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Scotiabank Nuit Blanche – planning ahead, getting there and getting around

From sunset at 6:59 p.m. on Saturday, October 1 to sunrise on Sunday, October 2, Toronto's playful overnight celebration of contemporary art once again takes over the streets for one night only.

Visitors can plan ahead using the "My Night itinerary planner" and the "Night Navigator App" to personalize their Scotiabank Nuit Blanche experience and share it with others.

My Night planner:

My Night itinerary planner allows visitors to create their own list of must see projects and take it with them, and share it with others, on their mobile devices. Registration for the planner is required. Register and find out more information about My Night at <http://scotiabanknuitblanche.ca/visitors/login.shtml>.

Night Navigator App:

This free mobile application is now available for iPhone and BlackBerry users. The app is the ultimate navigational tool utilizing GPS to help users get around the event, find projects and TTC transportation details. App download instructions can be found at <http://www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca/connect.shtml>.

During the night, look for updates on Facebook at facebook.com/sbnuitblancheTO and on Twitter at @sbnuitblanche, #snbTO.

Getting there and getting around:

There will be a number of downtown road closures for the event and people are advised to explore the event by foot and by using the TTC. The TTC and GO Transit will have special services running throughout the night. More information about how to get to the event and how to get around is available at <http://scotiabanknuitblanche.ca/gettingAround.shtml>.

Special TTC services:

In addition to the regular all-night Blue Night Network service, the TTC is expanding its all-night service to a portion of the subway until 7 a.m. The Bloor-Danforth Subway will run from Keele to Woodbine stations and the Yonge-University Subway will run all night from St Clair West to Eglinton stations.

There will also be free all-night parking at TTC Commuter Parking Lots. A Spadina Subway shuttle bus will run frequently from St. Clair West Station, stopping at TTC commuter parking lots located at or near Eglinton West, Wilson and Downsview stations.

The TTC is offering a Scotiabank Nuit Blanche special event pass that is now on sale at TTC collector booths for \$10. It is valid for travel from the start of service Saturday October 1 until 9 a.m. on Sunday, October 2. The pass must have at least one adult, maximum two adults; and can include children/youths (19 years of age or under). Total persons cannot exceed six. Day passes cannot be used at automatic entrances.

Special GO Transit Services:

To accommodate those attending Nuit Blanche, GO Transit will run two extra late-night homebound trips along the Lakeshore lines in the early hours of October 2. Lakeshore West trains will depart Union Station at 1:30 a.m. and 3:30 a.m., making all stops to Aldershot GO Station. Lakeshore East trains will depart Exhibition GO Station at 1:20 a.m. and 3:20 a.m., making all stops to Oshawa GO Station.

For those passengers staying all night, the first train trips out of Union Station on Sunday morning are the 6:43 a.m. westbound to Aldershot and the 7:13 a.m. eastbound to Oshawa. More details:

<http://www.gotransit.com/public/en/updates/schedulechanges.aspx>

Road closures:

There will be a number of road closures prior to and during Nuit Blanche. During the event, Yonge Street will be closed from Front to Bloor Streets. Bay Street from Front Street West to Dundas Street West will be closed. Queen Street West from Yonge Street to University Avenue will also be closed. More details to be released soon. For more information, visit <http://scotiabanknuitblanche.ca/gettingAround.shtml>.

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche is Toronto's annual all-night celebration of contemporary art, produced by the City of Toronto in collaboration with Toronto's arts community. Since 2006, the event has featured more than 600 official art installations created by nearly 2,500 artists and has generated more than \$70 million in economic impact for Toronto. For more event information, visit <http://www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca/>.

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