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CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY ON TORONTO'S WATERFRONT! Fabulous FREE Family Fun – Monday, February 20

Toronto, Ontario . January 16, 2012 . FREE Family Day fun for kids of all ages is only footsteps away at **Family Day on Toronto's Waterfront** presented by **The Waterfront BIA** on Monday, February 20 all along the Waterfront, ALL day long. Enjoy ice skating, live music, dog sports demos and arts and crafts! Visit www.waterfrontbia.com or call Harbourfront Centre at 416-973-4000 for more information.

FREE ICE SKATING @ HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

Monday, February 20 10:00am-10:00pm

Enjoy a brisk winter's skate with a breathtaking view of Lake Ontario and the Toronto Islands at **Harbourfront Centre** during **Family Day on Toronto's Waterfront!** Skate on the **Natrel® Rink** and experience Canada's largest artificially-cooled outdoor rink. Skate and helmet rentals are available. Open daily 10:00am. 10:00pm; Friday and Saturday to 11:00pm at York Quay Centre.

All events are FREE. Visit www.harbourfrontcentre.com for more details.

HarbourKIDS: SK8 PRESENTED BY RBC PLAY HOCKEY @ HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

Monday, February 20 11:00am-5:00pm

Make your mark at **HarbourKIDS: SK8** festival, a free celebration of skating and the culture that surrounds it, with a range of fun activities both indoors and out for parents and children of all ages. Participate in graffiti, beatboxing, button-making, hockey-mask-design and many more craft activities. Watch the skateboard-construction process, catch a flick (or two!), or listen to a story. And don't forget to skate! Below, a few festival highlights:

LE PATIN LIBRE @ THE NATREL® RINK

Monday, February 20 12:30pm & 3:00pm

Le Patin Libre will amaze and dazzle visitors to the **Natrel® Rink** with their performances and interactive games and challenges for both first-time skaters and experts alike. The group introduces audiences to their unique contemporary performance art with a cool attitude and the virtuosity of world-class skaters.

THE NATREL® SLO-SKATE ZONE FOR FIRST TIME SKATERS AND NOVICES @ THE NATREL® RINK

Monday, February 20 11:00am . 5:00pm

Sometimes the **Natrel® Rink** is packed with people who like to move FAST! **The Natrel® Slo-Skate Zone** is a special area where little guys can try skating for the first time and move as slowly as they want.

RBC PLAY HOCKEY ACTIVITIES @ THE NATREL® RINK

Monday, February 20 11:00am . 5:00pm

RBC Play Hockey activities will include a hockey shoot-out, celebrity autograph signing, and the chance to win a jersey signed by Steve Yzerman!

ROCK, SWING & SKATE WITH THE TORONTO ALL-STAR BIG BAND @ LAKESIDE TERRACE

Monday, February 20 2:00pm . 4:00pm

Grab a hot drink and join the fun inside, or skate along to the swing-era tunes of the **Toronto All-Star Big Band**, whose live performance in the Lakeside Terrace will be transmitted to the **Natrel® Rink**. The group boasts an 18-piece ensemble, including five vocalists, and performs swing-era tunes that revive the spirit, style and sound of the 1930s and 40s, the golden age of the big bands.

ARTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH @ MARILYN BREWER COMMUNITY SPACE

Monday, February 20 11:00am - 5:00pm

Express yourself through the arts as **Arts for Children and Youth** partner with **HarbourKIDS** for the second year in a row!

- Make a snowflake to help decorate the room.
- Help bridge the gap between seniors and youth and decorate a Meals on Wheels lid to brighten the day of someone who can't go outside.
- Share your message and add your own tag to the Graffiti Fort with non-toxic spray bottles!
- Take part in a Secret Beatboxing Workshop. (Psst: It's a secret because there are no mics, no audience, nothing but you and your voice.)
- The designs that goalies put on their masks say a lot about their personalities. If you were a goalie, what would your design say about you? Here's your chance to find out. Careful though . the masks you design here are not designed to take a puck to the face! They're made for style!

