

July 6, 2010

Great food and music at Nathan Phillips and Mel Lastman Squares

The public is invited to catch some of Toronto's best musical talent while enjoying tasty culinary treats at Nathan Phillips and Mel Lastman Squares' concert and food series – Fresh Wednesdays, Tasty Thursdays and Sunday Serenades.

Fresh Wednesdays and Tasty Thursdays at Nathan Phillips Square offer the perfect summer lunchtime combination – delicious food at great prices and free concerts featuring blues, jazz, world, roots and reggae from 12 p.m. to 2 p.m. from July 14 until August 26. Sunday Serenades runs each Sunday from July 11 until August 22 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Mel Lastman Square and features swing and big band music to complement Toronto's warm summer evenings.

Fresh Wednesdays

Starting July 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Ontario farmers will provide an array of crisp vegetables, juicy fruits, pastries, fresh-cut flowers and more at Nathan Phillips Square. Accompanying the market will be lunch vendors and noon hour concerts featuring local talent performing for the summer crowd at Fresh Wednesdays. (Please note that every Wednesday starting June 2 through October 13, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., local farmer's produce will be on sale at Nathan Phillips Square).

Concert Lineup:

July 14: **Ariana Gillis** (Folk/Rock)

Visit: www.arianagillis.com

July 21: **Mandippal** (Pop/Rock)

Visit: www.myspace.com/madippal

July 28: **Dylan Murray** (Rock/Alternative/Country)

Visit: www.dylanmurray.net

August 4: **Lynn Harrison** (Folk/Acoustic)

Visit: www.lynharrison.ca

August 11: **Monique Barry** (Ambient/Rock/Classical/Folk)

Visit: www.moniquebarry.com

August 18: **Sundar Duo** (Jazz/ World Music)

Visit: www.sundarmusic.com

August 25: **PoetiKs: a Live Exhibit of WORD and Sound** (Spoken Word)

Visit: www.motionlive.com

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Tasty Thursdays

Tasty Thursdays features a variety of Toronto restaurants bringing their international cuisine to the square for \$5 or less. Lunch runs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., from July 15 to August 26. Noon hour concerts will feature the following musicians:

July 15: **Ruth Mathiang & Waleed Kush** (African)

Visit: www.myspace.com/ruthenfriends

July 22: **People Project** (Multi-lingual Funk/Folk)

Visit: www.peopleproject.ca

July 29: **Friendlyness & the Human Rights** (Reggae)

Visit: www.myspace.com/friendlynessandthehumanrights

August 5: **Nine Mile** (Rock/Soul/Country/Reggae)

Visit: <http://nine-mile.com/here.html>

August 12: **Annual Toronto Blues Society Talent Search** (Blues)

Visit: <http://www.torontobluesociety.com>

August 19: **Andrea Koziol** (Indie/R&B/Fusion)

Visit: www.andreakoziol.com

August 26: **The Maryem Tollar Ensemble** (*Cairo to Toronto*)

Visit: www.maryemtollar.com

Sunday Serenades

Featuring swing and big band music to complement Toronto's warm summer evenings, Sunday Serenades runs each Sunday between July 11 and August 22 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Mel Lastman Square. Also new this year, prior to each concert at 6:30 p.m., instructor John Yuen with a team of professional dancers/assistants will teach audience members the Foxtrot and Jive.

Concert Lineup

July 11: **Toronto Jazz Orchestra**

Visit: <http://thetjo.com/>

July 18: **Wyndham Regency Orchestra**

Visit: www.wyndhamregency.com

July 25: **George Lake Big Band**

Visit: www.georgelakebigband.com

August 1: **Uptown Swing Band**

Visit: www.uptownswingband.com

August 8: **Priscilla Wright & The All-Girl Orchestra**

Visit: <http://www.priscillawright.com/>

August 15: **Eddie Graf Orchestra**

Website: N/A

August 22: **Metro Big Band**

Visit: www.wpievents.com

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