

# LUMINATO

## **Luminato 2019: Additional Free Programming, Specialized Performances, Community Projects and *Illuminating Ideas* Moderator and Panelists Announced**

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**Toronto, ON** – With just 23 days until Luminato 2019 takes over the city of Toronto, the festival is thrilled to announce additional details of its free programming, specialized performances, free community projects and moderators and panelists for the [Illuminating Ideas](#) program.

Now in its thirteenth year, Luminato brings the most engaging and ambitious theatre, dance, opera, visual art and more from Canada and across the globe to Toronto each June. The 2019 festival takes place at several venues across the city from June 7 – 23.

### **House of Mirrors – FREE Opening Weekend (June 8 and 9)**

During the opening weekend of Luminato 2019 (June 8 and 9), entry into [House of Mirrors](#) will be **FREE** thanks to the generous support of OLG.

*“OLG is proud to return for its 12th year as a Festival Partner to present both free access to House of Mirrors and free music programming during the festival’s opening weekend at Harbourfront Centre. OLG has a long history of supporting events that bring people together and strengthen communities. It is all part of OLG’s commitment to make Ontario better. We’re excited for everyone to join in on the fun at House of Mirrors at Luminato this summer.” Jennifer Barban, Director, Community Programs at OLG.*

A reality-bending, sensory-altering, mind-dizzying experience, *House of Mirrors* has enchanted audiences in the tens of thousands across the southern hemisphere. At over 12.5ft and weighing in at over 55 tonnes, this reflective wonder makes its North American debut at Luminato in June, taking Toronto by storm while simultaneously mesmerizing, disorienting and delighting festival audiences.

### **Luminato: Festival Central at Harbourfront Centre**

In partnership with Harbourfront Centre, Luminato will extend its festival footprint near Toronto’s picturesque waterfront with [Luminato: Festival Central](#). Located on the East

Campus of Harbourfront Centre, Festival Central will be a hub of festival activity with **FREE** music programming, partner activations and plenty of space to kick back, relax and enjoy the sights and sounds of the Luminato atmosphere.

#### Luminato: Festival Central FREE Weekend Music Programming Schedule

##### **Saturday June 8, 2019**

2:00PM [Ghost Caravan](#)

6:00PM [Cheri Maracle](#)

##### **Sunday, June 9, 2019**

2:00PM [Lacey Hill](#)

6:00PM [LAL](#)

##### **Saturday, June 15, 2019**

2:00 [Okan](#)

6:00PM [The Special Interest Group](#)

##### **Sunday, June 16, 2019**

2:00PM [Stewart Legere](#)

##### **Saturday, June 22, 2019**

2:00PM [Hilario Durán Trio](#)

6:00PM [Absolutely Free](#)

#### **Accessibility at Luminato 2019**

Luminato is committed to creating a festival that is accessible to as many people as possible. At the core of this commitment are [specialized performances](#) that are designed to accommodate a wide range of audience members. Specialized performances include: Relaxed Performances for patrons whose Luminato experience might be enriched by a more informal environment including those with sensory disorders, on the Autism spectrum, intellectual disabilities and parents with young children; Audio Described performances for patrons with vision disabilities; and American Sign Language (ASL) interpreted performances.

#### **\*New this year\* [Luminato 2019 Audio Guide](#)**

Created by Rebecca Singh, Founder of [Live Describe](#), the Luminato 2019 Audio Guide is a podcast that includes descriptive narration for audiences with vision disabilities and gives listeners a full overview of Luminato 2019 programming and events in and around Harbourfront Centre. The guide includes a historic tour of Toronto's Harbourfront by **JJ Hunt**, an interview with [The Drawing Room](#) by Curator, **Sally Frater** and welcome messages from Luminato CEO **Anthony Sargent** and Artistic Director **Naomi Campbell**.

## Luminato 2019 Specialized Performance Schedule

### **Relaxed Performances**

#### ***House of Mirrors***

Monday, June 10 from 11:00am – 12:00pm

Sunday, June 16 from 11:00am – 12:00pm

Friday, June 21 from 11:00am – 12:00pm

#### ***Kiinalik: These Sharp Tools***

Friday, June 14 at 7:00pm

### **Audio Described Performances**

#### ***Kiinalik: These Sharp Tools***

Sunday, June 16 at 1:00pm

#### ***Rite of Spring***

Saturday, June 22 at 2:00pm

### **ASL Interpretation**

#### ***Monday Nights***

Sunday, June 9 at 1:00pm

#### ***True North (Parts 1-4) panel***

Saturday, June 15 at 5:00pm\*

\*Immediately following a closed captioned screening of *True North (Parts 1-4)*

### **Hearing Assistance Devices\***

**ALL PERFORMANCES:** *Flowers for Kazuo Ohno (and Leonard Cohen), The Full Light of Day, BIZIINDAN!, Kiinalik: These Sharp Tools, Triptych (Eyes of One on Another)*

\*Not all devices are compatible. Please email [accessibility@luminato.com](mailto:accessibility@luminato.com) for more information.

