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**HARBOURFRONT CENTRE ADVANCE EVENT LISTINGS
JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2012**

Highlights

- Through to Feb. 18 **Skate Culture: *DJ Skate Night*** – Live DJs spinning everything from hip hop, reggae and dub to disco, tropicalia, doo-wop/swing, deep house, ambient/experimental and more*See p. 10*
- Through to Mar. 4 **The Power Plant** presents a new photographic work by senior Vancouver artist ***Stan Douglas*** and ***Coming After***, works created in the last decade in a range of media and through diverse perspectives*See p. 7*
- Through to May ***Courses & Workshops*** – A rich spectrum of fun and challenging courses designed to bridge the gap between learning and contemporary culture*See p. 6*
- Through to June 2 ***NextSteps 2011/12*** – The best of Canadian dance, featuring a range of new works and the return of several favourites reflecting the diversity of the art form’s broad international background and influences *See p. 3*
- Through to May 12 ***World Stage 2012*** –World Stage brings innovative works from local, national and international artists and companies, showcasing provocative, energizing and electrifying performances in theatre, dance, music and multidisciplinary work*See p. 4*
- Through to June ***Authors at Harbourfront Centre*** – Presenting the finest contemporary novelists, poets, playwrights, short story writers and biographers*See p. 6*
- Jan. 4–Mar. 4 **Skate Culture: *Learn to Skate*** – Fun-filled classes for all ages and skill levels by qualified instructors on the outdoor Natrel™ rink*See p. 10*
- Jan. 28 ***Innovators + Ideas*** – A high-calibre programming that inspires people to engage with the ideas being expressed by today’s craft artists*See p. 8*
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Feb. 11 & 12 ***Kuumba Festival*** presented by ***TD*** – Toronto's longest-running and largest Black History Month festival returns with music, dance workshops, film screenings, comedy, family activities and more ...*See p. 7*
- Feb. 19–20 **Skate Culture: *HarbourKIDS: SK8*** presented by **RBC Play Hockey** – Harbourfront Centre hosts the city’s coolest celebration of all things skating for families, with free performances, activities and loads of fun from skating on the Natrel Natrel™ to our indoor skateboard park to break dancing workshops*See p. 4*

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PERFORMING ARTS

NextSteps 2011/12 – Through to June 2 – The best of Canadian dance features a range of new works and the return of several favourites. In its sixth year, the series is without parallel in the city and provides Toronto's dance companies with the opportunity to reflect the diversity of their broad international backgrounds and influences. Performances take place at the **Fleck Dance Theatre**, located on the 3rd floor of Queen's Quay Terminal, 207 Queens Quay West; the **Enwave Theatre**, 231 Queens Quay West and the **Studio Theatre**, York Quay Centre, 235 Queens Quay West. Complete information about single tickets, packages and group rates are available through Harbourfront Centre's Box Office by phone at **416-973-4000**, or by visiting harbourfrontcentre.com/nextsteps. Sign up for our **NextSteps** e-newsletter – sent directly to you! Membership is free. To register or for more information, visit harbourfrontcentre.com/nextsteps.

Jan. 20, 7 p.m. &
Jan. 21–22, 1 p.m.

Dance Ontario – DanceWeekend 2012 – Presented in association with Harbourfront Centre. Dance Ontario's stunning winter showcase features more than 26 superb companies and hundreds of dancers, live musicians from ballet, b-boy and bharatanatyam, hip-hop, modern and Middle Eastern, fiery flamenco and folk, to unforgettable dances from the African Diaspora. Performances at the **Fleck Dance Theatre**. Tickets: \$10 minimum donation. danceontario.ca.

Jan. 26–28, 8 p.m.

Janak Khendry Dance Company – KAAL (TIME) – This fascinating production centres around the history of "kaal" ("time" in Sanskrit) and how it came into existence 14.93 billion years ago with The Big Bang. Every life on this planet and in space is connected with time. We breathe with it, live with it, die with it and our time dies with us. Performances at the **Fleck Dance Theatre**. Tickets: \$26-\$38.50. jkdanceco.org.

Feb. 3–4, 8 p.m. &
Feb. 5, 3 p.m.

