

July Festivals



Mississauga Fashion Week

July 14 - July 22, 2017

www.mississaugafashionweek.com

Mississauga Fashion Week was launched on November 14th, 2015 at the Civic Centre, Mississauga. It was the first Red Carpet fashion affair in the city of Mississauga that took place to promote our local fashion industry, Canadian talent, boutiques and to celebrate various colours, cultures and customs of emerging and leading fashion.

Last year Mississauga Fashion Week ran various fashion workshops and other events including celebrity speakers from the fashion industry, David Dixon and Fashion Santa (Paul Mason) and an extravagant gala showcasing 17 designers on the ramp.

At Mississauga Fashion Week, fashion is used to break the barriers, and as an expression to help foster the cultural and ethnical diversity through fashion. We strive to build bridges with our brand towards the business and arts community and to increase the presence of fashion as a business opportunity within the community.



This year Mississauga Fashion Week will include the following events:

July 14th - Press Conference (Clarke Memorial Hall), **July 16th** - Fashion Insight and Career Fair (Clarke Memorial Hall)

July 20th - Workshop (Burnhamthorpe Community Centre), **July 21st** - Fashion Meets Arts (&Company Resto Bar)

July 22nd - Fashion Show Gala (The Great Hall)

The Fashion Show gala will showcase designs by selected Canadian designers this year. One segment of the fashion show will be dedicated to Canada 150 where different Canadian values will be showcased on the ramp. To get more information on how to get involved with this historic fashion event, Mississauga Fashion Week 2017, please email us at info@mississaugafashionweek.com



Mississauga Multicultural Festival

July 15, 2017, Mississauga Valley Park

www.hcchs.net

Heartland Creditview Community and Health Services along with Rotary Club Mississauga Airport has been hosting and celebrating the Mississauga Multicultural Festival since 2009. The history and the reason of the festival is that it brings together diverse cultures from Mississauga who are part of Canada's multicultural community. The festival includes dancing, music, food, cultural and art displays from all cultures that are prominent in Mississauga. The Mississauga-based organization has been helping the community through a variety of different programs for seniors, youth and women for over a decade. This event aims to facilitate bridge-building throughout Mississauga's diverse community, as well as spread awareness about multiculturalism. This year the festival will include more dances from Eastern Europe and more variety of cultures to reflect the cultures of Mississauga.



Mississauga Valley Park
1275 Mississauga Valley Blvd.

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#BollywoodMonster Mashup

July 20 VIP & Media Cocktail Reception, C Banquets Mississauga
July 21 - 22, 2017 FREE Main Event, Mississauga Celebration Square
www.bollywoodmonster mashup.com

#BollywoodMonster Mashup (BMM) fuses Bollywood culture and performance favourites with western music and dance, and features an original fusion music act and Bollywood headliner each year. Along with music, dance and film, the BMM festival includes club nights, KidZone activities (for hands-on experience with instruments), comedy shows and more.



Born in 2011 and now the largest South Asian festival in Canada, the first BMM event was a single concert created as an IIFA Buzz event alongside the awards in Toronto. It became a stand-alone festival in 2012, and continues to be organized in full by MonstrARTity Creative Community. BMM now includes additional events throughout the month, and the free BMM main event at Mississauga Celebration Square. New to BMM's programming, this year fans can catch international Bollywood stars while feasting at Monster FoodFest on July 21st & 22nd.

To celebrate Canada's 150th Birthday, BMM announces the Monster Monde festival as part of Family Day on July 22nd. Monster Monde celebrates the new face of Canadian dance & music with performances from French-Canadian, South Asian, Chinese and Indigenous Canadian disciplines.

MonstrARTity also launches the Monster Artist Development (MAD) project this year. The project provides mentoring, promotion, and encouragement to our community's diverse, homegrown talent. Watch for these rising stars at BMM 2017!

Steampunk Invasion: Villains of Vaudeville

July 22, 2017, Benares Historic House
culture.mississauga.ca/museums



For Steampunk aficionados and those who are interested in finding out what Steampunk is all about. Join us at Benares Historic House on 1507 Clarkson Rd N. Enjoy our mainstage entertainment featuring The Vaudevillian, Mental Floss Sideshow and Mighty Mike the strongman. Wonder at our stilt walker and penny farthing rider. Test your tea duelling skills, flex your dramatic muscles on our verandah stage, explore Benares and learn about Mississauga's own Broadway star Dora Sayers! Visit one of our many vendors to pick up some truly unique and beautiful items. Activities for all members of the family,....beware our "Villains" as they run amok trying to recruit visitors to their side. What side will you choose? The festival runs from 11am-5pm and admission is \$8.81 for adults, \$6.24 for children and \$22.04 for a group admission of up to 5 people (at least 1 adult).



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Mississauga Latin Festival

July 29 - 30, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square
www.mississaugalatinfestival.com

The Mississauga Latin Festival was the result of seven years of programming made by “Colombia en Mississauga,” an organization dedicated to the celebration of Colombian cultural traditions in Mississauga. Following the success of those festivals, “Colombia en Mississauga” decided to create “The Canadian Latin Heritage Association”

a nonprofit organization, which would promote and showcase the varied cultural influences, not only of Colombia, but of all 19 countries of Latin America through events as MISSISSAUGA LATIN FESTIVAL, where the Mississauga community and visitors can enjoy and learn about the heritage of LATIN traditions through a big PARADE, music, folklore, painting, dance and Latin gastronomical delights.