### **Surtitles**

**ALL PERFORMANCES:** *Masquerade*

For assistance with ticketing, booking an audio described performance, or hearing assistance device, please email [accessibility@luminato.com](mailto:accessibility@luminato.com) or call, Stephen Barber at 416-368-4849

For more information on Luminato's Accessibility Program, please email Cathy Gordon at [accessibility@luminato.com](mailto:accessibility@luminato.com) or call 416-368-3130.

### **illuminating Ideas Panelists and Moderators**

The Luminato 2019 [illuminating Ideas](#) program will feature a series of panel discussions, films, workshops and masterclasses that take a deeper dive into some of the festival's overarching themes including LGBTQ+ censorship, the effect of climate change on Northern communities and witch hunts throughout history. The program's **FREE** talks will take place immediately after each film screening at Harbourfront Centre Studio Theatre.

The 2019 *Illuminating Ideas* program is supported by The Globe and Mail.

*Changing Tides* is supported by Thomson Reuters.

Luminato 2019 *Illuminating Ideas* Moderators and Panelists

[True North \(Parts 1-4\)](#) Saturday, June 15 at 6:30pm

**Moderator** Duane Watson

**Panelists** Ryan Sidhoo, Yasin Osman, Lebert Veira, Cordell Veira

[Changing Tides](#) Sunday, June 16 at 4:00pm

**Moderator** Amran Abocar

**Panelists** Amy Sharrocks, Sunshine Tenasco, Clayton Thomas-Muller

[LGBTQ Censorship](#) Friday, June 21 at 8:00pm

**Moderator** Andrea Houston

**Panelists** Sook-Yin Lee, Elspeth Brown, Tawiah Ben M'Carthy

[Witch Hunts Throughout History](#) Saturday, June 22 at 4:00pm

**Moderator** Denise Balkissoon

**Panelists** Hyacinth Simpson, Bhavan Sodhi and Annamaria Enenajor

**The Art of Resistance in Partnership with The 519**

From city streets to city halls, the LGBTQ+ community continues to face erasure and censorship in expressing whom and how they love. Thirty years after the death of controversial photographer Robert Mapplethorpe and fifty years after the Stonewall riots, the ongoing debate around sexual and artistic freedom of expression is more relevant than ever. During the first week of the festival, [The 519](#), in partnership with Luminato, is throwing open the doors of their historical venue to provide a space where the LGBTQ+ community can use their own voices as artists and activists without being censored.

All are welcome to participate and give their own responses to the theme of “Grieve, Rise, and Resist”. Art supplies will be provided, along with additional creative tools to encourage meaningful dialogue about the LGBTQ+ censorship that still exists today.

**Luminato x Launchpad**

Luminato is excited to announce **Luminato x Launchpad**, an artistic development program in partnership with [Artscape Launchpad](#) featuring workshops and

masterclasses, across a variety of disciplines, led by some of the artists in this year's festival. With session topics ranging from how to integrate digital media into theatre creation, how to develop a creative project over several years and how to best use self-expression in artistic practice, these educational programs will highlight the hard work and unique visions of some of the city's established artists.

Tickets for each of the classes, talks and workshops can be purchased through [Launchpad](#), with discounts available for existing Launchpad members. Those interested are encouraged to book early as capacity, especially for the masterclasses, is limited.

The full Luminato 2019 program is available [here](#).

Luminato is very grateful for the generous support the festival receives from:

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**Venue Partner** Harbourfront Centre and many other visionary individual and corporate supporters.

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#### About Luminato

Luminato is Toronto's international festival of arts and ideas dedicated to presenting programming that cuts across traditional artform boundaries. Luminato works closely with Canadian artists to support the development and creation of distinctive new work, as well as presenting today's most exciting artists from around the world. The 2019 festival runs June 7-23.

Led by CEO Anthony Sargent CBE and Artistic Director Naomi Campbell and Board Chair Peter Herrndorf, CC, OOnt., Luminato is a charitable, not-for-profit, globally-connected cultural organization proudly based in Toronto on the territories of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, Anishinaabe, and most recently Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.

[www.luminato.com](http://www.luminato.com)

**Luminato 2019 Tickets and Box Office**

Luminato runs June 7 to 23, 2019 in venues across downtown Toronto. To buy tickets and for more information, pricing, times, venues, and more, visit [luminato.com](http://luminato.com) or call the Box Office 416 368 4849.

In addition to single tickets, Luminato packages and group tickets are available, making it easier and more affordable to enjoy more of the festival. Audiences save 15% on three shows and 20% on four shows. Some exclusions may apply.