

EATS & BEATS IN RIVERSIDE STREET FEST

RIVERSIDE BIA, MAY 22, 2013

Come join us for **'Eats & Beats in Riverside StreetFEST'**. On Saturday, June 1st, from 1:00 PM – 6:00PM, the Riverside will be hosting their annual Street Fest, showcasing Riverside's family friendly food outlets and unique small town in the big city atmosphere. The Riverside District is renowned for its home design shops, heritage architecture, coffee shops, food providores and popular contemporary restaurants. Riverside extends from the DVP to just past Degrassi Street along Queen Street East.

Local eateries will be opening their doors serving tasting plates and musical entertainment and there will be a Riverside Passport where the public can collect stamps from participating businesses and get great deals for the month of June. There will be 12 event destination points with live music, and entertainment including: cooking demos, belly dancing workshops, instrument making, kid's crafts, henna tattoos, food and art walking tours and of course some mouthwatering Riverside tasters.

Fresh music will enliven Riverside's streetscape with sounds ranging from Irish Celtic, Jazz and Blues, to Drumming and Aboriginal vocals. Some of the featured artists include: Autorickshaw – a home grown South Asian fusion band which mixes traditional Indian, Jazz and Funk, as well as other musical elements; DRUMHAND - an amalgamation of Latin, African and Jazz music sure to get folks on their feet; Riverside's homegrown Don Valley Stompers - a powerful seven-piece band that play in the New Orleans dancehall tradition; and in celebration of National Aboriginal History Month, drummer and singer Nibii Wawashkana (Water Flower), whose music mixes the nations within the Aboriginal culture with performances in Ojibway, French, and English.

Accompanied with Eats & Beats in Riverside Street Fest is the **Riverdale Art Walk** which is a two-day (June 1st & 2nd), public fine art exhibition showcasing established and emerging artists in retail spaces, artist's studios and Jimmie Simpson Park in Toronto's flourishing Queen Street East arts district. For more information visit: artistsnetwork.ca/raw

Let us know you're coming through: riversidedistrict.eventbrite.com and find out more at: riverside-to.com

ABOUT RIVERSIDE BIA

The Riverside District Business Improvement Area (BIA) Although known for its heritage buildings, award-winning restaurants, and the street that inspired the cult classic Degrassi TV series, Riverside's secret also lies in its artisans and community builders of many sorts in Toronto's east end. The Historic Riverside District is located on Queen Street East from the DVP to Empire Ave is a well-established contemporary commercial district with strong historical ties.

###

For more information please contact:

Anjali Solanki, Riverside BIA Marketing and Public Programs Director
c.647-773-2547 p.416-466-8167
walkon@riverside-to.com