COBA Collective of Black Artists – Les Rythmes de la Forêt – A suite of dances and rhythms from the Sene-Gambia region. These dances and rhythms represent social and ritual events including rites of passage, initiations, harvest, and moments of pure joy and celebration. Bringing together works from co-artistic directors Charmaine Headley and BaKari E. Lindsay, alongside guest choreographers Lindsay Faye Johnson and Sister Robin Hibbert, the traditional dance forms of Guinea and Senegal will move you through an incredible and vibrant experience of folklore and storytelling. Performances at the **Fleck Dance Theatre**. Tickets: \$16-\$30. cobainc.com.

Feb. 9–12, 8 p.m. &
Feb. 11–12, 2 p.m.

Arabesque Dance Company & Orchestra – Jamra – *Jamra* is Arabic for "embers," the heat at the centre of a fire when the flames have disappeared. Raw abandon is the theme for Arabesque's newest production. Deriving the unique essences from the nomadic and gypsy peoples of Egypt, Turkey, North Africa and Lebanon, Arabesque swirls together colour, archetypal imagery and ancient sounds (accompanied by a live, 12-piece Arabian orchestra) to express vibrant life and the raw energy that creates it. Performances at the **Fleck Dance Theatre**. Tickets: \$25-\$45. arabesquedance.ca.

Feb. 23–25, 8 p.m.

dance Immersion – TRIBUTE: A Moving History of Canadian Blacks in Dance – This is dance Immersion's 17th edition of its annual showcase presentation. This year celebrates black dance artists who have contributed to the Canadian and global dance ecology. Through the medium of dance, film and spoken word, this presentation pays homage to individuals in a production highlighting the history, artistry and contributions of Len Gibson, Jeni Legon, Dindi Lidge, Zab Maboungou, Paul Pettiford, Kevin Pugh and Jean Sheen. There will be a dance works presentation by Compagnie Danse Nyata Nyata, and remounted pieces performed by Caribbean Dance Theatre, Learie McNicolls, Ronald Taylor Dance and Danny Grossman. All are woven together with film by Gregory Christmas and spoken word artist Amani. Performances at the **Fleck Dance Theatre**. Tickets: \$17-\$32. danceimmersion.ca.

PERFORMING ARTS cont'd

World Stage 2012 – Through to May 12 – World Stage offers Toronto audiences access to a selection of productions at the forefront of contemporary arts. Seven hand-picked productions from the U.S., England, France, Brazil and Canada will take the stage augmenting decades of progressive world-class performance found only at World Stage, as part of Harbourfront Centre's commitment to presenting works at the forefront of contemporary artistic practice across disciplines. Innovative works from local, national and international performing arts companies showcasing provocative, energizing and electrifying performances in theatre, dance, music and multidisciplinary work. Performances take place at the **Fleck Dance Theatre**, located on the 3rd floor of the Queen's Quay Terminal, 207 Queens Quay West and the **Enwave Theatre**, 231 Queens Quay West. Complete information about single tickets/packages/Flex Pass/students/ youth/seniors (age 65 and up)/arts industry professionals/groups of 10 or more are available through the Harbourfront Centre Box Office by phone at **416-973-4000**, or by visiting harbourfrontcentre.com/worldstage.

Feb. 18–23

***Everything Under the Moon* – Shary Boyle and Christine Fellows (Canada) – World premiere** – In association with The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery – Part of Fresh Ground new works, Harbourfront Centre's national commissioning programme – Canada's celebrated multimedia and visual artist Shary Boyle and renowned musician Christine Fellows have been collaborating since 2005 on works that combine Boyle's live drawings and projections set to Fellows' original compositions. *Everything Under the Moon* follows two small, winged creatures as they set out on an urgent quest to save themselves. The production was created for audiences of both children and adults. Performances at the **Enwave Theatre**.

Feb. 28 & Mar. 1–3

***Entity* – Wayne McGregor | Random Dance (England)** – Wayne McGregor, Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE), is a multi award-winning British choreographer known for his physically testing choreography (including Radiohead's most recent music video) and ground-breaking collaborations across dance, film, music, visual art, technology and science. An hour-long imagining of post-human beauty through a soundscape created by Coldplay and Massive Attack collaborator Jon Hopkins and award-winning composer Joby Talbot (*The Divine Comedy*), *Entity* is a staggering blend of bodies, technology and film that place McGregor at the cutting edge of contemporary performance. Performances at the **Fleck Dance Theatre**.