EVERYTHING UNDER THE MOON @ THE ENWAVE THEATRE

Monday, February 20 2:00pm (Tickets: \$15 and \$10 for children 12 and under)

Catch a special matinee presentation of *Everything Under the Moon*, part of **Harbourfront Centre's** World Stage international performance series. Songwriter/performer Christine Fellows and multi-disciplinary artist Shary Boyle employ multiple overhead projectors, costumes and puppets alongside an original live score to tell the story of two small, winged creatures on an urgent quest to save themselves and their respective species. Contact the Box Office (416-973-4000) and ask about the Skate & Show package!

WOOFJOCKS CANINE PERFORMANCE TEAM DEMOS @ PAWSWAY

Monday, February 20 11:30am / 1:00pm / 2:30pm / 4:00pm

Visit **PawsWay** for some free, furry family fun! Activities include face-painting, arts and crafts, learn how to draw your pet, lots of free games and prizes courtesy of Dog Chow!

Plus the **Woofjocks Canine Performance Team** will be doing demos of today's most popular canine sports. The **Woofjocks** are a high-energy dog/handler performance team specializing in interactive games and demonstrations of canine agility and obedience. They are purveyors of dog-approved fun!

All shows are FREE. Visit www.pawsway.ca for more information.

FREE FUN ACTIVITIES INDOORS @ QUEEN'S QUAY TERMINAL

Monday, February 20 11:00am-4:00pm

Come to **Queen's Quay Terminal** and enjoy a fun packed **Family Day on Toronto's Waterfront** with your children!

See Pooky's Gang, a fun loving musical clown band, strolling through **Queen's Quay Terminal** and join in the playful antics by singing along to many tunes loved by children.

Let Ryan Brown and his card and magic tricks amaze you . watch to see if he has anything up his sleeve. He has proven to be a real hit and will be wowing kids and parents alike.

Find the balloon sculptor who will amaze you with his creative and fun loving balloon animals . ask nicely and he may give you one!

Don't think your eyes are deceiving you . it really is a lady in a lollipop dress giving out treats to the kids . she is a real hit with the kids and also parents with a sweet tooth.

For more information, visit www.qqterminal.com.

HARRY AND HIS BUCKET FULL OF DINOSAURS @ QUEEN'S QUAY TERMINAL

Monday, February 20 11:00am-1:00pm

A children's favourite from TreehouseTV, **Harry and his Bucket Full of Dinosaurs** will be at **Queen's Quay Terminal** to meet and greet children. Children of all ages will love to meet the animated character Harry in person . watch your child's face light up! FREE! For more information, visit www.qqterminal.com.

KIDS EAT FOR FREE @ THE WATERMARK IRISH PUB

For families attending **Family Day on Toronto's Waterfront** on Monday, February 20, the **Watermark Irish Pub** in **Queen's Quay Terminal** will offer a complimentary kidsqbrunch or kidsqmeal (\$5 value **FREE**, maximum 2 children/adult.) Visit www.watermarkirishpub.ca for more details.

ENJOY FAMILY DAY WEEKEND @ THE WESTIN HARBOUR CASTLE OR THE RADISSON ADMIRAL HOTEL

Book the Love Your Family package for Family Day at the **Westin Harbour Castle** for \$189 and receive vouchers from Harbourfront Centre for 2 for 1 skate rental (an \$8 savings) and 15% discount on Lakeside Eats.

Stay at the **Radisson Admiral Hotel** for their Family Day Package for \$159 and receive complimentary parking and \$15 off an annual family membership at the **Museum of Inuit Art!**

About The Waterfront BIA:

A stone's throw from Toronto's downtown and financial core, The Waterfront BIA encompasses the exciting heart of the City's central waterfront with Lake Ontario and the Toronto Islands forming a spectacular backdrop for the area's countless attractions. Stay in one of our relaxing hotels, The Westin Harbour Castle or Radisson Admiral Hotel, take in a dynamic theatrical performance, wander through our galleries and studios or attend one of the vibrant cultural festivals year- round. Stroll Queen's Quay Terminal and visit our many unique shops, then enjoy a delicious dinner at one of our fabulous restaurants. Looking for recreation? Play in the parks, stroll the revitalized promenades, skate on the outdoor rink, rent a bicycle, canoe, kayak, sailboat or power boat. Indulge in a cruise on one of our fine charter vessels and enjoy Toronto's spectacular city skyline from the water. There is no end to the activity on the Waterfront!

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