This year, the festival will be held at Mississauga Celebration Square on Saturday July 29th and Sunday July 30th and will be dedicated to CANADA's 150th anniversary. During the festival we will present an Interactive Artistic Community Project called “CANADA IS...” that aims to collect, join and display pieces of canvas featuring the artistic contributions of organizations and individuals depicting what Canada means to them.

Mississauga Latin Festival welcomes all cultures to enjoy the warmth, music, food and Latin culture at the only LATINO FESTIVAL in Mississauga and the Region of Peel. We will be waiting for you!

Remembering the Rainbow Festival, 1982-1986

By Matthew Wilkinson, Historian, Heritage Mississauga



In 1974, the newly formed City of Mississauga welcomed a new festival, Cityfest, which, over a short period of time, was reinvented and relaunched under numerous names; these included City Days, City Festival, Mississauga Community Festival, Fritterfest (1978-1981) and in 1982 the Rainbow Festival, which ran until 1986.

The Rainbow Festival included a parade that ran from Streetsville to Port Credit, and involved more than 50 events across the city, including a marathon, bed races, beauty pageant, dancing, and concerts. The Festival took the name “rainbow” in celebration of the many different cultures that made up Mississauga. In 1986 the festival ran from June 27 to July 1, and was centred on Port Credit Memorial Park.

Do you have any festival memorabilia? We would like to hear from you. Contact our Historian Matthew Wilkinson by email at history@heritagemississauga.org or by phone at 905-828-8411 ext. 29

Archway entrance to the Rainbow Festival, Memorial Park, Port Credit, 1986, courtesy of the Museums of Mississauga

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Mosaic International South Asian Film Festival (MISAFF)

August 3 - 6, 2017, Cineplex Mississauga, 309 Rathburn Road West

www.misaff.com

Mississauga's premiere film festival event of the summer is the glitzy and glamorous National Bank Mosaic International South Asian Film Festival (MISAFF) presented by Zee TV. Every year MISAFF brings the best South Asian and Middle Eastern and Canadian films to the heart of the city and presents them to adoring cinephiles at the Cineplex Mississauga cinema near Square One mall. There is something for everyone at MISAFF and it is a great place for people of all cultures and walks of life to come together and enjoy quality films; MISAFF is the top cross-over festival in that respect because people from all walks of life can enjoy our films, which are all subtitled in English. There are red carpet gala events, parties, cocktails, mixers and film industry events. Industry professionals from all over the world come together for industry talks, the MISAFF Chat with stars and Q & A's following film screenings.



This year the MISAFF will take place from August 3 - 6, 2017. Award-winning and ground-breaking films will be presented. Almost half our films are directed by women and we feature conscientious cinema that presents the marginalized voices in our communities

in tandem with critically acclaimed, cinematic excellence. We help amplify LGBTQI and feminist voices and our post-screening discussions are always lively and our screenings packed with inquisitive patrons. All film screenings will take place at Cineplex

Mississauga, 309 Rathburn Road West, Mississauga, Ontario. Please visit www.misaff.com for more information about shows and show times.

MuslimFest

August 4 - 6, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.muslimfest.com



MuslimFest 2017 arrives on the heels of Canada's 150th anniversary. To honour the anniversary of Canada's Confederation, our festival will feature an unprecedented array of 150 contributions from Canadian Muslims to our country. Unlike any other non-profit organization in our field,

MuslimFest will be the first to feature an exclusive mixed-multimedia exhibit dedicated to

#Canada150. The exhibit will host visual art pieces, as well as short stories, maps, vocal performances and short films. Fans can always count on MuslimFest for being its own brand of family fun and free entertainment. This year's festival is organizing an unforgettable event with new artists, fun workshops and bigger on-stage shows. Attendees can look forward to brand new festival themes showcasing a celebration of unique comedy, youth and prime-time concerts. MuslimFest 2017 will also feature an exclusive international movie screening. To supplement last year's unprecedented 35,000 crowd-turnout, the festival will organize a heartfelt tribute to victims of the Quebec City shooting. The idea of MuslimFest began with a brainstorming session in a



post 9/11 milieu in Mississauga with young leaders, educators, and artists who determined the need for a cultural space to provide young Muslims an opportunity to showcase their artistic talents and cultural expression. Another opportunity identified was a venue for Muslims and their neighbours to experience the lighter, cultural side of Islam that is often missing in the public portrayals of this faith. MuslimFest was launched in 2004 at the Living Arts Centre, with 40 plus artists and 6,000 attendees. Over the past 13 years, MuslimFest has grown into an award-winning, signature Mississauga festival attracting over 90 artists, 300 volunteers and 30,000 attendees.