(Media contact for NextSteps & World Stage: Rosie Shaw, **416-973-4381** or rshaw@harbourfrontcentre.com)

FAMILY

HarbourKIDS: SK8 presented by **RBC Play Hockey – Feb. 19–20, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m. – York Quay Centre** – Harbourfront Centre hosts the city's coolest celebration of skating and culture that surrounds it. The season of snow, ice skating and other winter sports, fashion and lifestyle – all of these cultural elements are part of HarbourKIDS: SK8. Enjoy free performances, activities and loads of fun, from skating on The Natre!™ Rink to our indoor skateboard park to break-dancing workshops, SK8 keeps kids moving! HarbourKIDS SK8 revolves around our amazing Natre!™ outdoor skating rink with music, art, culture and recreation. For information, the public can call **416-973-4000** or visit harbourfrontcentre.com/harbourkids

Join our family! Sign up to HarbourKIDS Newsletter and be the first to know about all the cool activities for kids and families happening at Harbourfront Centre — sent directly to you! It's free. To register or for more information, visit harbourfrontcentre.com/harbourkids

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LEARNING

School Visits – Through to June, weekdays – Harbourfront Centre has implemented a palette of new programming through an array of artistic disciplines, offering students an enriched visit to our beautiful site. An excellent complement to in-school exploration of the curriculum, providing the alternative, contemporary educational experience that only Harbourfront Centre can offer, encouraging a mix-and-match among our half-day programme to create a full day tailored to everyone's needs. Most of the elementary programming is fully adaptable to secondary school. Cost is only \$14 per student for a full-day or \$11 per student for a half-day. To book or for information, teachers can call **416-973-4091** or email **registrar@harbourfrontcentre.com**. For details, teachers can also visit our website at **harbourfrontcentre.com/schoolvisits**.

Literary Arts: Accordion Books: Grades 1-8 (half day); **Hand Bound Books:** Grades 4-8 & 9-12 (full day), **Storytelling in Miss Lou's Room:** Grades 1-3 (half day)

Urban Studies: An out-of-classroom experience! **Discover the Waterfront:** Grades 1-3 (full day or half day) explore Toronto's exciting lakeside urban community; **Our City Toronto:** Grades 6-12 & 9-12 (full day) uncover the fascinating structures that make up Toronto's downtown core and gain exclusive access to the 54th floor of the TD Centre; **Government Exploration:** Grade 5 (full day) explore three levels of government and receive the opportunity to meet and pose questions to a judge; **All About Energy:** Grades 1-2 (full day or half day) search for sources of renewable and non-renewable energy along the waterfront; **Kensington Market/Chinatown:** Grades 6-12 & 9-12 (full day) discover a kaleidoscope of culture in two of Toronto's most diverse communities; **Waterfront Revitalization:** Grades 7-12 (full day) & Grades 9-12 (half or full day) discover the past, present and future of Toronto's waterfront and **Outdoor Education: Come celebrate spring!** Grades JK-12, (full day or half day) experience Toronto's waterfront through an artistic lens via an hour-long expedition through the inner Harbour and island lagoons aboard a fully-enclosed, Coast Guard-approved vessel. This is only offered in May and June.

Performing Arts: Creative Movement: Grades K-4 (half day) experience the wonderful world of expressive movement; **Dance Explorations:** Grades 4-8 (half or full day) pick your tradition or style: African or Latin American; **Lets Slam! Spoken Word Performances Poetry:** Grades 7-8 & 9-12 (full day); **Rod Puppets:** Grades 1-3 (half day); **Shadow Puppets:** Grades 4-8 (full day); **Theatre for Change:** Grades: 7-8 & 9-12 (full day); **Urban Dance:** Grades 5-8 & 9-12 (full day) develop your own urban dance vocabulary through movement and discovery; **Primary Understanding of Hip Hop:** Grades JK-3 (half day) and **Understanding Hip Hop:** Grades 4-8 & 9-12 (full day) discover self expression through exploring the roots and elements of hip hop.

