



Canada 150: Music and Belonging

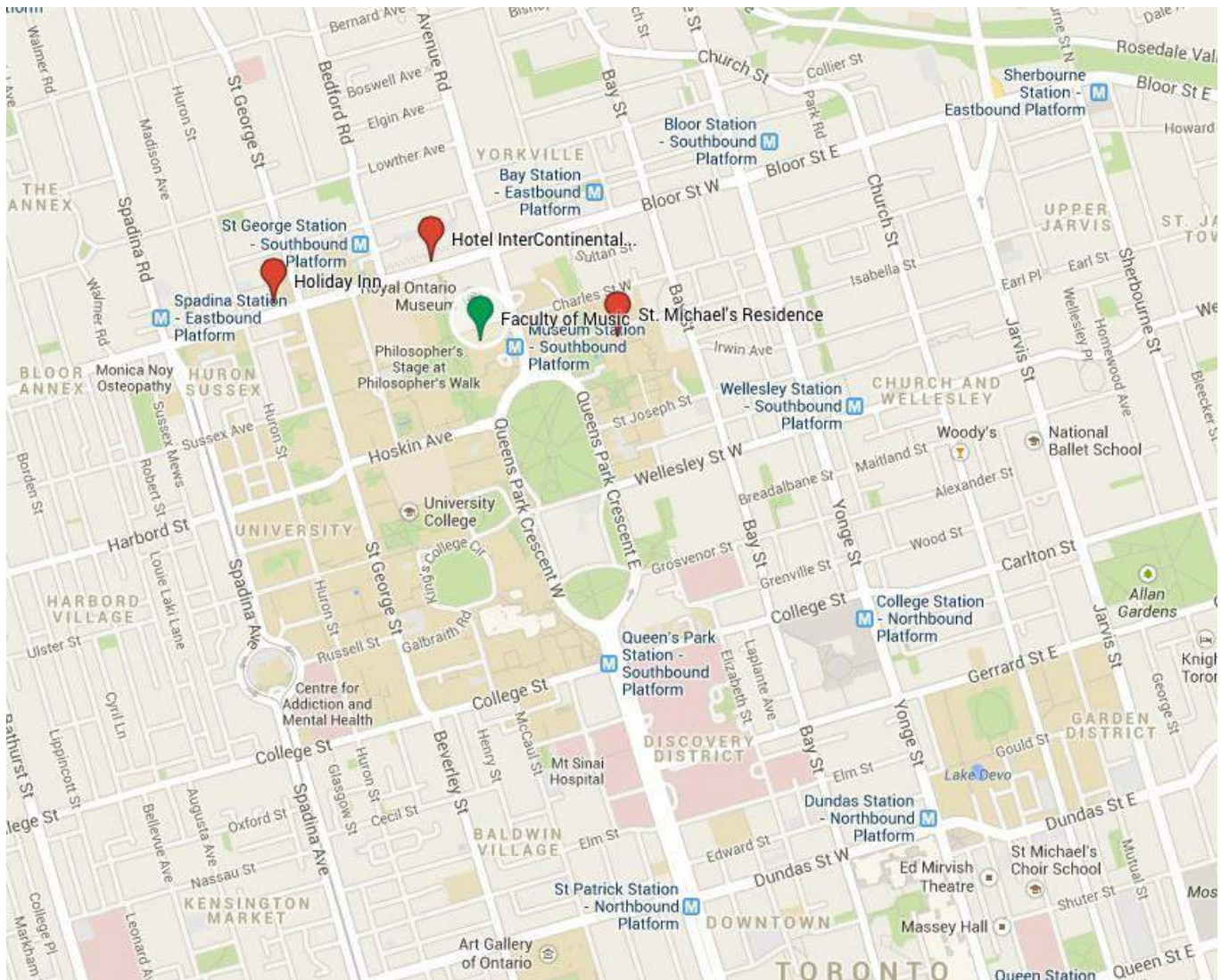
WELCOME TO TORONTO!



GETTING HERE

The Conference will be held at the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music (80 Queen's Park Crescent), which is located in the heart of downtown Toronto.