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TD Mosaic-The South Asian Festival of Mississauga

August 11 - 12, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.communityart.ca



The 12th annual TD Mosaic festival will be presented on the 11th and 12th of August 2017 at Celebration Square Mississauga. Mosaic's vision is to continue to be recognized as a multi-disciplinary arts festival setting the standard for other South Asian festivals, through its unique, high caliber original programming and highest standards of production and presentation. Each year we search for and select popular artists and performers who are recognized amongst their peers as true masters in the fields of visual and performing arts, including painting, dance, music, folk, film, theatre, comedy, literature and more.

This year's stellar line up will be headlined by one of the most recognized names in Bollywood, Kailash Kher, in a first ever free full concert performance in Mississauga. Other acts include Aarzo (Adghani dance company) from Ottawa, Shiamak Davar's Toronto Dance Team and dozens of local artists and performers, as we celebrate 150 years of Canada. The festival will feature an on-site painting competition with cash prizes. There will be 8 slots available for local artists to display and sell their artwork. CCAI is also announcing our annual Ontario-wide selection process for the outstanding independent music concert *Rock the Coliseum* celebrating indie music in the Amphitheatre at Celebration Square. Mosaic festival and all its components is completely free to attend.

A glance at Mosaic's programming in previous years can be found at www.communityart.ca or at www.mosaicfest.com



Mississauga ITALFEST – Ferragosto in the City

August 18 - 19, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.mississaugaitalfest.com

In 2013 a group of passionate Italian Canadian community and business leaders interested in sharing and celebrating their Italian culture came together and created Mississauga ITALFEST, Ferragosto in the City. Now into its 5th year, and an FEO TOP 100 Festival in Ontario for the



2nd year in a row, ITALFEST is a festival of Italian arts, history, landscape, food, music and traditions. Mirrored after Italy's "Ferragosto" a national statutory holiday in August, visitors enjoy an enthralling sensory experience, literally a taste of Italy with authentic music, traditional costumes, folk dancing and a variety of delicious food from various regions of Italy. A Heritage Centre features interactive displays, tracks immigration from Italy and highlights Canadian Italian achievements and history. There are pasta and watermelon eating contests, kid's attractions, demonstrations of traditional sports like Bocce Ball and soccer and card games like Briscola and Scopa. As part of Canada 150 celebrations, ITALFEST has expanded to two

days and on Aug. 18th will welcome the amazing Flag Throwers of Faenza demonstrating the pageantry of this medieval art form for the first time in Canada. Then visitors can dance "Under the Sauga' Moon" to live music and international DJ. On Saturday, local emerging talent, the hottest comedians from Montreal to iconic Italian superstars direct from Italy showcase the best in Italian flavoured entertainment for all to enjoy. The rich aroma of Italian food vendors, captivating attractions, dancing and singing along to Italian music and experiencing just about everything Italian, has visitors leaving Celebration Square feeling as though they had been to the real "Ferragosto" in Italy!



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Port Credit Busker Fest

August 18 - 20, 2017, Port Credit Memorial Park

www.portcreditbuskerfest.com

Port Credit Busker Fest is an international street performer's festival, presenting the most sought after circus-type acts in the world. Featuring high energy circle shows and eccentric roving characters throughout The Village.

New this year will be the Friday Night Opening Show; featuring a Rock n' Roll performance by BIG NAZO - bizarre and hilarious larger-than-life sized puppet characters. Also, be sure to bring the family out to the Kidz Zone! Where kids and kids at heart can learn to be Buskers and get creative with interactive art installations.



The festival started in 2006, inspired by BIA General Manager Ellen Timms. Ellen knew a busker festival would thrive in booming Port Credit, and she set out to make it happen. The first one was tested on a small scale; one performance site and a handful of performers. The idea was to grow slowly and steadily, and learn as we grew.

Over the years we have built a solid festival team, foundation, and excellent reputation with street performers on an international level. From the beginning we have strived to always treat everyone with respect, make our event accessible to all, and offer incredible hospitality to our performers as well as attendees.



Japan Festival CANADA 2017

August 26 - 27, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square

www.japanfestivalcanada.com

Amazing "Japan Festival", renamed as "Japan Festival CANADA 2017" introduces Japanese food, culture and technologies to the community of Mississauga. This year marks Canada's 150th Anniversary welcoming special guests for a commemorative ceremony during the event. This culturally colourful event has attracted many visitors to enjoy the true Japan. With the strong support of the Government of Canada and Japan, Canadian and Japanese corporations, organizations, vendors and communities, "Japan Festival CANADA 2017" is expecting more than 70,000 visitors over the 2 day event. "Japan Festival CANADA 2017" is for all ages, families and friends to truly enjoy and experience Japanese food, culture and technologies especially highlighting Canada's 150th Anniversary. "Japan Festival CANADA 2017" is

the largest Japanese festival in Canada and many visitors are looking forward to attending the event.



celebrating Canada's 150th anniversary

Japan Festival

CANADA 2017

Japan Festival Mississauga will return with the larger and more enhanced version renamed as "Japan Festival CANADA 2017"

26-27 AUGUST 2017

Mississauga Celebration Square

JAPAN EXPO CANADA | Japan Festival CANADA www.japanfestivalcanada.com
Contact: info-general@japanfestivalcanada.com

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Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering

August 26 - 27, 2017, New Credit Reserve #2789 Mississauga Road, Hagersville, ON
www.newcreditpowwow.com

By Faith Rivers, Director & Chair Aboriginal Programs Committee, Heritage Mississauga



A Pow Wow is a way for the Anishinabe people to share their unique customs and cultural identity through the heartbeat of the drum, song and way of life. A Traditional Pow Wow was (and still is) a way of life for many First Nations groups. The Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation belong to the group of Anishinabe People, whose original language is Ojibway, belonging to the Algonquian linguistic group. The three fires are symbolic of the Mississaugas traditional and political alliance with the other Ojibway, Odawa, and Pottawatomi Nations.

