

# TORONTO INTERNATIONAL BUSKERFEST FOR EPILEPSY

## 20th Anniversary Year in Woodbine Park, the Beach



### Here's What You Need to Know!

Toronto (August 20, 2019) – **The Toronto International BuskerFest for Epilepsy** continues to wow the city with spectacular attractions and jaw-dropping talent. The 20th anniversary of Toronto BuskerFest, which is produced to support local charity Epilepsy Toronto, will take place in **Woodbine Park** in the Beach, over the **Labour Day weekend, Friday August 30 through Monday September 2.**

Now in its milestone 20<sup>th</sup> year, the event is widely recognized as one of the best and biggest street performer festivals in North America, and the largest epilepsy awareness event in the world! Admission is by donation to Epilepsy Toronto, which will go toward funding services such as counselling, support groups, training and educational programs.

#### Mark Your Calendars:

##### - Over 100 street performers:

From **Bendy Em**, the acrobat contortionist from Australia to **Mat Ricardo**, the jaw droppingly talented and oh-so-dapper 'Gentleman Juggler' from the UK (who recently appeared on America's Got Talent), there is something for everyone to enjoy at the Toronto BuskerFest. Magic, music, daredevils, acrobats, comedians, clowns, contortionists and yes, **Silver Elvis** and so much more. Your admission by donation to Epilepsy Toronto gives you access to non-stop hilarity and entertainment. Schedule to be posted daily [online](#)

- **Group Benefit Shows:** With so many incredible acts, it sometimes hard to choose who to see, but with the two Group Benefit Shows, you don't have to choose! Each of these shows allow you to watch one incredible event with multiple acts performing, and the money collected in the hat from these 2 shows goes directly to Epilepsy Toronto! **The first Group Benefit Show is Friday August 30 at 7:30pm, and features a fiery finale; the Finale Group Benefit Show is Monday September 2nd at 5:00pm** with the announcement of this year's People's Choice Award Winner!

- **Great Lakes Brewery Beer Garden:** Just because the sun goes down doesn't mean the party has to stop! This year BuskerFest and Great Lakes Brewery is introducing Buskers After Dark - a music series that's going to happen in the GLB Beer Garden, in the gazebo with shows starting as the sun goes down and going on into the evening, each night Friday - Sunday! **Performances include: Lemon Bucket Orkestra Friday August 30th, Wild Man Jazz Band, Saturday August 31 and Mike Nagoda and the Spectrum Blues Band on Sunday Sept 1!** [Event page](#)

- **Food Trucks & vendors:** From Grandpa Ken's World Famous Peameal Back Bacon and Burgers, to Churros and Poutine Supreme we have festival favourites for all! Check out La Tortilleria, Yiannis, tasty corn on the cob and savoury funnel cake, and cool down with a Lemonade or an Icee. It's safe to say you can feed the entire family all weekend with a wide variety of Festival Foods!

**- Hula Hoop Dance Party!** For the FIRST TIME EVER, BuskerFest is throwing a Hoop Dance Party for all the hula hoopers in Toronto, of all ages and stages! Featuring a live DJ, enjoy a fun hooping lesson to get you started and then swing to the beats of DJ Tricky Mouse, with special appearances by International Hoop sensation Lisa Lottie and other pro hoopers! If you have a hoop, bring it along! If not, Hoop You will have some onsite to share. **Join in the fun, Sunday September 1, at 3pm in Woodbine Park.**

Join comedians, escape-artists, musicians, magicians, fire jugglers, acrobats, aerial artists, clowns and daredevils; over a hundred of the most extraordinary street performers on earth, as they descend upon **Woodbine Park** for some serious fun! Prepare to be amazed!

For all confirmed performers please visit: <http://torontobuskerfest.com/performers.php#all>

### Toronto International BuskerFest for Epilepsy

**Dates:** Friday August 30-Monday, September 2, 2019

**Times:** Aug. 30 (12pm - 10pm); Aug 31 (11am - 11pm); Sept 1 (11am - 10pm); Sept 2 (11am - 8pm)

**Location:** Woodbine Park, in The Beach, 1695 Queen St. E. (Coxwell Ave. at Lakeshore Blvd. E.)

Admission by Donation to Epilepsy Toronto

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