



PRESS RELEASE

Toronto's Riverside Invites Everyone to Eats & Beats Streetfest June 4th

Free music and fresh, local food festival just steps from downtown Toronto

Toronto, Ontario – May 25, 2016 - Get ready to taste the eats and move to the beats with the annual 'Riverside Eats & Beats Streetfest' on Saturday, June 4th, from 1:00 PM to 6:00PM along Queen Street East between the DVP and Empire Ave. There will be a diversity of event destination points with live music, food and entertainment including: cooking demos, dance lessons, flying yoga, kids skateboard demos, a culinary tour and, of course, tasters from Riverside's finest eateries!

"We are excited to welcome everyone to the 4th Annual Riverside Eats & Beats Festival to taste mouth-watering culinary fare, enjoy local musicians, and take in Riverside's history and vibrant community life." said Anjali Solanki, Riverside BIA's Executive Director.

With over 75 local businesses and groups participating in Riverside's vibrant 10 blocks along Queen Street East, highlights of the festival include:

- "Beats on Broadview" (Broadview south of Queen-street closure): will include all sorts of funk in music, food and fun. Local act The Don Valley Stompers will kick off the festival, followed by Turbo Street Funk Band and Samba Toronto. A diversity of vendors will serve up treats and activities.
- "Munro: Activate! Block Party" (Munro north of Queen-street closure) with a bicycle-powered musical line up curated by Tune Your Ride, and cycling-gear activities by local businesses: bicycle decorating booth and flower wall photo booth, bike tune ups, smoothie-making, and Evolve Skate Camp lessons and demos for kids!
- "Ready, Set Play on Saulters Street" (Saulters south of Queen street closure) will feature Toronto Food Tours cooking demos, dance lessons and demos, the Good Food Market, kids activities with the Queen/Saulters Library, local musicians, plus 'Mugging' event and readings by local authors inside the Ralph Thornton Centre, 2nd Floor.
- "Nell & Natasha's Blues & Rhythms BBQ" at McGee Street will feed your stomach and soul with a Free BBQ and HUDU Rising Blues Band, plus face painting, balloons, prizes and more. Don't miss the BMO fun tent and the Toronto Pirates.
- While you're at Eats & Beats, visit the 18th Annual "Riverdale Art Walk" in Jimmie Simpson Park: a two-day (June 4th & 5th), public fine art show with 180 established and emerging artists.

More at www.riverside-to.com

ABOUT RIVERSIDE BIA - The Riverside Business Improvement Area (BIA), located on Queen Street East from the DVP to Empire Ave, is known for its heritage buildings, award-winning eateries and shops, and the street that inspired the cult classic Degrassi TV series. Riverside Eats & Beats Streetfest 2016 is supported by Streetcar Developments, Hullmark Developments, Downtown Automotive Group, Metroland Media and GOODHOOD.

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