Our very first Pow Wow was held in 1987, the first time the drum sounded in over 100 years for the Mississaugas of the Credit. The Mississaugas will be celebrating 31 years over the August 26 & 27, 2017 weekend. The Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering received its name because of the homecoming of the drum, culture and traditions. This year's theme is: Our Story, The spirit of the fires still burn strong: Commemorating 170 years since the move to New Credit. The move took place on May 7, 1847 by way of Ox and cart.



The sound of the drum was the re-awakening for the Mississaugas to take their rightful place within their culture, heritage and language. The weekend long celebrations is held in the "Grove" area, which is a place that has been held very sacred for the Mississaugas; A place that is shared on a yearly basis to bring understanding and awareness of who we are as a people, to the greater society.

Since, 1987 we have seen our little gathering of 30 dancers (2 New Credit Members) and 4 drums that started out on the ball diamond, grow to sometimes over 250 dancers and 18 - 20 drums. Receiving support from our Chief and Council and surrounding businesses and organizations helps make our event a great success that is well attended year after year.

We are known on the Pow Wow Trail as the "Best Little Pow Wow Around" because of our unique location. The "Grove" area is a blanket of trees that surrounds our event and folds us in the arms of our Ancestors. The "Grove" area is serene, warm and loving with nothing but nature around to bring the feel of the gentle summer breeze as you watch the magic happen around the arbor. Everyone loves the trees!

Our intimate location brings communities of old and new friends together from both Native and non-Native groups. Since social media has taken off, people from around the world such as: France, England, Germany,

Australia, New Zealand and China have used our event to come together to experience their first Pow Wow and to meet each other. What a great way to bring people together.

The Three Fires Homecoming Pow Wow and Traditional Gathering have a "Giveaway" ceremony that is held on Sunday and is a way for many First Nations people to show their appreciation to all those who have participated in the Pow Wow. It's not the amount of things a person owns, but rather, how much a person gives away. Kindness, thoughtfulness, and sincerity by a nation are shown during the Giveaway. Our Pow Wow and committee have been honoured to have been supported by many surrounding businesses who also donate items for the Giveaway.

Transport yourself through time, come walk with us through our lush grove full of native species of plants and natural medicines. The Veterans Memorial will also be open for public viewing.



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SoundBites

September 2, 2017, Celebration Square from 5pm - 11pm
culture.mississauga.ca/event/celebration-square/soundbites



Mississauga Celebration Square is an outdoor public space and event venue located in downtown Mississauga. Throughout the summer months, visitors can enjoy splashing in the fountain, dining on delicious treats, and celebrating at free events and festivals.



SoundBites is a celebration of music and food that annually draws 20,000+ visitors to Mississauga for the Labour Day long weekend. Since its inaugural presentation in 2014, SoundBites has grown to become a recognizable, award-winning event in the summer calendar at

Celebration Square; in 2017 SoundBites was highlighted in the Festivals and Events Ontario Top 100 Events list. Past events have featured internationally renowned recording artists including DJ Jazzy Jeff, De La Soul and July Talk. Each year, this massive concert has also played host to Mississauga's biggest food truck rally, hosting 25+ food trucks and offering a variety of cuisines to accommodate every palate. SoundBites is proudly presented by Insurance Hotline.



Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle Blues and BBQ Festival

September 8 - 10, 2017, Port Credit
www.southsideshuffle.com

The annual Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle Blues & BBQ Festival, in its 19th year, is a 3 day outdoor music festival held in Port Credit September 8th to 10th that attracts over 70,000 people. This year we are celebrating Canada and Ontario's 150th anniversaries with 100% Canadian acts featuring the best of Canadian Blues including Ladies Sing The Blues, First Nations performers, the rising stars of the Blues and a performance on the influence of the Underground Railroad for Blues in Canada. Port Credit's Memorial Park is the centerpiece of the festival and includes four stages of non-stop entertainment. The entire park is licenced



allowing festival goers to enjoy beer and wine as they shuffle through the festival grounds. Lakeshore Road in the Village is closed to traffic for Saturday afternoon's Rabba free Street Shuffle featuring over 20 bands



performing on steps, patios and sidewalks. Vendor Village features a variety of arts and crafts, clothing and jewellery presented by local artisans and the Southside Food & BBQ Court provides a wide variety of food choices. FREE ADMISSION TO VENDOR VILLAGE, FOOD COURT AND SOUTHSTAGES 1 & 2! Visit www.southsideshuffle.ca for details.

