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Toronto turns tropical this weekend

Mabuhay Festival

Jul 23

Metro Convention Centre

Fiestas and festivals are the Filipinos' way of having fun. Aside from a food feast, what is a festival without music and dancing? Most of the traditional dances of the Philippines are deeply rooted in its culture. They continue to convey in storytelling fashion, with beautiful fluid or dramatic movements and costumes, the story of the everyday lives of Filipinos.

For more information, check out the [Mabuhay Festival](#) website.

Tirgan Iranian Festival

Jul 21 to Jul 24

Harbourfront Centre

The waterfront comes alive with Iranian art, culture, cuisine, activities, entertainment, and shopping. This festival includes a number of world and Canadian premieres in traditional, contemporary and transitional styles of dance, music, theatre, literature, film and visual arts. The artists and writers explore the concept of

"Visions of Eternity."

For more information, check out the [Harbourfront Centre](#) website.

Caribbean Carnival: Soca and Dance Workshop

Jul 23

Dufferin/St. Clair Branch Library

Celebrate the Caribbean Carnival with this upbeat and fun workshop. Move & groove to Calypso, Soca and more! Space is limited. Register at 416-393-7712.

Toronto International Brazilfest

Jul 24

Earlscourt Park (St. Clair Ave W and Caledonia Rd.)

Dance away the heat at this cultural celebration of Brazil.

For more information, check out the event's [Facebook](#) page.

Nightwalk/Toronto Photo Walks

Jul 23

Harbour Sports Grille

Toronto Photo Walks is group open to anyone who wants to get out and about, see more of the city with photographers of all levels of experience & ability, to shoot pictures together, to share hints, tips and ideas ... and it's free!

For more information on the Nightwalk edition, check out the group's [Facebook](#) page.

Dancing in the Dark Film Series

Tuesday evenings (until Aug 30)

Yonge Dundas Square

Tuesdays at sunset, check out musical movies. This time around, decide whether you are a Jet or a Shark at the screening of West Side Story.

For more information, check out the [Yonge Dundas Square](#) website.

Parkdale Then and Now Festival

Jul 23

Queen St W (Roncesvalles to Dufferin)

Sidewalk sale. Vintage cars. Live performances. Community Fair. O'Hara street party. Join in the fun!

For more information, check out the event's [Facebook](#) page.

Community Mulching Day

Jul 23

Milne Hollow

Come get your hands dirty while greening your local neighbourhood! Join LEAF and Parks, Forestry and Recreation, City of Toronto, in mulching trees and shrubs at Milne Hollow. Native trees and shrubs are essential to improving the quality of water in Milne Hollow Pond and in the Don River.

For more information, check out the [LEAF](#) website.

Uber-SWAP

Jul 24

Nathalie-Roze & Co.

Join the fashionistas on the patio for the summertime edition of their much-loved used clothing & craft supply exchange. You'll be trading your loot w/approximately 100 other stylish scavengers.

For more information, check out the event's [Facebook](#) page.

My Brother's Keeper

Until Jul 24

The Music Hall

My Brother's Keeper tells the story of a Caucasian family who adopts an African Canadian boy named Calvin into their home. Calvin grows up to be a pastor in the local church, whilst their biological son Ryder, grows up to be a drug addict and criminal. Ryder struggles with an intense love/hate relationship with

Calvin, who is struggling with his own demons at his new church. Calvin's world collides with a group of foster children harbouring a dark secret. Both brothers are forced to make decisions that could tear their worlds apart.

For more information, check out the [My Brother's Keeper](#) website.

In Concert: Karl Wolf at Youth Day
Jul 24
Yonge Dundas Square

Celebrate over 500 artists showcasing their music, dance, art & photography. The festival includes two outdoor stages plus a youth gallery filled with their art and photography in the heart of the city!

For more information, check out the [Youth Day 2011](#) website.

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Remembering David Phillips

Matt Galloway spoke with The Tragically Hip's guitarist Rob Baker. He is the executive producer of a

documentary called ["El Payo"](#), which tells the story of how flamenco came to Toronto, courtesy of the late David Phillips.

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A diplomatic brat, Aparita Bhandari grew up around the world, exploring each stop through its culture. She spent her formative years in New Delhi, India, where she nurtured her love for the South Asian arts and caught the journalist's bug. After her move to Toronto, she has married her two passions to become a roving arts reporter in the city.



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