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Yorkville Welcomes the TD Toronto Jazz Festival

The highly anticipated annual music festival moves to Toronto's leading cultural destination this summer

Toronto, June 2017 – Toronto's historic **Yorkville** neighbourhood is pleased to announce that one of North America's premier jazz festivals, the **TD Toronto Jazz Festival**, is moving to the area this summer. Celebrating its 31st edition, the TD Toronto Jazz Festival will take place from **June 23rd – July 2nd**, featuring performances from a wide-variety of musicians over the annual 10-day event.

With **over 100 free concerts** taking place throughout different stages in the Yorkville area, residents and visitors are invited to experience performances by some of the best jazz artists from around the world. The festival will welcome performances from emerging artists, established musicians, jazz legends and undiscovered gems.

"Yorkville has been widely recognized as a cultural hotspot for music since the 1960s, with some of music's most renowned musicians frequenting various clubs and coffeehouses throughout the area over the years," **says Briar de Lange, Executive Director of the Bloor-Yorkville BIA (BYBIA)**. "As a proud Community Partner, we're thrilled that the TD Toronto Jazz Festival will be moving to Yorkville this summer, creating even more musical history within the neighbourhood."

Throughout the festival, shows will take place from **12p.m. noon – 10p.m. daily** at a variety of Yorkville landmarks. **Yorkville venues include:**

- Church of The Redeemer
- Heliconian Hall
- OLG Stage on Cumberland St.
- OLG Stage on Hazelton Ave
- OLG Stage on Yorkville Ave
- One Restaurant
- Pilot Tavern - Stealth Lounge
- Proof Vodka Bar, Intercontinental Toronto Yorkville Hotel
- The Concert Hall
- Yorkville Village - The Oval
- Yorkville Village - The Laneway
- Yorkville Village - TNT Lounge

A series of kick-off events will be held at various TD Toronto Jazz Festival venues, including a free performance from Multi-Grammy award-winner **Aaron Neville** at the OLG Yorkville Avenue Stage on Saturday, June 24th at 8:00pm. To help honour Yorkville's artistic legacy, Canadian legend **Randy Bachman** will also open the festival with a specially priced show at the iconic Concert Hall (in the former Masonic Temple) as a nod to The Concert Hall's 100th anniversary on Friday, June 23rd.



Jazz lovers can also look forward to other exciting performances from artists including **Choir! Choir! Choir!, No BS! Brass Band, Brian Barlow Big Band** and more. On Sunday, June 25th at 8pm, Choir! Choir! Choir! will be performing Neil Young's classic 'Lotta Love' with a special surprise guest – a highly anticipated homage to the Yorkville hippie movement.

For more information on the TD Toronto Jazz Festival in Yorkville, please visit:

<http://bloor-yorkville.com/event/td-toronto-jazz-festival-now-yorkville/>

About Bloor-Yorkville

Since entrepreneur Joseph Bloor founded the Village of Yorkville in 1830, the heart and soul of Toronto has distinguished itself as the premier shopping, dining and cultural destination in the city. The Bloor-Yorkville neighbourhood is bordered by Scollard Street to the north, St. Mary Street to the south, Avenue Road to the west and Church Street to the east. For the latest information on stores, events and parking please visit www.bloor-yorkville.com. **Follow Bloor-Yorkville** on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook at [@BloorYorkville](https://www.facebook.com/BloorYorkville).

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