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Viet Summer Fest

September 9, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square
www.minhchauproduction.com

Viet Summer Fest showcases the Vietnamese culture through art, music and cuisine. This event preserves and promotes the Vietnamese culture, while highlighting Mississauga's cultural diversity.

Viet Summer Fest is an annual festival and each year thousands of people from the GTA and surrounding areas gather to participate in this festival, which has kept an ongoing tradition of fun, culture and entertainment for all ages.

Celebration Square will be alive with the sights and sounds of Vietnam on Saturday, September 9th, 2017 from 3pm-8pm when Viet Summer Fest moves in for its 9th year.



The event is a celebration of Vietnamese culture featuring singers, folk musicians and dancers. Vendors will be there serving up authentic Vietnamese food and selling traditional crafts and providing games for children.



Earth Market

September 23, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square
www.mississauga.ca/earthmarket

Don't miss the C150 Earth Market at Mississauga Celebration Square – the City's biggest outdoor environmental event – and it's free! An Earth Market, hosted by the City of Mississauga's Environment Division, is a one-stop shop market-like experience for all things green, featuring over 40 environmental exhibitors and vendors, music, local and sustainable food and more! Enjoy live performances on the stage, take part in family friendly activities on Mississauga Celebration Square for a chance to win great prizes, and learn about a variety of environmental issues and topics. Bring your lawn chair and end the day with a sunset screening of an environmentally themed film!

Make time to come and meet us at the market on Saturday, September 23 from 1pm to 9pm.



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Doors Open Ontario

April - October 2017, Various Cities Across The Province

www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

#DoorsOpenOntario

Doors Open Ontario



ONTARIO HERITAGE TRUST



Discover the story behind every door! From April to October, explore Ontario's heritage treasures at free weekend events across the province, including Doors Open Mississauga on September 23! Doors Open Ontario, an annual program of the Ontario Heritage Trust, provides access to over 1,000 fascinating sites with unique experiences and family activities. From farms to fire stations, schoolhouses to city halls, power plants to places of worship, Doors Open Ontario has something for everyone!

As you discover the story behind every door, share your stories through **MyOntario - A vision over time**. As we commemorate the 150th anniversary of Confederation, we recognize that the cultural history of what is now Ontario stretches back more than 10,000 years. Many nations and many peoples have called this place home. Be the province's storytellers, record keepers, historians and visionaries! Join the conversation at heritagetrust.on.ca/myontario and look for special MyOntario activities at Doors Open events across the province!

The Doors Open phenomenon started in France in 1984. The idea soon spread through Europe, with the events united as European Heritage Days at the initiative of the Council of Europe in 1991. The City of Toronto launched North America's first Doors Open event in 2000, and the concept continues to grow across the continent.

In 2002, the Ontario Heritage Trust launched Doors Open Ontario, the first province-wide event of its kind in Canada, to create access, awareness and excitement about Ontario's heritage. Since then, the program has attracted 6.7 million visitors to explore over 16,700 sites.

Doors Open Mississauga

September 23, 2017, 10am to 4pm, Various Locations

www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/mississauga

Doors Open is an international movement to encourage people to explore "behind closed doors" of places of interest around the City of Mississauga. The event is presented by participating sites with the support of the City of Mississauga's Culture Division in association with the province-wide Doors Open program of the Ontario Heritage Trust.

Doors Open is a province-wide event that is held annually and is free of charge to those participating. The event provides an opportunity for the community of Mississauga to highlight specific locations that have cultural, historic, social, environmental or architectural significance. The purpose of the event is to connect people living in and around Mississauga with the different locations throughout the city that they may not be familiar with.

The first Doors Open Mississauga event was held in 2003, which originated with less than 10 participating sites. Each year the event gained popularity and new sites were added to the participation list. In 2010 there were 19 sites participating, in 2011 there were 37 participating sites. In recent years we have had over 40 participating sites and thousands of people exploring each location annually.

The year 2013 was significant for Doors Open as Mississauga held the first Morning Official Opening Ceremony to kick off the Doors Open day and then Mayor, Hazel McCallion and Councillor, Bonnie Crombie were two of many key speakers. Heritage Mississauga produced a comic called 'The Grange', which was based on the Avro Arrow and launched the comic during the Opening Ceremony. They were also major partners in planning the ceremony and other key events throughout the City. This event was held at the International Centre and included a full sized replica of the Avro Arrow (signifying the historical significance between Avro Arrow and Mississauga's aviation history). The ceremony was concluded with a ribbon cutting and a note of warm wishes from the Mayor to participants and sites.

In 2017, Doors Open Mississauga will feature sites only along Dundas Street and in the Cooksville area. This will highlight the Dundas Connects project that will develop a long-term, future-oriented Master Plan for Dundas. The plan will shape the future look and feel of Dundas, focusing on changes to land-use, transit and public realm.



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Each year, the Ontario Heritage Trust allocates a specific theme for the event. September 23rd will mark the 14th year that Mississauga has participated in the Doors Open event and the theme for this year is Canada 150. Some of the sites will be highlighting Canada's 150th Anniversary. The event will run from 10am to 4pm and more information about this year's event can be found at www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/mississauga.

