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Celebrate the holiday season with *Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront* Saturday and Sunday, December 10, 11, 17 & 18

Toronto, Ontario – November 2, 2011 – Santa will be making a special stop at **Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront** presented by **Redpath Sugar** and **The Waterfront BIA** this holiday season on Saturday, December 10; Sunday, December 11; Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18.

"The holiday season is magical at Toronto's Waterfront," states Carol Jolly, Executive Director, The Waterfront BIA. "There is so much for families to experience from the Santa Cruise to puppet and dog shows and skating to fine dining and relaxed hotel stays."

6TH ANNUAL SANTA CRUISE PRESENTED BY MARIPOSA CRUISES

Families are invited to join Santa and his elves for the **6th Annual Santa Cruise** presented by **Mariposa Cruises** aboard the *Northern Spirit*. Tickets sell out quickly for this magical one hour cruise! Purchase tickets online at www.mariposacruises.com or call 416-203-0178.

6TH ANNUAL SANTA CRUISE

DATE: December 10-11 and December 17-18
TIME: Boarding begins at 10:30am and 1:30pm
PLACE: *Northern Spirit* - Foot of York Street (by Queen's Quay Terminal)
COST: Tickets \$12 + HST per person (children under 6 are admitted FREE)
Complimentary refreshments on board.
Tickets are available online at www.mariposacruises.com or call 416-203-0178

Children are encouraged to bring their wish lists to share with Santa and have their picture taken with him! Families will receive a complimentary Winterfest photo frame courtesy of Queen's Quay Terminal. Afterwards, download your **FREE** photo with Santa by visiting www.waterfrontbia.com.

EXPERIENCE THE HOLIDAY MAGIC WITH A HOTEL AND SANTA CRUISE PACKAGE

NEW this year! To complete your Winterfest experience, enjoy a winter family getaway at either the **Radisson Admiral Hotel** at \$99/night or **The Westin Hotel** at \$149/night. Two **FREE** Santa Cruise tickets are included in each package (value: \$24).

WATCH RUNAWAY PUPPET THEATRE'S ROCK THRU THE AGES IN QUEEN'S QUAY TERMINAL

Following each **Santa Cruise**, Santa's elves will lead the families into **Queen's Quay Terminal** where they can join in the excitement and watch the puppet shows as Runaway Puppet Theatre presents *Rock Thru The Ages* in the south atrium of **Queen's Quay Terminal**.

Rock Thru The Ages is an upbeat musical extravaganza that contains music that spans four decades and ranges from the sultry sound of Peggy Lee's *Fever* to the rock and roll beat of the old time favourite *Splish Splash*. This family oriented performance will entrance the young and spark memories for those that are young at heart. Over 75 bright and colourful hand and rod puppets make this production a real show stopper.

ROCK THRU THE AGES PUPPET SHOWS

DATE: December 10-11 and December 17-18
TIME: 1pm and 4pm
PLACE: South Atrium, Queen's Quay Terminal
COST: **FREE**

Be sure to catch the **FREE** daily dog shows in Queen's Quay Terminal featuring some amazing dogs from **PawsWay** following the puppet shows!

HAVE YOUR PET'S PHOTO TAKEN WITH SANTA AT PAWSWAY

Find out if your pet (cat/dog) has been naughty or nice as Santa pays a special visit to **PawsWay**. Capture that special moment between Santa and your pet and help support a guide dog. \$2 from each photo will be donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides.

PET PHOTOS WITH SANTA:

DATE:	December 10 -11, and December 17-18
TIME:	12pm-4pm
PLACE:	PawsWay (245 Queens Quay West)
COST:	\$10

PawsWay is open daily from 11am-5pm, general admission is **FREE**. Visit www.pawsway.ca for more details.

VISIT HARBOURFRONT CENTRE FOR FREE SKATING

Be sure to take advantage of **Harbourfront Centre's** **FREE** all-ages programming including concerts, culinary events and storytelling, as well as ice-skating activities on Toronto's favourite outdoor rink.

Families are invited to enjoy a variety of **Skate Culture** events on Harbourfront Centre's Natrel® Rink – including lessons and skating parties with some of Toronto's top DJs! Located along the scenic shores of Lake Ontario, the Natrel® Rink offers spectacular views of the downtown core, Lake Ontario and the Toronto Islands. Visit www.harbourfrontcentre.com for more details.

SKATING AT THE NATREL RINK:

DATE:	December 10 -11, and December 17-18
TIME:	10am-11pm
PLACE:	Natrel® Rink, York Quay Centre (located at 235 Queens Quay West)
COST:	FREE

ADMIRE THE BREATHTAKING BEAUTY OF THE CAVALCADE OF LIGHTS

Check out the spectacular lights at the waterfront! The Cavalcade of Lights continues throughout the month of December as part of **Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront** and includes four locations: the fully restored and enhanced Tall Ship on the Amsterdam Bridge (at Simcoe) using a new generation of animated super bright LED lights, the Music Garden, the Firehall, and the Westin Harbour Castle. **FREE**

KIDS EAT FOR FREE AT THE WATERMARK IRISH PUB

For families attending **Winterfest on Toronto's Waterfront**, the Watermark Irish Pub will offer a complimentary kids brunch or kids meal (\$5 value **FREE**). Visit www.watermarkirishpub.ca for more details.

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About Redpath Sugar:

Redpath Sugar is an integral part of Toronto's Waterfront and together with our 300 employees, we are celebrating over 50 years of operations on Queen's Quay. We provide high quality sugars to consumers direct through grocery stores, foodservice distributors and food manufacturers across Canada. Redpath Sugar is proud of its heritage of crafting natural, pure cane sugar products in Canada since 1854.

About The Waterfront BIA:

Toronto's urban Waterfront is a stone's throw from the downtown and financial core. Our many recreational and cultural activities add to the allure of this unique neighbourhood. Lake Ontario and the Toronto Islands form a spectacular backdrop to our beautiful Waterfront promenade, its hotels, shops, services, restaurants, parks and gardens. Living, working, shopping, dining. **It's better by the water.**