Visual Arts: Altered Art (Programme linked with Media Studies): Grades 5-8 & 9-12 (half & full day); **Architectural Exploration of Form and Function:** Grades 4-8 & 9-12 (full day); **Clay Building Beasts:** Grades K-4 (half day), Grades 4-8 (full day), **Clay Masks:** Grades K-4 (half day), Grades 4-8 (full day) and Grades 9-12 (half or full day); **Clay Vessels:** Grades 2-4 (half day), Grades 4-8 & 9-12 (full day); **Collagraph Printmaking:** Grades 4-8 & 9-12 (full day); **Young Collagraph Printmaking with Museum of Inuit Art (MIA) Tour:** Grades 1-4 (full day); **Contemporary Art Exploration:** Grades 4-8 & 9-12 (half or full day) an interactive look at Harbourfront Centre's art and installations, followed by a responsive visual arts project; **Drawing:** Grades 4-8 (full day); **Lino Print with Museum of Inuit Art (MIA) Tour:** Grades 5-8 (half or full day); **Lino Print:** Grades 5-8 (half day); **Make & Skate, Dec.-Mar.** (weather permitting): Grades K-8 & 9-12 (full day); **Painting:** Grades K-3 (half day) explore colour, shape, pattern and expression; **Painting: Acrylic Landscape:** Grades 4-8 & 9-12 (full day) discover why artists of the past and present are inspired by the outdoors; **Painting: Still Life:** Grades 4-8 & 9-12 (full day); **Paper Mask:** Grades 4-8 (full or half day) experiment with paper sculpture techniques and 3D forms to create an expressive mask; **Textile Arts:** Grades 2-4, Family Portraits (half day) and Grades 5-8 & 9-12, Social Awareness (full day); **Urban Art:** Grades 4-8 & 9-12 (full day).

Media Studies: Advertising/Print Media: Grades 6-8 (full day) & Grades 9-12 (half and full day); **Digital Photography:** Grades 6-8 & 9-12 (full day) and **Altered Art (Programme to be linked with Visual Arts):** Grades 5-8 & 9-12 (half or full day).

(Media contact for School Visits: Jon Campbell, **416-973-4655** or **jcampbell@harbourfrontcentre.com**)

LEARNING cont'd

Courses & Workshops – Jan. & Feb. – A rich spectrum of fun and challenging courses designed to bridge the gap between learning and contemporary culture. Each season, Harbourfront Centre offers crafters and culture vultures of all ages the opportunity to embark on a learning experience led by talented local craftspeople. From structured educational workshops to spontaneous discoveries, youth, adults and families can explore the diverse world of art and culture from local, national and international perspectives by providing a perfect environment to boost creativity and expand your social circle with like-minded individuals. Courses are offered over several weeks, as well as one and two-day weekend workshops. Please register early as class size is limited. Costs vary. To register or for programme details the public can call **416-973-4093**, visit harbourfrontcentre.com/learn or in person at **235 Queens Quay West**.

Literary Arts:

Book Club – 3rd Wednesday/month, until May 16, 2012, 6p.m. (1.5 hours) – Meet other book lovers, discuss fascinating topics and expand your world. Our monthly book club features guest speakers and books hand-picked from Authors at Harbourfront Centre programming (including the International Festival of Authors). As an added bonus, register and receive a FREE one-year Authors at Harbourfront Centre membership. \$100 +HST.

The complete line-up of courses and workshops will be available at a later date.

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LITERARY ARTS

Authors at Harbourfront Centre – September through to June, on Wednesdays and other selected evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the York Quay Centre (except as noted) – Authors at Harbourfront Centre is one of the oldest and most admired public reading programmes in the world. Since its inception in 1974, over 7,500 of the world's most distinguished authors have read at Harbourfront Centre, including 17 Nobel Prize Laureates. Authors at Harbourfront Centre present the public with the finest contemporary novelists, poets, playwrights, short-story writers, and non-fiction writers in a wide range of events. Tickets are \$10, free for members, students and youth 25 and under. Special event locations and admission may vary. For information and tickets, the public can call **416-973-4000** or visit readings.org.

(Media contact for Literary Arts: Jennifer Asselin, **416-973-4395** or authorsmedia@harbourfrontcentre.com)

Courses and Workshops – Book Club – More details on [page 6](#)

MUSIC

New Music Concerts presents *Legends* – **Jan. 29, Intro at 7:15 .pm., performance 8 p.m. – Enwave Theatre** – For information, the public can call **416-973-4000** or visit harbourfrontcentre.com.

