



19 TORONTO ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR 2019

1. **The City of Toronto turns 185 in 2019.** Celebrate Toronto hosts Toronto's 185th Anniversary at Nathan Phillips Square March 9 – 10. www.celebratetoronto.ca
2. Toronto will have the longest unbroken stretch of free, public, wireless internet access in the province as **Queen Street** becomes a hotspot between Simcoe and Bathurst streets. This marks a key juncture in the reboot the Queen Street BIA has recently launched that includes an enhanced digital presence and a host of signature events for 2019. [Click here](#) for more information.
3. Toronto's first-ever **Toronto Biennial of Art** is a 90-day contemporary art exhibit which will take place every two years. Launching September 21, the inaugural year will feature exhibitions, commissions, performances and educational events along the city's waterfront. www.torontobiennial.org
4. **Canada's Wonderland** has three exciting announcements happening throughout the year. The theme park will unveil record-breaking roller coaster, *Yukon Striker*, which will be the longest, fastest and tallest dive roller coaster in the world. The new roller coaster will be situated in the newly themed section called Frontier Canada and will be ready to ride in April 2019. *WinterFest* is an all-new immersive holiday experience happening late November and December for the first time in the theme park's history. [Click here](#) for more information.
5. Academy Award-winning director **Guillermo Del Toro** and **Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF)** Programmer Diana Sanchez bring a new film festival *Sui generis: An Alternative History of Mexican Cinema* to TIFF Bell Lightbox from February 28 to April 6. The unique retrospective is comprised of 25 films and features special guests. [Click here](#) for more information.
6. *Ai Weiwei: Unbroken* debuts at the **Gardiner Museum** on February 28. The exhibition features iconic ceramic works by the renowned international artist and human rights activist. [Click here](#) for more information.



7. **Fairmont Royal York** will celebrate a milestone 90th anniversary in June and reveal their major transformation in the summer.
8. **Radisson Hotel Group** is introducing their first upscale hotel brand, Radisson Blu, in Toronto. This is the company's first upscale hotel introduction in Canada. The hotel is anticipated to open as a Radisson Blu in June 2019. [Click here](#) for more information.
9. **CBS** has announced their plans for a large-scale television and film production facility in Mississauga, establishing "CBS Stages Canada". The multi-use facility – set to open mid-2019 – will include six soundstages, production offices, support facilities and auxiliary services for large-scale television and film production. [Click here](#) for more information.
10. **Canada's first Eataly** opens fall 2019, residing in the newly renovated Manulife Centre in the heart of Yorkville. Eataly, a vibrant Italian food marketplace including a mix of food markets, restaurants, and eateries will span three stories for a total space of 50,000 sq. ft. [Click here](#) for more information.
11. **Yorkville**, Toronto's most luxurious neighbourhood, continues to grow and transform. 102-108 Yorkville Avenue is a purpose-built retail complex set to be completed early 2019 and will house flagship stores Brunello Cucinelli, Versace, Jimmy Choo and the award-winning beauty bar Her Majesty's Pleasure. [Click here](#) for more information.
12. Toronto will host the **Collision Tech Conference** May 20-23. This is the first time the coveted conference will be held outside of the U.S. Collision attracts CEOs of the world's largest companies, founders of startups, investors and media from more than 120 countries. [Click here](#) for more information.
13. **Amazon** has opened a new 113,000 sq. ft. office in the city's downtown, expanding its Toronto Tech Hub. Plans to create 600 new tech jobs at its new office in Scotia Plaza start in 2019. [Click here](#) for more information.
14. **Ontario Science Centre** is celebrating its 50-year milestone with a slew of new exhibits including *Inventorium 2.0*, IMAX's *Great bear Rainforest*, *Super Power Dogs*, *Astronaut and Women in Space*, *The mind*. www.ontariosciencecentre.ca



15. Thanks to over 4,700 donors and the David Yuile & Mary Elizabeth Hodgson Fund, Yayoi Kusama's *Infinity Mirrored Room - Let's Survive Forever*, is coming to the **Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO)** forever. The artwork will join AGO's Collection in spring 2019. [Click here](#) for more information.

16. Toronto will welcome new **live theatre** shows including the Canadian premieres of [Mirvish's](#) *Dear Evan Hansen* and *The Last Ship* by multiple Grammy Award winner Sting; [The National Ballet of Canada](#) will present *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*; [Soulpepper](#) launches their newest performance *Rose*; [Sony Centre](#) will premiere *Another Brick in the Wall Opera*.

17. Premiering January 21 in **CN Tower's** new Observation Level, *Regalia – Native Pride*, is a limited-time exhibition giving visitors the chance for a genuine encounter with the First Nations. [Click here](#) for more information.

18. **The Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO)** launches the new *Star Wars: A New Hope* on January 23. The show is part of the on-going concert series held at Roy Thomson Hall. [Click here](#) for more information.

19. **The Royal Ontario Museum (ROM)** presents two exciting exhibits in 2019. *Zuul: Life of an Armoured Dinosaur* showcases a new recently discovered dinosaur series. The exhibit runs until May 30. ROM also presents *It's Alive! Classic Horror and Sci-Fi Art* curated by Metallica guitarist, Kirk Hammett starting July 13. [Click here](#) for more information.

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