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## MEXICAN INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION IN TORONTO



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In commemoration of the 206th anniversary of the beginning of the fight for Mexican independence, the Consulate General of Mexico held the traditional ceremony of the "Grito de Independencia" ("Cry of Independence") in Nathan Phillips Square in downtown Toronto, on Sunday, September 18.

The ceremony was led by Consul General Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo, who, in his words to an audience of hundreds of proud compatriots, recalled the heroes who gave us a Nation and Freedom and the Mexicans living around the world, before giving three rousing cheers of “Viva Mexico!”. After the waving of the Mexican flag and the singing of the national anthem, the mariachis entered the square singing, followed by other musical groups who continued the celebrations.

The event formed part of the celebration organized every year by the Independence Day Organizing Committee in Toronto, attracting the

Mexican community living in the Greater Toronto Area, with the participation and support of the Consulate General of Mexico, to promote Mexican culture and preserve our most cherished traditions.

The festival included a wide range of cultural activities featuring a dozen different Mexican folk dance and musical groups and artists, along with workshops and children's drawing contest. Our fellow Mexicans and their relatives and friends were able to enjoy delicious food and traditional flavoured drinks provided by five prominent Mexican restaurants.

As part of its promotional campaign, the Consulate General set up a booth to provide information on consular and community services. Also present at the event were representatives of ProMéxico and of the Mexico Tourism Board (MTB) to provide information on the services they offer.



Tourism Board



## RAISING OF THE FLAG AT THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY OF ONTARIO

As part of the celebrations of the 206th anniversary of the beginning of the fight for Mexican independence, Consul General Porfirio Thierry Muñoz Ledo led the civic ceremony of Raising the Flag on September 15, in front of the Ontario Legislative Assembly building in Toronto.

Consul General Muñoz Ledo referred to the ideals of freedom, progress and justice that led our forebears to launch the war of independence, principles that sustain the foundations of the Mexican Republic today. He recalled the struggle of the heroes who gave us a nation, in the formation of our national identity and the construction of an independent Mexican State.

The Consul General pointed out that today Mexico is a modern nation and that the Mexican people share a democratic, pluralist and diverse society, emphasizing the pride that Mexicans feel in



our cultural heritage and our Latino identity in the heart of North America. He also noted that Mexico has maintained peaceful and friendly relations with Canada since the establishment of their diplomatic relations, and highlighted the commitment made at the recent state visit to Toronto by Mexico's president, Enrique Peña Nieto, with Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, to deepen our political, economic and social ties both bilaterally and within the North American alliance. He made mention as well of the agreements reached in the recent mission to Mexico by Ontario's Premier, Kathleen Wynne.

After the flag-raising ceremony and the singing of the Mexican and Canadian national anthems, speeches were given by the Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Dave Levac, and International Trade Minister Michael Chan, on behalf of Premier Kathleen Wynne, as well as by the MPPs Christina Martins and Bob Delaney (Liberal Party), Lorne Coe (Progressive Conservative Party) and Michael Mantha (New Democratic Party).

## MEXICO'S PARTICIPATION IN THE 2016 TORONTO INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL (TIFF)

The Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) is one of the most prominent platforms for new cinema in the world and is considered one of the world's three most important international film festivals, along with Venice and Cannes.

The 2016 edition of the TIFF took place in Toronto from September 8 to 18. This year's selection included more than 300 films from all over the world, in different categories. Although jury-based awards do not form part of the festival, the experts agree that this event is a warm-up for the Oscars.

TIFF 2016 featured ten Mexican productions or co-productions, including: *Tamara and the Ladybug* by Lucía Carreras; *Beauties of the Night* by María José Cuevas; *The Untamed* by Amat Escalante; *X500* by Juan Andrés Arango; *The Empty Box* by Claudia Sainte-Luce; *Green* by Alonso Ruizpalacios; *As Without So Within* by Manuela DeLaborde; *Pan's Labyrinth* by Guillermo del Toro; *Anima, Silueta De Cohetes* (Firework Piece) by Ana Mendieta; and the French-Mexican-German-American co-production *Salt and Fire* by Werner Herzog.