Art of Time Ensemble presents *Cantabile: An Evening of Italian Music* – **Feb. 10–11, 8 p.m. – Enwave Theatre** – Music ranging from powerful and familiar arias by Verdi, Leoncavallo and Puccini, to popular songs by Lucio Battisti, Paolo Conte and others. The concert will be featuring acclaimed tenor David Pomeroy and Juno Award winning singer, Dominic Mancuso, accompanied by a grand ensemble of Canada's finest classical and jazz musicians. For information, the public can call **416-973-4000** or visit harbourfrontcentre.com.

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Lunar Fest – Jan. 20–22 – York Quay Centre – For more information and tickets, the public can call **416-973-4000** or check the Harbourfront Centre website at **harbourfrontcentre.com**.

(Media contact for Lunar Fest: Jon Campbell, **416-973-4655** or **jcampbell@harbourfrontcentre.com**)

All About Miss Lou: *What’s Your Story?* – Miss Lou’s Room – York Quay Centre – Jan. 21–Feb. 26, weekends – Open to the public from 1-5 p.m. Storytelling takes place at 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. – Volunteer storytellers bring their passion for the spoken word to our audiences. The space will also be animated with stories from diverse cultural traditions. Not only do we want to hear and remember Miss Lou’s stories, but we want to hear yours, too! For information, the public can call **416-973-4000** or check the Harbourfront Centre website at **harbourfrontcentre.com**.

(Media contact for All About Miss Lou: Althea Linton, **416-973-4428** or **alinton@harbourfrontcentre.com**)

Kuumba Festival presented by TD – **Feb. 4-5 and Feb. 11 & 12 – York Quay Centre** – Harbourfront Centre celebrates Black History Month with two weekends full of lively entertainment. Toronto’s longest-running and largest Black History Month festival returns with music, dance workshops, film screenings, comedy, family activities and more. “Kuumba” is the Swahili word for creativity and has become synonymous with showcasing the best local and international artists from the African and Caribbean cultures. Most Kuumba events are free and for all ages. For more information and tickets, the public can call **416-973-4000** or check the Harbourfront Centre website at **harbourfrontcentre.com/Kuumba**.

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VISUAL ARTS: THE POWER PLANT

The Power Plant is Canada’s leading public gallery devoted exclusively to the art of our time. This prominent, non-collecting exhibition facility is on par with the finest international institutions, featuring new work by today’s best contemporary artists. Exhibitions celebrate the diverse tendencies of visual arts practice as it evolves, including painting, sculpture, photography, film, video, installation and other media. Public programmes designed to complement the year-round exhibitions include gallery tours, lectures and artist/curator talks. The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery at Harbourfront Centre is located at **231 Queens Quay West**.

Winter Exhibitions: Through to Mar. 4:

Stan Douglas – This exhibition of new photographic work by senior Vancouver artist Stan Douglas continues the artist’s practice of reexamining locations and histories. The exhibition includes works from two projects, most of which have not been exhibited. The first body of work, a series of dramatic black and white portraits, is a meticulous studio project. *Malabar People* is comprised of portraits of workers and patrons of the post-war Malabar Night Club in Vancouver. Accompanying them are four photographs from *Midcentury Studio* (shown at David Zwirner in March 2011) that reveal a context for the nightclub. The second body of work is documentary and includes a series of large scale colour images that index locations the subjects of the portraits may have frequented: decaying theatres and dusty, cluttered retail interiors preserved in the Vancouver area. Curated by Melanie O’Brian, Curator & Head of Programs

Coming After – *Coming After* brings together a number of artists born in 1970 or later who share a certain contemporary queer sensibility that is arguably in dialogue with the period of the late 1980s and early 1990s in North America that saw queer, art and other communities destroyed by AIDS and galvanized by AIDS activism. Featuring fourteen artists—largely unrepresented by commercial galleries—the exhibition will draw on work created in the last decade in a range of media and through diverse perspectives. This exhibition identifies a renewed focus on the historical and the political as artists negotiate their hope and despair about our present moment. The seriousness of this sensibility—which can take decidedly un-serious forms—is reflected in their evocation of spaces that are loaded with both historical resonance and future potential. Curated by Jon Davies, Assistant Curator

World Stage 2012 presents *Everything Under the Moon* – **Shary Boyle and Christine Fellows (Canada) – Feb. 18–23 – World premiere** – In association with The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery – Part of Fresh Ground new works, Harbourfront Centre’s national commissioning programme. **See page 4 for more details.**

VISUAL ARTS: YORK QUAY CENTRE

York Quay Visual Arts is made up of 10 exhibition spaces which are both traditional and unique. These venues are located within and outside **York Quay Centre** and range in size from an exhibition gallery which is 1,400 feet square to individual vitrines which are nine feet square. York Quay Centre exhibits the works of contemporary artists creating new works in fine art, craft, new media, design, architecture and photography. The exhibition schedule changes four times a year in all of the venues except the site-specific spaces. For more information, please contact **416-973-5379**.