Throughout each Doors Open year, Heritage Mississauga and the Mississauga Arts Council have been key partners with the Culture Division in planning the Doors Open event. It is through team work and continued partnership that allows every Doors Open event to be successful. We encourage those interested to participate and learn more about Mississauga.

Heritage Mississauga Doors Open at The Grange

September 23, 2017, 10am - 4pm

www.heritagemississauga.com

Heritage Mississauga is delighted to open the doors of The Grange as part of Doors Open Mississauga 2017 on Saturday, September 23, from 10 am to 4 pm. Join us as we celebrate "the Dundas" a historic road that has an amazing story to tell. First surveyed in the 1790s, by the Queen's Rangers as a military road,



Dundas Street became a very important artery for the first settlers who came to shape what would become the city of Mississauga. Visit The Grange

and trace the route of the "Governors Road" through historic Mississauga from our collection of images, paintings and sketches. Visitors will also have the chance to tour the historic 1828 building, discover something new in our Resource Centre and engage with Heritage Mississauga staff and volunteers.



Aaniin; Join us on the site of the Bradley Museum to celebrate the 'Strawberry Moon' Indigenous gathering. Start your day off by the fire for the Sunrise ceremony hosted by an elder from the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation and come back in the afternoon for the dynamic Indigenous dancers and drummers from across Ontario who will be performing throughout the site. Admission is free of charge, but non-perishable donations will be collected to support the local food banks. Sharing of cultural stories through storytelling will be a major component of this event. Presented in partnership with Peel Aboriginal Network and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nations.



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Culture Days

September 29 - October 1, 2017

www.culturedays.ca

Take part in over 2000 free hands-on and behind-the-scenes art, culture and heritage activities across Ontario this **September 29, 30, and October 1!** The eighth annual Culture Days invites everyone to **explore, discover and participate** in the arts and cultural life of your community.



Last year activities took place in more than **165 cities and towns** in Ontario including **Mississauga** and **12% of all activities were heritage-based!** In past years, many heritage sites in Mississauga participated in Culture Days by pairing with Doors Open. Some historic venues hosted artists and cultural groups in partnership with the Mississauga Arts Council, while others offered expanded hands-on programming in addition to their site tours. Notable past Culture Days events include Heritage Mississauga's launch of a comic book based on the incredible story of the Avro Arrow, as well as a celebration of Mississauga Civic Centre's 25th Anniversary.

As a grassroots, collaborative initiative, Culture Days relies on your participation! Whether as an arts or heritage organization, an individual artist or history-buff, a school, a business... everyone can play a role in shaping Culture Days in Mississauga. Visit on.culturedays.ca to find out more about getting involved or attending this year's Culture Days events. Use the "Find Activities Near Me" geo-located search to discover the artists, galleries, museums, heritage sites, theatres, festivals and cultural organizations in your neighbourhood.



History Comes Alive at Riverwood

September 30, 2017, Riverwood, 4300 Riverwood Park Lane

www.theriverwoodconservancy.org



Join The Riverwood Conservancy for a look back in time. First stop: 1812. Drop in between 1 and 4 p.m. to see Heritage Mississauga's Thompson's Company, 2nd Regiment of York historic reenactors share what life was like during the early years of the War of 1812.



Then, join in from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for a Haunted Riverwood tour, presented by Heritage Mississauga's Spirit Team. Tour Riverwood and meet some of the people that called this place home in the early 1900s. Tours start at 6:30 p.m. and leave every half hour.

Presented by The Riverwood Conservancy, Ontario 150 and the Community Foundation of Mississauga

culture days

CREATE, PARTICIPATE & SHARE
September 29, 30 & October 1, 2017

What Did You Bring? Cherished Immigrant Stories

By Meghan Mackintosh, Outreach Coordinator, Heritage Mississauga & WHAT DID YOU BRING?

Heritage Mississauga is all about bringing community stories to life and showcasing the unique diversity of our city. One of our partners – The Hispanic Canadian Arts & Cultural Association (HCACA), working with the WHAT DID YOU BRING? – Cherished Immigrant Stories group, has teamed up to bring an exhibition of the collection of personal stories about the items and treasures hidden in the luggage of immigrants who chose Canada as their new home.

Below is one of the stories, which will be featured at the exhibition that will be held October 12 to 28, 2017 at the Benares Historic House in Mississauga by WHAT DID YOU BRING? about Jorge Rene Duque originally from Ecuador, now residing in Mississauga.

My arrival in Detroit was my first stop in a journey that my brother had set for me. My next stop was a farm in Dresden Ontario where I worked as a farmhand for 6 months. There were many other new homes over the next 4 years until I found my way to Toronto.

With every move I made, my suitcase was my only companion. It had been a gift from my sister who prepared it for my departure from the family home.

I got married, my children grew up and with my work fulfilled I retired. With time in my hands I again found my suitcase, now over 60 years old. My friend was looking for a story behind my voyage and what I had brought with me. It seemed odd to have a story around a simple, old, battered suitcase.

