

Curatorial Statement:

Once a year Nuit Blanche brings a massive number of people into Toronto's downtown core to experience a night of amazing art. This audience comes out to experience, interact with, and become an integral part of a city transformed.

For it's sixth year, the good people of Nuit Blanche have curated a show that will enthrall it's audience. But we must not neglect the art that goes on in the sidelines. There are many artists who choose to take advantage of this fantastic, open-minded audience and create pieces regardless of the fact that they are not officially part of Nuit Blanche. It has been my goal for the past four years to find these artists.

By assembling this program I am creating exposure for amazing art that would otherwise only be discovered by happenstance. Additionally, I am providing an alternative to the crowded, corporate-sponsored, curated pieces of Nuit Blanche.

This is by no means an anti-Nuit Blanche. Nuit Blanche is a wonderful event that turns Toronto into a living, breathing art installation. It's spectacular. This program acts as a compliment to Nuit Blanche. By creating exposure for the renegade artists I am enhancing the Nuit Blanche experience for everyone involved.

I am thrilled to present the fourth annual Les Rues des Refuses. This year we have over forty amazing events created by amazing people. A huge thank you to everyone who has made this possible. Have a fantastic night!

Stephanie Avery

Les Rues des Refuses

**A Guide to the Renegade art, performances, and events
of Nuit Blanche**

lesruesdesrefuses.com

Art and Drinks at Nuit Blanche

Art and Drinks

Zone C

Art and Drinks, 800 Dundas St. W

Art and Drinks, usually open from sunset to mid night, especially for Nuit Blanche will be open from sunset to dawn as usual selling libations and snacks, alcoholic and otherwise, while displaying time-based art by a stable of half a dozen artists. After last call, the bar will switch up to serving coffee and breakfast snacks, in conjunction with the immediately adjacent Palmerston Café and Patio.

Art Battle Club Matches

Art Battle

Zone C

The Spoke Club, 600 King St. West, 4th Floor

10:00 pm - 2:00 am

Join us for live competitive painting on Nuit Blanche!! There will be 5 exciting 1-on-1 Art Battle matches held in the gallery at the luxurious Spoke Club. This is a free event with Facebook RSVP (+1 guest). This is a perfect refuge from the busy streets, relax and enjoy a drink while 10 of Toronto's best emerging painters battle in live 20 minute matches. All paintings created at AB Club Matches will be auctioned to the highest bidder. Paintings that fail to meet the minimum bid may be destroyed.

Art of Fashion: Design

Competition + Designers Boutique

Art of Fashion

Zone B

Pantages Hotel, 200 Victoria St.

7:00 pm - 1:00 am

The Design Competition & Designer's Boutique will feature live entertainment, great food, fashion, public voting, shopping and much more! Don't miss the hottest fashion party of the year. Walk the AOF red carpet – strike a pose, tweet the pic with #AOF11 & you could win 2 nights with Skyline Hotels!

Each year in the Design Competition, 10 emerging Canadian designers bring their collections to life in an exhibit space and through a fashion show. The Art of Fashion Designers Boutique is held during the Annual Design Competition, and features up to 20 Canadian designers' exclusive apparel and accessories.

artoffashion.org

An enormous thank you to everyone who has contributed to this guide. And to Nuit Blanche for if there was no Nuit Blanche there would be no Les Rues des Refuses. Next year is going to be out fifth anniversary and we plan on doing something spectacular. And it's never too early to start planning your own renegade installation! You too can enhance Nuit Blanche for hundreds if thousands of people!

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UBS Delivery

Ur Best Self

Various Locations

UrBestSelf is serendipitous delivery system for channeling metacognitive neuroplastic reminders. Our service offers you a tangible reminder of what Ur Best Self would say by helping you envision what it might look and sound like, all provided in shiney little capsules that will be delivered throughout the Nuit Blanche zones.

urbestself.org

Working Wonder Illustrations: The Zoo

Jessica Del Sole

Zone C

Trinity Bellwoods Park

Visit an outdoor installation where you can find an octopus, a flamingo, swans, and dragonflies hanging out in the park. Come and walk around with them and enjoy the night.

jessicadelsole.blogspot.com

What Are You?

West Salon and Spa and Community Arts Ontario

Zone C

West Salon and Spa, 1188 Queen St. West

What does 'mixed race' mean to you?