Exhibitions – Jan. 28–Apr. 15 – Opening reception: Jan. 27, 6-10 p.m.:

Exhibitions TBA

Beyond Imaginings: Eight artists encounter Ontario's Greenbelt – Through to Spring 2012 – York Quay Centre – Commissioning of the work of eight emerging Ontario-based photographers, each one focuses on a distinct aspect of Ontario's Greenbelt, one of the world's largest natural resources. Participating artists: **Becky Comber, Keesic Douglas, Martie Giefert, Mark Kasumovic, Rob MacInnis, Erin Riley, Meera Margaret Singh, Garrett Walker**. Harbourfront Centre's Head of Visual Arts, **Patrick Macaulay**, curated a selection of existing images and an additional 24 new images reflecting the people, places and inexhaustible beauty of the Greenbelt. *Beyond Imaginings: Eight artists encounter Ontario's Greenbelt* is commissioned by Harbourfront Centre with support from the **Friends of the Greenbelt Foundation, Epson and SAJO**. For information the public can call **416-973-4000** or visit **harbourfrontcentre.com/greenbelt**

Architecture Space – York Quay Centre – Harbourfront Centre has established the first public venue in Toronto devoted to presenting exhibitions which challenge, educate and question the prevailing thoughts, ideas and practices informing contemporary architecture. Quarterly exhibitions present debates, dialogues and challenges between exhibiting firms, with each exhibition constructed specifically to investigate a proposed idea. Architects present their ideas and speculations through constructed model forms/objects, printed images, new media and mixed media. This space will also be used extensively by School Visits' Urban Studies programme in order to relate architectural practice to younger generations. For details, the public can call **416-973-5379** or visit **harbourfrontcentre.com**.

Jan. 28–Apr. 15

Exhibition TBA

VISUAL ARTS: CRAFT

Craft Department – York Quay Centre – Operating 11 months of the year in full public view, the Craft Department is the dynamic axis for contemporary craft in Canada and an integral part of the country's largest public multidisciplinary arts complex. We inspire people to engage with the ideas being expressed by today's craft artists and offer an unparalleled opportunity for people to witness, understand and experience work being created in glass, ceramics, metal and textiles. We present exhibition symposia and classes that offer new ideas and shape perceptions about contemporary craft. Craft at Harbourfront Centre is located at 235 Queens Quay West. Hours are Monday to Friday 10 a.m.–8 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m.–6 p.m. For details, the public can call **416-973-4000** or visit **harbourfrontcentre.com**.

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Innovators + Ideas – High-calibre programming that inspires people to engage with the ideas being expressed by today's craft artists. We aim to communicate new ideas and shape perceptions about contemporary craft while forging creative dialogue and activity across art disciplines. Content includes lectures, exhibitions, master classes and artists, curators and writers are invited who are spearheading contemporary practice and sparking innovative investigation at local, national and international levels

Jan. 28

viva voce – Voices from the Craft Department – Four artists-in-residence give lectures about their work and career development at Harbourfront Centre and beyond.

VISUAL ARTS: CRAFT cont'd

Craft Department Courses – Ongoing – York Quay Centre – Taught by the Craft artists-in-residence, these beginner courses for adults are an excellent way to express creativity. Classes are offered in: **Glass Blowing:** (Sept–May) covering solid (i.e. paperweights) and blown forms (cups, bowls and plates), colour application, hot and cold techniques; **Ceramics:** make cups, vases and bowls on the pottery wheel, learn how to handbuild. Techniques include throwing, coiling, slab, trimming, decoration and finishing; **Introduction to Jewellery and Intermediate Jewellery:** students can expect to finish two or three projects and learn skills such as sawing, filing, soldering, wire-work and finishing. Completed projects could include rings, bracelets, pendants, earrings and brooches; **Textiles:** Learn silk painting, machine and hand embroidery, appliqué, mono-printing techniques and embellishment. Pre-registration is required. A list of classes and fees can be obtained by visiting harbourfrontcentre.com/learn/courses/craftstudio.