In recognition of the quality and creativity of Mexican cinema, the TIFF also welcomed more than a dozen Mexican actors, directors and producers, including Olga Breeskin, Gerardo Gatica, Juan

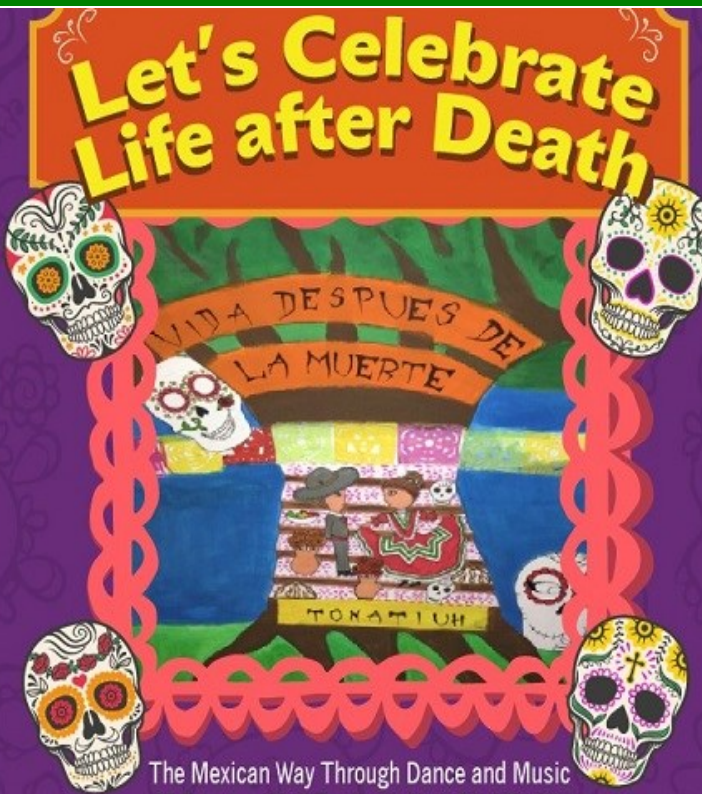


Pablo Bastarrachea, Amat Escalante, Juan Andrés Arango and Bernardo Garnica Cruz.

On Monday, September 12, the Mexican Institute of Cinematography (IMCINE), with the support of the Consulate General of Mexico in Toronto, offered a reception in an acclaimed Mexican restaurant to honour the producers, directors and actors of the participating Mexican films.



## CULTURAL AND COMMUNITY EVENTS



**Let's Celebrate Life after Death**

VIDA DESPUES DE LA MUERTE

TONAMTUN

The Mexican Way Through Dance and Music  
35 Fairview Mall Dr. North York ON M2J 9S4  
For Tickets & Info Call Luz: (647) 207 2046  
**22<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at 7:00 pm**



**MÉXICO CONTEMPORÁNEO FOUNDATION**

And

**WINDERMERE UNITED CHURCH CONCERT SERIES**

Presents:

**"Países Sonoros"**

An evening of classical and Mexican chamber music along visual arts

Featuring



Araceli Salazar  
pianist



Paulina Derbég  
violinist



Jaime Luján  
visual arts

Where: **Windermere United Church**, 356 Windermere Avenue, Toronto  
When: 7:30 p.m., Saturday, **November 5, 2016**  
For more information please contact: [alejandra@mexico-contemporaneo.org](mailto:alejandra@mexico-contemporaneo.org)  
Or call (416) 769 56 11

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**Day of the Dead**

Presented by Scotiabank

November 5-6, 2016 Free



**HARBOURFRONT CENTRE  
NOVIEMBRE 5 -6**

- Collective Cuerda Floja "**Post Mortem**"
- Amor Eterno: A Tribute to Juan Gabriel by **Cascabel**.
  - Mariachi **Viva México**
  - **Ofrendas y Calaveras**
- **Poetry and Crafts** and much more.

Program:  
<http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/festivals/dayofthedead/>

**CORAZÓN, VALENTÍA, VOCES...**

**D'VOCES**

**OCTUBRE 28, 2016**

**LA CANCIÓN DE LA ÉPOCA DORADA  
DEL CINE MEXICANO**

**VICTORIA UNIVERSITY**  
91 CHARLES ST. WEST  
8:00PM  
(MUSEUM STATION)

**INFORMACIÓN**  
416-835-2456



## USEFUL LINKS

- Presidency of Mexico: [presidencia.gob.mx](http://presidencia.gob.mx)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs: [sre.gob.mx](http://sre.gob.mx)
- Mexican Embassy in Canada: [embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/](http://embamex.sre.gob.mx/canada/)
- ProMexico: [promexico.gob.mx](http://promexico.gob.mx)
- Mexico Tourism Board: [visitmexico.com](http://visitmexico.com)
- Mexican National Council for Culture and the Arts: [conaculta.gob.mx](http://conaculta.gob.mx); [ecultura.gob.mx](http://ecultura.gob.mx)
- Canadian Chamber of Commerce in Mexico: [cancham.mx](http://cancham.mx)
- Mexico-Canada: <http://mex-can.sre.gob.mx/>
- Visas and consular services: [consulmex.com](http://consulmex.com)
- Mexican restaurants in Toronto & GTA: [\[click here\]](#)
- **MEXITEL** 1-877-639-4835