

SMALL WORLD MUSIC
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The 17th Annual

Small World Music Festival

at Harbourfront Centre, August 17 - 19

'The Beat of the Globe in the Heart of Toronto'

From August 17 – 19, 2018, the *Beat of the Globe* comes to the *Heart of Toronto*, as Small World Music reinvents its annual festival program, moving its 17th edition to the waterfront in the height of the summer season. The event is co-produced with Harbourfront Centre and supported by TD Bank.

Small World's signature annual program is renowned for its eclectic mix of artists from around the globe and around the corner representing the state-of-the-art in global sounds. The programming is informed by the notion of 'intersections' – connecting communities, juxtaposing traditional and cutting-edge forms, looking to the past and the future of culturally diverse music.

This year's Small World Festival is inspired by and celebrates the 30th anniversary of WOMAD, which took place at the same venue over a three-year stint. The world's most significant global music festival - a World of Music Art and Dance - was founded by Peter Gabriel and became a landmark event during its stay at Harbourfront. The ear-opening inspiration it provided led directly to the formation of Small World Music ten years later. Three decades on, we explore this legacy and how it resonates in multicultural 21st Century Toronto, with Derek Andrews, longtime music programmer there.

The programming will feature the high-quality, genre-busting presentations that the festival is renowned for and engage with a diverse range of audiences and communities, with artists from South Asian, Iranian, Latin American, North African, Afro-Caribbean and other backgrounds. The Festival will feature a music-focused film program and family-friendly participatory workshops that encourage a deeper understanding of global culture. The vibrant and eclectic lineup of acts in the perfect summer music location will ensure the party happens here!

Here's just part of the lineup:

Daraa Tribes (Morocco) - Friday, 8:00

– Stirring and rhythms and voices of the desert - Toronto debut.

Vieux Farka Touré (Mali) - Friday, 9:30

– The legendary guitar hero, whose father performed at the WOMAD festival at Harbourfront.

Sabha Motallebi & Nagmeh Faramand - Saturday, 6:00

– Two massively talented Iranian women and rising stars of Persian music.

Kalascima (Italy) - Saturday, 8:00

– Propelling the ancient trance rhythms of Tarantella squarely into the 21st Century

La Dame Blanche (Cuba / France) - Saturday, 9:30

– An explosive mix combining cumbia, hip hop, dancehall and more – Toronto debut

Las Cafeteras (USA) - Sunday, 6:00

– Pounding Afro-Mexican rhythms with an LA-alternative edge & political message

Globetrotter - featuring De.Ville / Belly Dance Party- Friday, 11:00

– Global beats with Montreal's De.Ville Live PA (Toronto debut), DJ medicineman & dancers

DJ Lag (South Africa) - Saturday 11:00, location TBA

– The ambassador of gqom, the drum-heavy dance style from the townships

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