Our empty silhouettes of heads need your words. Tell us what you think 'mixed race' means and we will write each definition in a different colour inside the solid outline of our heads. Your submission can be anonymous or signed. We will loop all of your answers continuously from sunset on October 1st, 2011 to sunrise on October 2nd, 2011. Visitors will be able to read your definition and add their own.

***Events with no hours indicated are 7:00 pm - 7:00 am**

Artists in a Fish Bowl

WeSee Inc.

Zone A

Roadside Attraction, 911 Davenport Road

Utilizing the carnival sideshow illusion "Girl is a Fishbowl" as a point of departure, Artists in a Fishbowl is a site-specific installation and performance work. The show-front banner proclaims that what is seen when peering into the fishbowl is Live and Alive. Utilizing arcane carnival trickery and contemporary technology WeSee Inc. allows a peek into what goes on inside the artists' studio in real time. Submerged within a fishbowl is a sea shell. Within the shell is the miniaturized studio of WeSee Inc. Sometimes dark and quiet but often the lights come on and the miniature underwater studio comes alive with aquatic artistic activity. Often as not, the physicality of creative function is interrupted by pauses for critical thinking; the scratching of tiny heads; tiny coffee breaks; occasional interruptions by tiny aqua-cats; and the various other mundanities that tiny submerged artists do in their daily lives.

Exhibition continues until October 7, 2011, from 10 am to 11 pm daily,

www.weseeinco.com

A Post Rock Exhibition

woah! music

Zone A

El Mocambo Tavern, 464 Spadina Ave.

7:30pm – 1:45 am, PWYC

woah! music presents "A Post Rock Exhibition" during this year's Nuit Blanche festival. Local musicians and artists will be showcasing their unconventional approaches to the discipline of art, sound, and rock music.

Bees(!): A Two Day Extravaganza of Art and Music That is a Little Stupid

The White House (studio)

Zone B

The White House (studio), 277.5 Augusta Ave.

7:00 am - 2:00 am

A great ally, a great danger – of all the insecta is there another that occupies as large a place in our mythos, imagination, and all too brutal realities. BEES have hypnotized, traumatized, terrorized, and tantalized children of all ages throughout the ages. These children grow up to be artists such as ourselves. Now is the time for artists to plumb the depths of the sub-conscious and explore the deep-seeded fears, desires, and questions these haplo-diploid creatures so haplo-diplomatically evoke.

The White House Studio will become an immersive honeycomb of hive activity as our shindig reflects our questionable lack of judgement.

The Art Jam Project

Sound Selecta

Zone C

The south-east corner of Trinity Bellwoods Park

The Art Jam project brings together art, music and technology into an interactive music making application for the iPad and iPhone, where the art controls music and the music controls the art.

Come by our installation to jam out with our app, meet the visual artists and listen to some of our featured musicians, including live beat boxing, acoustic guitar as well as dub reggae and dubstep DJ sets.

soundselecta.com

The Eros Boulevard Cabaret – Live at the Rivoli

Sion Irwin-Childs

Zone B

The Rivoli, 334 Queen St. West

9:00 pm - 4:00 am

Sion Irwin-Childs, as Artistic Director, has created the site specific “Eros Boulevard Cabaret – Live at the Rivoli” to be performed on Nuit Blanche as part

of the Queen St. West B.I.A.’s “Out of Site” program. Eros Boulevard Cafe is an interdisciplinary live performance featuring a blend of music, comedy, dance and short films. It will take place on the iconic yellow fenced Rivoli patio.

All film shorts, dance works and comedy sketches will be limited to six minutes in length. The performances will be juxtaposed, contrasted, matched and melded into an unyielding, unstoppable locomotive of culture, fun and entertainment.

The Never Ending Consumption (That is Conversely Consuming Us)

Greg Anka

Various Locations

Abstract paintings by California-based artist Greg Anka. “My approach to art is philosophical rather than cerebral. I consider it a process of transformation. An image exists within me which must be expressed. I allow an opening through which the image may move from my soul to my mind for expression. The process of making the image can often be painful, like pulling thorns, as I pace back and forth like a caged animal until the opening occurs. In development, the art goes through considerable changes. Where I start is totally different from where I finish.”

