

## **News Release**

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### **Doors Open Toronto announces 2017 theme honouring Canada's sesquicentennial**

The 18<sup>th</sup> annual Doors Open Toronto presented by Great Gulf returns on May 27 and 26. In honour of Canada's 150th birthday, the theme is "15 Decades of Canadian Architecture."

Doors Open Toronto will feature 150 buildings representing each decade since the 1860s, as well as a collection of buildings from the pre-Confederation era. The theme shines light on the evolution of Canadian architecture, with a special focus on Centennial-period buildings and architects from the 1960s.

An exciting program of free Walking Tours will reference the stories and history of Toronto's many neighbourhoods, both in a historical and a contemporary sense. Other offerings in this year's Doors Open Toronto include the "OpenInsights" speaker series, with talks on topics such as the identity of current Canadian architecture, as well as special programs and more than 40 new participants in the building lineup.

This year, Doors Open Toronto is part of TO Canada with Love, the City of Toronto's year-long program of celebrations, commemorations and exhibitions. TO Canada with Love programs and events are funded in part by the Province of Ontario.

More details on Doors Open Toronto, including a complete list of this year's buildings, walking tours and talks, will be available in early May at <http://www.toronto.ca/doorsopen>.

High resolution images and background information about the event are available at [www.toronto.ca/special\\_events/media](http://www.toronto.ca/special_events/media).

#### **About Doors Open Toronto**

Since its inception in 2000, Doors Open Toronto has attracted more than two million visits to over 700 unique locations across the city. It is Canada's largest Doors Open event and one of the three largest Doors Open events in the world. Doors Open Toronto is dedicated to celebrating built heritage, architecture and design. It is presented by Great Gulf and produced by the City of Toronto in partnership with the broader community. Look for information and updates at [toronto.ca/doorsopen](http://toronto.ca/doorsopen), Facebook at [facebook.com/doorsopenTO](https://www.facebook.com/doorsopenTO), Twitter at @doors\_openTO and Instagram at @doors\_opento. The event hashtag is: #DOT17.

#### **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. Look for information and updates at [www.toronto.ca/canada150](http://www.toronto.ca/canada150), on Facebook at [facebook.com/SpecialEventsTO](https://facebook.com/SpecialEventsTO), Twitter at @SpecialEventsTO, Instagram at @SpecialEventsTO and Snapchat at SpecialEventsTO. The program hashtag is #C150TO.

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. In 2017, Toronto will honour Canada's 150th birthday with "TO Canada with Love," a year-long program of celebrations, commemorations and exhibitions. 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 on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/TorontoComms> and on Instagram at <http://www.instagram.com/cityofto>.

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