Introduction to Jewellery – 8-week course, 3 hrs/week (evening/weekends available), **year-round, \$350.30** (\$300 + 13% HST, includes some materials + \$10 lab fee) – Learn a wide range of jewellery techniques (piercing, soldering, drilling, filing, polishing, etc.) to create samples and finished pieces. Please call **416-973-4994** for more info.

Intermediate Jewellery – 8-week course, 3 hrs/week (evening/weekends available), **year-round, \$350.30** (\$300 + 13% HST, includes some materials + \$10 lab fee) – The next step once you've learned the basics. Topics covered include colour, material, chain-making, stone setting and more! Please call **416-973-4994** for more info.

Textiles – 5-week course, 3 hrs/week (evenings), year-round, \$299.45 (\$255 + 13% HST, includes some materials + \$10 lab fee) or **1-day course (6 hours), Year-round, \$186.45** (\$155 + 13% HST, includes some materials + lab fee) – Felting, silk-screen printing, sewing, quilting, embroidery, appliqué techniques and more! Please call **416-973-4952** for more info.

Glass Blowing – Fri–Sun (20 hours in total), September–May, \$395.50 (\$350 + 13% HST, includes tools, materials + \$10 lab fee) – This course covers solid (i.e. paperweights) and blown forms (cups, bowls and plates), colour application, hot and cold techniques and use of studio equipment. Please call **416-973-4951** for more info.

Ceramics – 8-week course, 3 hrs/week (evenings), year-round, \$350.30 (\$300 + 13% HST, includes some materials + lab fee) – Make cups, vases and bowls on the pottery wheel and by hand-building. Techniques include throwing, coiling, slab, trimming, decoration and glazing. Please call **416-973-4994** for more info.

The Centre Shop – York Quay Centre – Open: 11 a.m.–6 p.m., except Thursdays & Fridays until

8 p.m. –Harbourfront Centre has a 30-year history of showcasing Canadian craft. Visitors can shop for a dazzling array of Canadian-made functional fine craft, including work by Harbourfront Centre's own craft artists-in-residence, choosing from blown glass, wheel-thrown ceramics, lathe-turned wooden bowls and a generous selection of contemporary handmade jewellery. Now, with the introduction of CREATIVE GENIUS, The Centre Shop also features great design with a range of products from around the world that improve everyday living. From personal, desk and home accessories to books and multimedia, all products have been chosen to reflect the very best of contemporary design. For more information, the public can call **416-973-4993** or visit our website at creativegeniusworld.com.

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SKATING RINK

Skate Culture – Daily, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. – York Quay Centre – Make Harbourfront Centre your outdoor winter recreation centre with its variety of programming around The Natrel™ Rink. *Skate Culture* events offer fun and energetic programming for the whole family. Enjoy recreational skating on The Natrel™ Rink, while keeping warm by the cozy outdoor **fire pits**. Season-long activities include **Learn to Skate, DJ Skate Night and HarbourKIDS: SK8**. For information, the public can call **416-973-4000** or visit the Harbourfront Centre website at harbourfrontcentre.com/skateculture. The Natrel™ Info line: **416-973-4866**.

The Natrel™ Rink – Through to Mar. 11, 2012 – Daily, 10 a.m.–10 p.m.; Friday and Saturday to 11 p.m. (weather-permitting) – A popular skating destination in the heart of the city! Visitors can enjoy our artificially-cooled outdoor rink while skating to music and taking in the beautiful surroundings of Lake Ontario and the Toronto Island. Explore ice skating at Harbourfront Centre on The Natrel™ Rink. The rink is easily accessible by TTC and by car. Parking is available. There are on-site skate rentals, helmet rentals, change rooms, rental lockers and skate sharpening. Off-site bulk skate rentals are also available. For information, the public can call **416-973-4000** or check the Harbourfront Centre website at harbourfrontcentre.com/skateculture. The Natrel™ Rink Info line: **416-973-4866**.

SKATING RINK cont'd

Learn to Skate generously supported by **RBC Foundation** – (weather-permitting) – **Jan. 4–Mar. 4** – Harbourfront Centre offers convenient and fun-filled skating classes for all skill levels and ages by qualified instructors. Small classes are offered, providing a comfortable setting for learning new skills. Classes available for adults, children and families from beginners through intermediate and advanced. The rink is easily accessible by TTC and by car. Parking is available. To register or for more details the public can call **416-973-4093** or visit **harbourfrontcentre.com/skateculture**.

