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## **City presents fresh food and live music at Nathan Phillips Square and Mel Lastman Square this summer**

The City of Toronto invites everyone to come out this summer to enjoy some of Canada's best musical talent, along with culinary treats and the opportunity to dance. Nathan Phillips Square and Mel Lastman Square will host a total of three weekly summer event series - Fresh Wednesdays and Tasty Thursdays at Nathan Phillips Square, and Sunday Serenades at Mel Lastman Square.

### **Fresh Wednesdays**

Canadian talent is featured in the free midday concert series that accompanies the farmers markets held every Wednesday from July 13 to August 31 at Nathan Phillips Square, 100 Queen St. W. Ontario farmers provide fruit, vegetables, flowers and more at the weekly farmers market from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Among the many musical performers in the series this summer is Elizabeth Shepherd, a soulful jazz artist who headlines on July 20. The complete list of Wednesday performers is available at [http://www.toronto.ca/special\\_events/wednesdays](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/wednesdays).

### **Tasty Thursdays**

Nathan Phillips Square offers the perfect lunch-break getaway this summer, with Tasty Thursdays presented weekly from July 14 to September 1, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. You can enjoy international flavours hot off the grill from participating Toronto restaurants at a price of \$7 or less. Free concerts will round out the experience. Among the featured artists is Juno-nominated reggae rocker Lyndon John X, who will perform July 28. The complete list of Thursday entertainment and lunch vendors is available at [http://www.toronto.ca/special\\_events/thursdays](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/thursdays).

### **Sunday Serenades**

Dance under the stars Sundays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. this summer from July 10 to August 21 at Mel Lastman Square, 5100 Yonge St. These free outdoor concerts feature swing, big band and jazz music. Highlights this summer include Swing Shift's tribute to Count Basie, on August 21. The full lineup is available at [http://www.toronto.ca/special\\_events/serenades/2011](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/serenades/2011).

More information about these events and others is available by calling 311 or visiting [http://www.toronto.ca/special\\_events](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events).

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