Chemistry Nuit Blanche

University of Toronto

Zone A

UofT, Willcocks St. and St. George St., in the Willcocks commons next to the Lash Miller Chemistry Building

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm

As a celebration of the international year of chemistry, the University of Toronto is hosting a Chemistry Nuit Blanche. This event aims to promote an understanding of the role that chemistry plays in everyday life. Booths will be set up in the Willcocks commons, discussing various aspects of chemistry. Short presentations highlighting each of the booths will be interspersed throughout the evening.

Canada Post will introduce a limited-edition stamp to commemorate Canadian chemist and Nobel Prize winner John Polanyi and the 2011 International Year of Chemistry! Join us at 8 PM as Dr. Polanyi unveils the stamp, designed by Tejashri Kapure.

chemistry2011.ca

Clash: Abstract Works by Suzanne MacRury Closing Soiree

Ideas Incorporated Gallery

Zone: A

1081 Bathurst St (at Dupont)

7:00 pm – late

The exhibition “Clash” represents the latest in the state of mind by resin-based abstract artist Suzanne MacRury. The show features the continued exploration and experimentation of stroke and texture, colour and technique, of artist caught in a love-hate battle with the medium that is also her muse: resin. Hot on the heels of the successful AGO show “AbEx”, “Clash” offers homegrown contemporary talent in a style rich in both tradition and continuing innovation. We will also be projecting images from the previous events, images of the work, as well as images from the reception as it’s happening onto the street, and hope to draw people into the world of abstract art.

Damned If She Do

Robin Luoma

Zone C

36 Chambers Artist Studio, 1266 Queen St. West, back entrance.

7:00 – late

Artist Robin Luoma will be displaying her unconventional silk-screened abstract style paintings en masse in her work space at 36 Chambers. She is also offering limited number of one of a kind silk-screened t-shirts, tanktops, hoodies and scarves. You will probably also find her working on current pieces during Nuit Blanche or collaborating with other 36 Chambers artists.

Food Truck Eats (part 3)

Ontario Food Trucks

Zone B

The Distillery District, 55 Mill St

8:00 pm – 7:00 am

Hungry? Come down to the 3rd installment in the hugely successful Food Truck Eats series, featuring over 20 food trucks and vendors.

Horror Vacui

Hangover Nurse

Zone C

Rebecca Street just off Ossington

Horror Vacui, Nurse's most recent outdoor installation, references everything from Roman statuary to the french painter Ingres to the Royal wedding to depictions of Japanese Samurai to doll furniture made of dominoes. It is both chaotic and beautiful and, in a way, a reflection of the vast quantity of imagery we experience daily, both online and in the outer world, without really noticing. In progress for months, it has grown and evolved to where it is now. www.hangovernurse.com

Infinitum

The Cheshire Unicorn

Zone C

the Annex Theater, 730 Bathurst St

8:00 pm, \$25 entry fee, \$15 for students

Infinitum is an impressionist movement-based response to the concepts of infinity and repetition. This fresh, interdisciplinary piece features the internationally acclaimed Dr. Draw's electric string orchestra, choreography by the renowned Faye Rauw, and is directed by the award-winning Melissa Major. With aerial, bouffon, contortion, and silks this original show is something you won't want to miss.

cheshireunicorn.com

Hike and Prayer: Nuit Blanche

Faith Connections

Zone B

Meet at the Metropolitan Church, 56 Queen St. East

8:00 – 10:30

Young adults (18-39) are invited to join us to explore Zone B of the festival, "The Future of the Present", dedicated to media giant and respected Catholic Marshall McLuhan. We'll reflect on the "unique interplays between the spiritual, material, and social spheres" presented through the exhibits.

Start What You Finish

Zenna Davis Jones, Maaor Ziv, and Eddy Be

Zone C

The Ice Cream Cafe, 488 Queen St. West

12:00 am - 3:00 am, minimum entrance fee of buying a 2\$ ice cream cone. An interactive low octane theater piece that will incorporate the audience.

Stick 'Em Up

Teeth

Various Locations

The city is full of missed opportunities for beautification. Utilitarian objects, whitewashed walls, advertisements, and more, clog our visual landscape with the uninspiring. Local street artist Teeth is giving people a chance to change this! Thirty baggies of delightful hand-made stickers will be distributed to thirty people to put up as they see fit. By sunrise the city will be peppered with hundreds of little, whimsical pieces of joy.

