



Mayor's Message



The months of November and December play host to numerous cultural and religious festivities bringing Torontonians together to celebrate family, community, culture and the dynamic diversity of our city.

For more than 42 years, Torontonians have gathered at Nathan Phillips Square in the heart of our city to celebrate with Cavalcade of Lights.

This year, Cavalcade of Lights presented by Scotiabank sets Toronto aglow at Nathan Phillips Square with spectacular fireworks and concerts every Saturday night and at 20 of Toronto's unique neighbourhoods and tourist attractions where brilliant energy-efficient LED lighting installations will help beautify the city throughout the holiday season.

I invite you to take part in the free city-wide celebration. Attend one of the breathtaking fireworks shows at Nathan Phillips Square or take a tour of the lights in our unique neighbourhoods.

May you enjoy this magical time of year in the company of family and friends.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season.

Mayor David Miller

Nathan Phillips Square

The lighting display at Nathan Phillips Square is a 42-year holiday tradition featuring the official Christmas tree and more than 300,000 energy-efficient LED lights that shine from dusk to 11 pm every night throughout the holiday season.



Under the direction of Canadian designer Brian Gluckstein, the theme of Nathan Phillips Square's Lighting Display is "Modern Canadiana", an environment of festivity celebrating peace and goodwill for all cultures. This year the enhanced lighting display envelopes Nathan Phillips Square in colours of red, white and silver. Skate under a canopy of spectacular glittering stars suspended from the Freedom Arches over the Square's famous outdoor ice rink.

Supported by Tourism Toronto

Nathan Phillips Square is located at 100 Queen Street West (corner of Bay and Queen).

Toronto's Official Christmas Tree



Sponsored by the Bay

Standing 60-feet proud, this glittering giant evergreen is the focus of the biggest tree trimming effort in Toronto. Featuring lights and ornaments in various shades of white, silver and wrapped with a ribbon of red throughout, this year's tree was decorated by renowned Canadian designer Brian Gluckstein in partnership with the Bay using the GlucksteinHome collection of ornaments designed exclusively for the Bay.

Skating

Glide along the ice under the lights at Nathan Phillips Square's famous outdoor skating rink. The three solid arches that stretch above the ice are officially named the Freedom Arches to signify the belief that "only in freedom can the Human Spirit soar".

Weather permitting, the rink is usually open by mid-November and remains open throughout the winter months. Hours of operation are daily from 10 am to 10 pm.

Skate rentals and indoor change rooms are available to visitors. For details, call the Rink Hotline at 416-338-7465 (RINK).



Opening Celebration

November 29, 7 to 10 pm

This show is a glittering evening of entertainment in honour of the premiere illumination of the Cavalcade of Lights display at Nathan Phillips Square.



Show rundown:

- 7 pm** Choral Christmas Medley led by Andrew Craig
- 7:15 pm** Tree lighting ceremony
- 7:20 – 8 pm** Concert with Toya Alexis, Alex Cuba, Serena Ryder, and The Canadian Tenors
- 8 pm** Fireworks
- 8:10 – 10 pm** Skating Party with DJ Tony Southerland

All times subject to change

Andrew Craig



Andrew Craig

Serena Ryder



Serena Ryder



Alex Cuba



The Canadian Tenors

Saturday Night Concerts & Fireworks

December 6, 13 & 20, 7 to 10 pm

Each Saturday night enjoy a free outdoor concert and fireworks production. To round out the evening, skate on Nathan Phillips Square's famous ice rink to music by popular Toronto DJ's.

December 6

- 7 pm** Concert featuring the Canadian Idol Top 3, Theo Tams, Mitch MacDonald, Drew Wright plus special guests Mookie Morris and Sebastian Piggott
- 8 pm** Fireworks
- 8:05 pm** Skating Party with DJ Cajmere Wray

December 13

- 7 pm** Concert featuring Dragonette
- 8 pm** Fireworks
- 8:05 pm** Skating Party with DJ Tricky Moreira

December 20

- 7 pm** Concert featuring Serena Ryder
- 8 pm** Fireworks
- 8:05 pm** Skating Party with DJ Denise Benson



Canadian Idol Top 3



Dragonette

Neighbourhood Lighting

Throughout the holiday season brilliant creations of light will beautify the city as 20 neighbourhoods and tourist attractions participate in the Cavalcade of Lights Festival.

Albion Islington Corners[♦], Bloorcourt Village, Bloordale Village, Bloor West Village, Bloor-Yorkville, Chinatown, Church-Wellesley Village, CN Tower, Downtown Yonge, Downsview Park, Emery Village[♦], Korea Town, Little Italy, Queens Quay Harbourfront, Rosedale Main Street, St. Clair Gardens, St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood[♦], The Kingsway[♦], Toronto Eaton Centre, Yonge-Lawrence Village[♦].

[♦]In the spirit of the season, Toronto Hydro-Electric System is offering Toronto residents one (1) free set of energy-efficient seasonal LED lights in exchange for two (2) sets of old, incandescent seasonal lights. LED lighting exchanges will take place at the locations marked above with [♦]. See specific neighbourhood listings in this brochure for dates and times of exchange. For more information on the LED lighting exchanges, visit www.torontohydro.com/sled

Neighbourhood Bus Tours

**Fridays & Saturdays: 6 & 8 pm
November 27 to December 20**

Hop-on the Cavalcade of Lights bus tour for an informative and entertaining guided exploration of energy-efficient LED lighting displays in some of Toronto's neighbourhoods and tourist attractions. Along the way you will hear some fascinating stories about Toronto from an expert guide.

For a fee of \$25.00, the tour includes visits to Bloor-Yorkville BIA, Chinatown BIA, Church-Wellesley, Downtown Yonge, Queens' Quay Harbourfront and the CN Tower. All tours are 90 minutes with pick up and drop off at City Hall's Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen Street West (corner of Bay and Queen)

For more information or to purchase tickets visit www.torontotours.com/cavalcade or call 416-868-0400.