



The Beaches Jazz Festival Returns in the Park and on the Street July 6th – 30th, 2023

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Toronto, ON - The Beaches International Jazz Festival is back and better than ever as it celebrates its 35th anniversary, July 6 – 30, 2023. From humble beginnings in Kew Gardens to a now four-week run across the East End of Toronto, the Beaches Jazz Festival promises to impress audiences with its FREE all-star line-up. From soul to big band to funk to rock to R&B, this year's Beaches Jazz Festival has something for everyone.

Kicking off this year's Festival is the much-anticipated **Sounds of Leslieville & Riverside July 6th thru 9th** at **Jimmie Simpson Park**. Opening night will feature Vancouver's horn-powered, percussion-fueled sonic and visual assault, ***Five Alarm Funk***. The funk'n' good music doesn't end there – the weekend line-up promises to show you the very best of Toronto's music scene with performances from ***Alex Porat, Quincy Bullen, LAZO, Jerome Tucker*** and more! When we say this year's Festival has the best of all worlds, we're not lying! The Jimmie Simpson Main Stage will also feature big bands, swing lessons and more daily.

After a weekend of indie rock, the Festival will take a turn with its popular, crowd-favourite, **TD Salsa on the Beach, July 14-16th** at **Woodbine Park** (Coxwell Ave. and Lakeshore Blvd. East). Showcasing energetic Latin melodies of salsa, merengue and cumbia, including ***Mauro Mosquera*** all the way from Colombia. This is the perfect event for anyone looking to dust off their dancing shoes. Along with amazing music, the Festival will feature delicious food trucks that pair perfectly with a delicious Muskoka Brewery beer or hard sparkling water.

New this year, the Beaches Jazz Festival presents the ultimate throwback with **90's Night, July 20th** as part of the **TD Weekend Series** at **Woodbine Park, July 20 – 23rd**. 90s Night will be hosted by ***Master T***, and is presented in collaboration with Toronto's longest-running all 90's party *Renaissance*, Toronto's favourite strictly 90s R&B and Hip-Hop party *Get on Up*, and legendary MuchMusic VJ, ***Starting from Scratch***.

For the rest of the weekend, performers including Toronto **TikTok sensation Zach Zoya, Steele**, and blues legend ***Kenny Blues Boss Wayne*** will take over Woodbine Park to continue the **TD Weekend Series** that is also host to food trucks, vendors, a Muskoka Brewery beer garden, and more.



The ultimate Festival favourite, **StreetFest** returns to **Queen Street East, July 27-29th**, spanning two kilometres along Queen Street East from Woodbine Avenue to Beech Avenue, transforming the Street with over 40 live bands performing everything from classic blues to indie rock to Latin to R&B, and more.

The 2023 season will conclude at **Woodbine Park** from **July 28 - July 30** with the return of **Groovin' in the Park** on July 28 & 29th featuring a showcase of Toronto's Funk, Soul & House music scene at the **OLG Main Stage**. Don't miss performances from house legend, **Mark Farina**, as well as 14-piece brasshop funk beast, **My Son the Hurricane**.

The countdown is on and the Festival can't wait to play its vital role uniting our local community while celebrating and showcasing the incredible talent Toronto has to offer. Here's to another 35 years of making amazing memories through music and culture.

Beaches Jazz Festival sponsors include: TD, Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation, Muskoka Brewery, Canadian Heritage, Province of Ontario and Ontario Creates.

*All events are free to the public.

For more information, visit www.beachesjazz.com

BEACHES INTERNATIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

For 35 uninterrupted years, Toronto's most beloved musical event of the summer, the Beaches International Jazz Festival has brought life, music and culture into the Beach community. The Festival welcomes residents, businesses and tourists from all over the world to join together to appreciate and support the hundreds of high calibre artists performing at the festival year after year. Launched in 1989, the Festival features a diverse range of acclaimed and up-and-coming artists on main stages, at workshops and at StreetFest, where over 100 artists perform on street corners over a two kilometre stretch on Queen Street East.

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2023 Beaches Jazz Festival 'at-a-glance' Calendar of Events

Sounds of Leslieville & Riverside

Jimmie Simpson Park

Thursday July 6 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Friday July 8 from 3:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Saturday July 9 from 11:30 a.m. - 11 p.m.

Sunday July 10 from 11:30 a.m. - 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 6	FRIDAY, JULY 7	SATURDAY, JULY 8	SUNDAY, JULY 8
<p>STEINWALL</p> <p>Five Alarm Funk</p>	<p>The Brigham Phillips "Little" Big Band</p> <p>Stacey Renee</p> <p>Neon Nostalgic</p>	<p>Alex Porat</p> <p>Accolades</p> <p>Quincy Bullen</p> <p>LAZO and The Exodus</p>	<p>Swing Shift Big Band</p> <p>MOKA</p> <p>GRACE</p> <p>Jerome Tucker Band</p>

Salsa on the Beach

Woodbine Park (Coxwell Ave and Lakeshore Blvd E)

Friday July 14 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Saturday July 15 from 2 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Sunday July 16 from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 14	SATURDAY, JULY 15	SUNDAY, JULY 16
<p>DJ Victor Explosivo</p> <p>Salsa Class with Dailyn</p> <p>Rice and Mango</p>	<p>DJ Victor Explosivo</p> <p>Sol de Cuba</p> <p>Borolo</p> <p>La Sonora Queen</p> <p>Mauro Mosquera</p>	<p>DJ Victor Explosivo</p> <p>The Sons of Tuta</p> <p>Freddy Anthony</p> <p>Salseros with Attitude</p>

TD Weekend Series

Woodbine Park (Coxwell Ave and Lakeshore Blvd E)

Thursday July 20 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Friday July 21 from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Saturday July 22 from 2 p.m. - 11 p.m.

Sunday July 23 from 12 p.m. - 8 p.m.

**THURSDAY,
JULY 20**

90's Night

Renaissance
meets Get on Up
with Starting
from Scratch
and Mista Jiggz

**FRIDAY,
JULY 21**

All McCartney
Live

(Tribute to Paul
McCartney and the
Beatles)

Soul of Motown
(All the best of
Motown)

**SATURDAY,
JULY 22**

Johannes
Linstead

Spencer
MacKenzie

Steele

Zach Zoya

Jay Douglas

**SUNDAY,
JULY 23**

Little Magic
Sam

James Anthony

Kenny Blues
Boss Wayne

Dawn Tyler
Watson

TD Workshop Series

Beach United Church (140 Wineva Ave, Toronto)

Tuesday, July 25th from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 26th from 7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dueling Pianos

With Father and Son duo, Eddie and Quincy Bullen

All proceeds go to Michael Garron Hospital Foundation

StreetFest

Queen Street East (Woodbine to Beech)

Thursday July 27 from 6 p.m. –11 p.m.

Friday July 28 from 6 p.m. –11 p.m.

Saturday July 29 from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m.

*Queen St E closes to traffic at 6 p.m.

Music plays from 7 p.m. - 11 p.m.

OLG Weekend Series

Woodbine Park (Coxwell Ave and Lakeshore Blvd E)

Friday July 28 from 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Saturday July 29 from 2 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Sunday July 30 from 12 p.m. – 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 28

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**Headliner:
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SUNDAY, JULY 30

Heather Bambrick
with the Swing Shift Band

Malia Love

Apollo Suns

My Son
the Hurricane