

QUEENS HARBOUR



Returning for its second season, The White Garden transforms the back of Queens Garden into an immersive winter escape. Flocked hanging trees, cascading white blooms, fur-lined details and snow-kissed surroundings create a dreamlike seasonal dining experience on Toronto's waterfront. **QueensHarbour.ca NOV 13 – JAN 31**





MEET US HERE

Our Main Building is located at 235 Queens Quay West, on the south side of Queens Quay West, where Lower Simcoe Street ends. Our campus extends from York Street all the way to Bathurst Street with many venues (indoor and outdoor) and places to gather with loved ones for a great time by the water.



TAKE PUBLIC TRANSIT

The closest accessible subway station is Union Station. Harbourfront Centre is the nearest streetcar stop. From Union Station, take the 510 streetcar and get off two stops later at the Harbourfront Centre stop.



PARKING

Access P2 Parking on-site at 235 Queens Quay West and the Rees Street Parking lot at the North West corner of Rees Street and Queens Quay West. Make a full day of your stay and enjoy the best that the waterfront has to offer. (P.S.: We are also one of the cheaper lots around for sports events in the neighbourhood.)

THANK YOU

Harbourfront Centre would like to thank our public funders and programming partners for their ongoing support.

OUR VOLUNTEERS ARE EVERYTHING

Volunteers are the very essence of Harbourfront Centre. By donating their time, positive energy and enthusiasm, each volunteer is deeply committed to enhancing visitors' experiences on our community campus.

As a non-profit, the support of our volunteers allows us to continue fulfilling our mission and serving millions of people in our community every year.

Join the coolest team in town and volunteer with us! Apply here **HarbourfrontCentre.com/Volunteer**



CODE OF CONDUCT

Harbourfront Centre is for every community, and our goal is to create a welcoming and enjoyable experience for everyone. Your safety and security are our top priorities, and we will take prompt action if any situation threatens the well-being of individuals or groups.

Let's work together to create an inclusive environment for all.

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