But when I opened the lid the memories came rushing back in. Inside, battered and torn was a colour poster showing the Presidents of Ecuador from the nation's beginnings after it separated from Spain until the President in power when I departed for Canada. Why I brought it with me I don't remember but I find a rare connection with my homeland when I see it.

Next to it I found a small cloth religious broach with the symbol of the Sacred Heart. A gift from my now departed sister who used to make them by hand. A little religious memento that reminded me of my faith and of a sister who cared for her younger sibling in a very special way.

Looking at my old suitcase I think back and reminisce while at the same time feel grateful for a life well lived in this my home now.

For more stories and to share yours, please visit www.whatdidyoubring.ca.



THE BOY'S SUITCASE

WHO: Jorge Rene Duque
RESIDENT OF: Mississauga,
Ontario Canada

WHAT: The Boy's Suitcase
WHERE FROM: Cuenca, Ecuador
WHEN: 1960



WHAT DID YOU BRING? EXHIBITION

October 12 - 28, 2017
Benares Historic House
1507 Clarkson Road North,
Mississauga, ON
L5J 2W8



WHAT DID YOU BRING? is an inspiring collection of personal stories behind the little treasures hidden in the luggage of immigrants who chose Canada as their new home: photographs, letters, toys and objects of many kinds, loaded with sentimental value. The stories presented at this exhibition are shared by immigrants, some of whom are Mississauga residents, to mark the celebrations of Canada 150.

Each personal story, no matter how insignificant it may seem, forms a part of an ever-changing multicultural bridge between what remains as memory of distant and different worlds, and a fresh awakening to a new reality. The stories told through their own narrative leave a lasting legacy. www.whatdidyoubring.ca



Mom's White Shirt,
WDYB

October Festivals

Diwali RAZZMATAZZ

October 13 - 14, 2017, Mississauga Celebration Square
www.diwalirazzmatazz.com

Diwali RAZZMATAZZ has established itself to be the largest Free Diwali Festival in Canada. Since its debut in 2015 and now in its third year Diwali RAZZMATAZZ provides programming and stage performances for all ages of the family. Indo-Canada Arts Council, a federally registered not-for profit organization with the support of volunteer board of directors and advisors, organizes the festival. Mr. Ajaay Modi, the festival founder has immense experience in conducting large festivals across Canada.



Diwali, known as the festival of lights is a major Hindu festival celebrated worldwide. Diwali is celebrated to mark the homecoming of Lord Rama after his jubilant victory over demons. The tradition of lighting earthen lamps followed on this day serves as a promise to turn darkness into light and spread peace and prosperity.

Attended by over 50,000 people each year, the festival is a one stop destination for perfect festival shopping in Diwali Bazaar and numerous ethnic food vendors at "Diwalicious Food Court". The corporate participation with free Diwali gifts is appreciated by all visitors.



Some of the biggest Bollywood headliners including "Mika Singh" have performed in the past at the festival. In 2016 more than 450 artists performed at the festival including the largest musical symphony of more than 60 musicians on the 88' wide stage.

This year, the theme of Canada 150 and Ontario 150 shall be incorporated through décor, exhibits and contests. The stage programming will feature collaborative and fusion works by Aboriginal and Bollywood artists.

16th Annual Haunted Mississauga

October 13, 2017, Trinity Anglican Cemetery in Port Credit
www.heritagemississauga.com

Heritage Mississauga's ever-popular 16th annual "Haunted Mississauga" spirit tour evening brings us to the historic Trinity Anglican Cemetery in Port Credit (26 Stavebank Road N.). The event will take place on **Friday, October 13th, 2017**, with tours starting at 7:00 pm. Visit www.heritagemississauga.com for more information on tour times and parking closer to the event. Space is limited.

Come and meet "spirits" of people from our past, such as Hannah Allen, Maria Bamford, James Block, Alicia Hamilton, David Harrison, Benjamin Brown Lynd, James McGill, Ida Ella Shaw, James Wilcox, and many others. The evening will feature a little history, some tales, and a contentious debate on the merits of Confederation. This year our story is set in the Fall of 1866 and focuses on the lead up to Canadian Confederation. The actors are volunteers. The story is part of our history.

Engagement at Bradley 1812

October 21 - 22, 2017, Bradley Museum in Mississauga
Thompson's Company, 2nd Regiment of York Militia

Join Heritage Mississauga and Thompson's Company, 2nd Regiment of York Militia 1812 Re-enactment Company for the **Engagement at Bradley**, a re-enactment weekend, on **October 21-22, 2017**. The weekend will feature 1812-era skirmish re-enactments, soldiers drill, musket firing demonstrations, sutlers, encampment and cooking demonstrations. Come out and experience 1812! For more information on Thompson's Company's please visit: <http://2ndyork.com/>

Or follow on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/2nd-Regiment-of-York-Militia-Thompsons-Company-138994486266850/>



Special thanks to the Museums of Mississauga for opening the Bradley Museum (1620 Orr Road) site for this special re-enactment weekend.