Studio 561 Presents: Le

Blanche

Studio 561

Zone C

Studio 561, 561 Bloor St. West, upstairs

A group exhibit featuring fine art from some of Toronto's most compelling artists.

Tecolote

The Knit Cafe

Zone C

The Knit Cafe, 1050 Queen St. W

Iwona Gontarska and Kristin Ledgett, of the Knit Café are assembling the forces of this community to create this one of a kind knit exhibition. For months now, knitting needles and busy hands have been making what will eventually be known as "Tecolote".

Tecolote is the Spanish word for owl. Knitted owls have become a mascot for the Knit Cafe since the 2009 Scotia Bank Nuit Blanche exhibition Cirques des Hiboux (Owl Circus). This year the owls are ready for new kinds of amusements. They will be gathering to celebrate the Day of the Dead (Dia de los Muertos). A parliament of owls will be on the guest list and dressed appropriately for some spooky fun. The objective of this exhibition is to engage the imagination and to entertain the viewer. It also strives to challenge established expectations of knitting and craft.

The late night hours will be passed with knitting. As always the public is encouraged to come in, ask questions, and explore. They can even join in and knit! Coffee will be served till the sun comes up.

The Tecolote exhibition will continue throughout the month of October and close November 11.

Nuit Blanche: Unofficial Art at 263

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Zone C 263 Adelaide St. West

263 Adelaide St W is a work/live building in the heart of the Entertainment District, filled with photographers, painters, designers, cinematographers, musicians and artists. We are opening our space during Nuit Blanche, hosting a variety of exhibitions including performances, soundscapes, projections, performance art, installations and performance art going all night all over the creative mecca that is 263.

Parachute Bomb

David Carey, Joel Dmitruk, and Caitlin Mullin

Roaming through Yonge Street, University of Toronto, Queen's Park, Grange Park, David Pecaut Square, and other public spaces

As early as humanity could look upward, we have dreamed of flight. Rather than an ascent into the sky, though, flight can be more simply conceived of as the prevention of falling. The parachute was first imagined in the 1470s as a cross bar frame attached to a conical canopy designed to slow descent through the air. In fact, the word parachute emerged from two much older terms, para ("defense against") and cheoite ("a fall").

Parachutes have also made their way into the imaginations and playtime routines of children. Parachute Bomb will fill the night with unexpected playtime – echoing our early dreams of flight. Watch for a roaming parachute bombing in public spaces around Nuit Blanche.

Track the parachute bombers on Twitter @ParachuteBomber

Sidewalk Salsa Does Nuit Blanche

Sidewalk Salsa

Zone A

the ROM, 100 Queen's Park

8:00 pm – 12:00 am

Continuing our tradition of kicking off Nuit Blanche in caliente Latin style, Sidewalk Salsa will once again host our very last event of the 2011 season at Nuit Blanche. Drop by any time from 8 p.m. until midnight (or when the speaker runs out of juice!) for an evening of salsa, bachata, merengue, and cha-cha. (Zouk, blues, and west coast by request.) Bring your friends! FREE beginner lessons available through the evening.

KTOWN + XPACE = <3

K-TOWN

Zone C

XPACE Cultural Center, 58 Ossington Ave.

8:00 – 11:00

K-Town is a video and performance based event by Luke Painter and Meera Margaret Singh that transforms XPACE's Main Space into a karaoke lounge. Inspired by karaoke culture and the often disparate and melodramatic video content that accompanies singing in karaoke bars, artists have been invited to create video and animation content to musical hits of their choosing. With a catalogue of over 30 songs, the public can sing along to their favourite tunes while enjoying the visual treatment of these songs by selected artists and designers. Echoing the current and pervasive adaptation and transformation of on-line content, K-Town irreverently takes pre-existing popular songs and asks artists to remix and respond to them using a variety of visual means.

If you are not able to make it on October 1st, don't worry you haven't missed the show. XPACE will host K-Town until Friday October 7th!

