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## **City of Toronto announces its Canada Day festivities at Mel Lastman Square**

Toronto residents and visitors are invited to celebrate Canada's 144<sup>th</sup> birthday at Mel Lastman Square on Friday, July 1 - Canada Day. A mix of music and spectacular fireworks will fill the square from 8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Kicking off the entertainment for the evening at 8 p.m. is Toronto native Ray Robinson. Robinson will open with a performance of the Canadian National anthem followed by a live concert showcasing his unique blend of soul, gospel and R&B. This Canadian Urban Music Award winner and Juno Award nominee has been recognized for his solo work and collaborations that have garnered multiple awards.

Toronto-based nine-piece powerhouse King Sunshine has perfected the elements that move a crowd, turning out explosive melodies by blending disco, house, funk and dance. The band's music features keyboard, percussion, bass, guitar and vocals.

The evening will conclude with a spectacular fireworks display. The detailed schedule for the square on July 1 is available at [http://www.toronto.ca/special\\_events/canada](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/canada).

Canada Day is supported in part by Canadian Heritage.

For more information about special events presented by the City, the public can call 311 or visit [www.toronto.ca/special\\_events](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events)

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