October Festivals

Halloween in Clarkson Village

October 28, 2017, Clarkson Village

www.clarksonbia.com



“Halloween in Clarkson Village” has been an annual tradition for many years. Held on the Saturday immediately before Halloween from 10am to 2pm, families always look forward to participating in “trick or treat” in the Village. The businesses love handing out candies and seeing so many smiling faces in their stores! Fun activities for our young visitors include bouncy tents, pony rides and train rides!

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VILLAGE

EST. 1808



November Festivals

Christmas in the Village Weekend

November 24 - 26, 2017, Streetsville

www.streetsvillechristmasinthevillage.com



After over a decade of hosting the Mississauga Santa Claus Parade, the Streetsville BIA made a change to their Christmas programming in 2016!

For the first time ever, the Streetsville BIA played host to a Victorian-style Christmas market on the Village Square, complete with unique vendors, holiday treats and festive entertainment. Rounding out the weekend was a Sunday filled with family-friendly activities and a re-imagined Santa Claus Parade.

In 2017, the Village will once again be decked out in holiday spirit for a weekend-long celebration featuring an expanded Christmas Market and family-friendly activities spanning the entire two-day event! The Big Man in Red will be in the Village throughout the weekend as always, to make sure all the good little girls & boys can recite their Christmas wish lists!



HERITAGE MATTERS



Heritage Mississauga Events

Annual General Meeting

Tuesday May 16, 2017

Port Credit Legion

Registration: 6:30 pm, 7:00pm Business Meeting,
7:45pm Speaker: Honorary Colonel Gerald
Haddon WHERE AND HOW IT ALL BEGAN The
story of Canada's Early Aviation and J.A.D.
McCurdy

All are welcome!

Carassauga Canada Pavilion

May 26, 2017 - May 28, 2017

Streetsville Legion

Join us as we celebrate Canada!

Heritage Mississauga Luncheon

Mississauga & Heritage: A Contradiction in Terms?
May 30, 2017 - 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

We're the 6th largest city and yet we're still in the
shadows, still known as "Toronto Junior", and
inconsequential suburb. This luncheon will
transform that thinking.

The Credits

Nomination Deadline - June 30, 2017

The Credits are an annual awards gala that
honours members of the Mississauga community
for their contributions and achievements with a
celebration of our community heritage. You are
encouraged to nominate your heritage hero.
Gala will be held on October 12, 2017

Heritage Mississauga Exhibits

Debbie Hatch Discovery Centre at The Grange
hosts exhibits throughout the year.

Erindale Secondary School

May 2, 2017 to May 26, 2017

Pak Pioneers Community Organization Canada

150 Art Exhibit: May 30 to June 2, 2017

Lorraine Ireland & Others

June 13, 2017 to July 28, 2017

Meena Chopra Art Exhibit: August 8 to September

15, 2017

In the Community

Art Gallery of Mississauga

Curator 30 Minute Fridays - May 12, 2017

Visit website at: www.artgalleryofmississauga.com

Halton Peel Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society

Genealogy Road Show

May 28, 2017 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Lorne Park Public Library

Genealogy Workshop: A Brick Wall Chisel: The Cluster Research Project
& Preparing for a Genealogical Research Trip

June 3, 2017 - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more info contact Jane Watt at jwatt@ica.net or 905-281-1701

Visit website at: www.haltonpeel.ogs.on.ca

Friends of the Old Britannia Schoolhouse

Springtime Means Work in the Garden

May 14, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Family Games Day

June 11, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Strawberry Social

June 21, 2017

Visit website at: www.britanniaschoolhousefriends.org

Mississauga Arts Council

MAC Open Mics - May 11, 2017

The MARTY'S - May 18, 2017

TD Legends Day in Mississauga - June 3, 2017

Teens Got Talent - June 3, 2017

The Boxes & Banners - Throughout the summer 2017

Visit website at: www.mississaugaartscouncil.com

Museums of Mississauga

Bradley Museum

Afternoon Tea, May 28, 2pm-4pm

Old Fashioned Spa Day June 17, 1pm-4pm

Benares Historic House

Mothers Day Tea, May 13 & 14, 12pm-2pm

Ceylon Tea, May 28, 12pm-2pm & 3pm -5pm

Downtown Abbey Tea June 4, 2pm-4pm

Leslie Log House: Canada's 150 Celebration - Archives

Wednesdays 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Until December 2017)

All programs require pre-registration. Contact 905-615-4860 x2110 to
reserve your seat. Visit website at: culture.mississauga.ca/museums

Streetsville Historical Society

Historical Walking Tours

June 17, 2017 & July 16, 2017 - 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Canada Day Festivities

July 1, 2017 - 6:00 p.m. (Fireworks start at 10:00 p.m.)

Visit website at: www.streetsvillehistoricalsociety.ca

Trafalgar Township Historical Society

Open House at Palermo Schoolhouse

May 19, 2017 & July 21, 2017 - 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

For more info contact Jane Watt at: jwatt@ica.net or 905-281-1701

Visual Arts Mississauga

Visit website at: www.visualartsmississauga.com

For more information contact Kelly at 905-828-8411 ext. 0 or at info@heritagemississauga.org