Lithopuncture: A Sacred Space Healing

Master Sunjye Ford and Annette Shaffer

Zone B

Queen St. West and Soho

Since it's inception, Master Sunjye Ford has balanced rocks at Queen and Soho, and Nuit Blanche will be no exception. Along with Master Sunjye's balances, Annette Shaffer will perform Shamanic Egg Cleansings and egg balancing.

sunjye-blog.blogspot.com

Meditation for the Nation

Sara Gartlan

Zone C

Trinity Bellwoods Park

Take a mental break from the from the frantic streets of Nuit Blanche and join Sara Gartlan's meditating raccoons to rejuvenate yourself for the rest of your night. These familiar figures will be glowing from within, surrounded by cushions, and inviting you to join them in their meditations.

Morpheus' Bondage Extravaganza

Morpheus

Zone C

442A Dufferin St., near Queen

A hidden exhibition located in Zone C, Morpheus' Bondage Extravaganza is home to one sleepless night of over 80 performers and rope bondage enthusiasts from across Canada, the US and Europe. This will be the largest public bondage art event in the world, with live DJs and web streaming. This walk-through demonstration (for grown-ups only) is meant to demystify the experience that so many people privately engage in, live for the public and in person. The passion behind the eroticism of rope, and the connection among those involved is a form of living art where we truly see dynamics of relationships and the beauty of vulnerability.

lordmorpheus.com

Night Light

Gregory Hughes

Zone C

36 Chambers Artist Studio, 1266 Queen St. West, back entrance

8:00 – late

An installation/multimedia/sculpture that will attempt to give viewers a warm

feeling on a cold dark night, bringing back memories of childhood and the blissful oblivious happiness of early years.

Nuit Blanche Chip Music Mega Show

performances by jefftheworld, DJ Eastern Block, .EXE, Deadbeatblast, Arisuki, Koala Kids, and more

Zone B

In front of old city hall, 100 Queen St. West

Numerous musicians will be collaborating to perform music that they've written to be played on a series of antiquated sound-chips. You'll hear a lot of familiar blips doing unfamiliar things. It's a hodgepodge of modern music genres through the lens of childhood of low bit gaming. The concert will last all night. and will feature numerous musicians. Anyone who shows up with chiptune music will be invited to do some open mic stuff.

Nuit Blanche Open House

Wicked Club

Zone C

Wicked Club, 1032 Queen St. West

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm Open house (free),
11:00 pm – 4:00 am Party (non-members welcome, regular cover rate)

Wicked Club is celebrating Toronto's erotic art scene by opening their doors for a

sexy Nuit Blanche party, featuring erotic art, live body painting, aphrodisiac appetizers, and all-night entertainment.

www.wickedclub.com

Nuit Blanche Renegade Parade

The Rothko Institute and the Renegade Nuclear Physics Laboratory

Roaming

Departing at exactly 10:03 from the ROM crystal

Thank you for volunteering to have your atomic structure torn asunder. Because of your sacrifice we will be able to initiate a nuclear fusion reaction which will provide a cheap abundant source of energy for generations or we'll destroy the Solar System.

During the experiment, you will be asked to do one or all of the following tasks so please ensure that you are wearing comfortable clothing and are rested.

-Dance like a fucking maniac

-Increase the orbital speed of your subatomic particles

-Throw your hands in the air like you just don't care

If you feel uncomfortable with any of these tasks then perhaps this research opportunity is not right for you.

For location updates after departure, follow us on twitter @nbrptoronto.

Because last year the parade got shut down early, we've secured a beautiful super secret location so your adventure can

continue all night! After rocking the streets, grab your lover, your friends or some beautiful strangers and enter the fusion chamber for an atomic collision that you'll never forget. \$10, all-ages w/ 19+ area (all proceeds go to the parade expenses).

Nuit Blanche Scavenger Hunt

T.O. Light the Night

Hunt begins at 221 Yonge St.

7:00 – 1:00, \$10 registration fee per person

One night, from sunset to sunrise. A celebration of art and diversity in the city of Toronto. An EPIC interactive Scavenger Hunt to win fabulous prizes and raise awareness and funds for Second Harvest. Come experience Nuit Blanche like never before! Join the hunt by gathering a group of friends (4 per team) and paying a \$10 registration fee per person. On Oct 1st at 7:00pm, bring your team, a non-perishable food donation, your online registration confirmation email, and a smart phone to Hunt HQ (221 Yonge St, Toronto, ON) and let the games begin! All proceeds go to Second Harvest.

T.O. Light the Night is a social movement which promotes social responsibility and civic engagement through artistic expression.

tolightthenight.com