DJ Skate Night – Saturdays, Selected dates through to Feb. 18, 8–11 p.m., Free – York Quay Centre – The sixth year of this popular event presents DJs spinning everything from hip hop, reggae and dub, disco, tropicalia, doo-wop/swing, deep house, ambient/experimental and more. And if the chilly winter weather gets the best of you, you can warm your fingers and toes next to our outdoor, staff-controlled **fire pits** or grab a quick bite at the **Lakeside Eats** restaurant right next to the rink! All ages welcome. For information, the public can call **416-973-4000** or check the Harbourfront Centre website at **harbourfrontcentre.com/skateculture**. The Natrel™ Rink Info line: **416-973-4866**.

HarbourKIDS: SK8 – More details on [page 4](#)

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ON LAKE ONTARIO

Nautical Centre – Sailing, powerboating, canoeing and kayaking adventures begin at the Nautical Centre. Instruction, charters, rentals, camps and clubs for all skill levels and physical abilities are available. Services offered at the Nautical Centre include: **Harbourfront Centre Sailing/Powerboating**, 416-203-3000 or harbourfrontcentre.com/boating; **Queens Quay Disabled Sailing Program**, 416-214-0358, **Abilities in Motion Disabled Kayaking**, **647-347-9467** and **Harbourfront Canoe and Kayak Centre**, 416-203-2277. There are several other activities located on the waterfront that are similar in nature to the above but are not located at the Nautical Centre. They do not have offices on site. These include: **Blind Sailing Association of Canada**, 416-496-5089 and the **Toronto Brigantine Inc./Tall Ship Adventures**, 416-596-7117.

Harbourfront Centre Sailing/Powerboating – The public “gateway” to the water offers a myriad of services for anyone interested in sailing or powerboating. Join the club and have access to a fleet of sail or powerboats without the hassle or expense of ownership. Harbourfront Centre Sailing & Powerboating offers the public a wide range of exciting marine activities, boat rentals, summer camps, corporate events and Canadian Yachting Association courses in sailing, powerboating, navigation and licensing. International Yacht Training certification to Master of Yachts (200 GT Unlimited) level is also offered, as well as the Pleasure Craft Operator Card and Marine VHF Radio operator licensing. Boat owners seeking new outboard motors can purchase the full line of APS long and short shaft outboards and inflatable boats from 9ft to over 13ft. For more information, **416-203-3000** or harbourfrontcentre.com/boating.

Tour and Charter Boats – Harbourfront Centre is home to an array of unique tour and charter boats for sightseeing tours or to hold an event in this unique setting with a view of Toronto's spectacular skyline. There are historic and informative hour-long tours through the inner and outside harbour, musical or romantic dinner-dance cruises, corporate event venues, receptions and private parties. Operators: Best Value Cruises, Charter Miss Toronto, City Sightseeing Toronto, Great Lakes Schooner Company, Jubilee Queen Cruises, Mariposa Cruises, Nautical Adventures, Shark Attack Tours and Yankee Lady Yacht Charters. For smaller sail or power boats that accommodate less than 12 persons, please contact Harbourfront Sailing and Power Boating at 416-203-3000. For information, the public should call **416-973-4000** or visit Harbourfront Centre's website at harbourfrontcentre.com/thewaterfront/marine/tourcharterboats to link to the operators' websites.

Marinas – Harbourfront Centre operates Marina Four (100 slips) and Marina Quay West (200 slips). For information on seasonal or visitor dockage for these two downtown mainland marinas, the public can call **Marina Four at 416-203-2620** or **Marina Quay West at 416-203-1212**.

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ABOUT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE

Harbourfront Centre is an innovative, non-profit cultural organization which provides internationally renowned programming in the arts, culture, education and recreation, all within a collection of distinctive venues on a 10-acre site in the heart of Toronto's downtown waterfront. **www.harbourfrontcentre.com**

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Harbourfront Centre, heart of Toronto's waterfront, is undergoing an extensive site transformation to remove the existing surface parking lot, build an attractive underground parking facility and create new public spaces and amenities for our central waterfront site. For more information visit **harbourfrontcentre.com/construction**.