

## News Release

December 29, 2016

### **New Year's Eve celebrations at Nathan Phillips Square this Saturday**

New Year's Eve 2017 celebrations will take place at Nathan Phillips Square (100 Queen St. W.) on Saturday, December 31. This City of Toronto-produced event will also officially launch the year-long program TO Canada with Love celebrating Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday.

The countdown to 2017 begins with a DJ Skating Party sponsored by Tim Hortons at 7 p.m. followed by live musical performances starting at 8 p.m. and fireworks at midnight. The full event program is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/canada150>.

Media logistics note: Media must arrange for artist and spokesperson interviews in advance through one of the two media contacts listed below. Members of the media are advised to arrive by 7:30 p.m. on Saturday to set up in the media area just north of the skating rink. An audio feed will be available. High resolution images are available for media use at <http://ow.ly/Wi5M307nHKE>.

The City of Toronto is committed to presenting an accessible event. An accessible viewing area and a sign-language interpreter will be provided onsite.

In addition to the regular all-night Blue Night Network service, the Toronto Transit Commission is extending its all-night subway service on all lines (Lines 1, 2, 3 and 4) to 4 a.m. on January 1. TTC service will be free from 7 p.m. on Saturday, December 31 to 7 a.m. on Sunday, January 1. More information about the holiday schedule is available at <http://www.ttc.ca>.

GO Transit will provide extended late-night service and offer free rides after 7 p.m. on the Lakeshore West, Lakeshore East, Milton, Kitchener, Richmond Hill and Stouffville lines. GO schedules are available at <http://www.gotransit.com>.

The following roads will be closed (or open only to local traffic) as of 5:30 p.m. on December 31:

- Queen Street West between University Avenue and Yonge Street
- Bay Street between Hagerman Street and Richmond Street West
- Hagerman Street between Elizabeth Street and Bay Street
- Elizabeth Street between Dundas Street West and Hagerman Street
- Albert Street between Bay Street and James Street
- James Street between Albert Street and Queen Street West
- York Street between Queen Street West and Richmond Street West

A more complete list of events and road work is available at <http://www.toronto.ca/roadrestrictions>.

Social media updates on New Year's Eve and Canada 150 programming will be available on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/SpecialEventsTO>, Twitter at [@SpecialEventsTO](https://twitter.com/SpecialEventsTO), Instagram at [@SpecialEventsTO](https://www.instagram.com/SpecialEventsTO) and Snapchat at SpecialEventsTO. The event hashtag is #C150TO. A custom New Year's Eve Snapchat filter for Nathan Phillips Square will be available from 6 p.m. to 4 a.m.

New Year's Eve is presented by the City of Toronto in partnership with the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada.

### **About TO Canada with Love**

TO Canada with Love is the City of Toronto's year-long program of celebrations, commemorations and exhibitions honouring Canada's 150th birthday. The program is Toronto's cultural love letter to the country, offering a rich tapestry of more than 30 City-produced events taking place across the city throughout 2017. For more information, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/canada150>.

Toronto is Canada's largest city, the fourth largest in North America, and home to a diverse population of about 2.8 million people. It is a global centre for business, finance, arts and culture and is consistently ranked one of the world's most livable cities. For information on non-emergency City services and programs, Toronto residents, businesses and visitors can visit <http://www.toronto.ca>, call 311, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or follow us @TorontoComms.

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