The closest subway stop to the Faculty of Music is Museum Station on the Yonge-University-Spadina Line [yellow]. Also very close is St. George Station on both the Bloor-Danforth Line and the Yonge-University-Spadina Line; it is, additionally, the closest stop to the Holiday Inn Bloor-Yorkville (280 Bloor St. West) (Toronto Transit Commission [Ride Maps](#)).



Travel Resources and Links

[Toronto Pearson International Airport](#)

[Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport](#)

[Toronto Transit Commission](#)

[VIA Rail Canada](#)

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ARRIVING BY AIR

1) The major airport in the Toronto area is [Lester B. Pearson International Airport](#) (YYZ). Located just west of the city, it is the area's largest airport with the most flights, especially for international travellers.

• Ground Transportation from Pearson Airport

a) Taxi: It is approximately \$60 CAD one-way to downtown. Please follow the signs inside the airport.
b) Public Transit: 192 Airport Rocket provides all-day accessible express bus service between Pearson International Airport and Kipling Station on the Bloor-Danforth Subway. To get to the Faculty of Music, take the subway from Kipling Station and get off at St. George Station (or, if desired, transfer at St. George Station to the University Line south and go one stop to Museum Station). The fare is \$3.25 (exact cash required; alternatively, tokens may be purchased at most stations, 3 tokens for \$9).

2) [Billy Bishop Toronto City Airport](#) (YTZ) has service to select US and Canadian cities. It is located in the heart of the city and is a very short walk to a street car that links to Toronto's subway system.

• Ground Transportation from Toronto City Airport

a) Taxi: Walk via the underground tunnel to the base of Bathurst Street where you will find a taxi stand. Time by taxi is about 20 min. The fare is approximately \$20 CAD.
b) Public Transit: The easiest and simplest way to access the TTC is to take Porter Airlines' complimentary shuttle to Union Station (Toronto's central train station), and take the University Line north to either Museum or St. George station.

ARRIVING BY TRAIN

Toronto is served by the [VIA Rail System](#), the network that provides all rail service throughout Canada (with connections to the Amtrak system through Niagara Falls, New York). Union Station is located on Front Street, between Bay and University (across the street from the Fairmont Royal York Hotel). The station is right on [Toronto's subway line](#). Take the University line north from Union Station and get off at either Museum Station or St. George Station.

ARRIVING BY BUS

Major bus routes converge in Toronto. Out-of-town buses arrive and depart from the Bus Terminal (<http://torontocoachterminal.com/home.html>), located at 610 Bay St. Service to/from points all over Ontario, Canada and the U.S. National and regional bus lines serve the Greater Toronto area. Call 416-393-7911 for bus company fares and schedules. Walk one block south to Dundas St. and one block east to Dundas subway Station.

ENTERING CANADA

Participants will require a valid passport or appropriate travel document to enter Canada.

[Citizenship and Immigration Canada](#) web site

[Information on visiting Canada](#)

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SOME LOCAL INFORMATION

Toronto offers great restaurants, many cultural sites and activities, and excellent public transportation, all easily accessible from the conference venue and accommodation locations. It is also eminently walkable, and was ranked the safest major North American city in 2012.

Late May usually brings pleasant, early summer weather, with an average high temperature of 25°C / 77°F and an average low of 18°C / 64°F.

City of Toronto www.city.toronto.on.ca Toronto Life Magazine www.torontolife.com

- The University of Toronto borders two Toronto neighbourhoods: the upscale Yorkville area and the hip, relaxed Annex. There are multiple museums/art galleries within walking distance of the University (the Royal Ontario Museum and Gardiner Museum are steps from the Music Faculty), and it's only a short walk to Yonge St., Toronto's central north-south artery with a variety of shopping and entertainment destinations.

Yorkville Directory www.bloor-yorkville.com Annex Guide www.blogto.com/theannex

Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) www.rom.on.ca Gardiner Museum www.gardinermuseum.on.ca

Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) www.ago.net

- With the largest Chinese population of any North American city, Toronto has several Chinatowns, the original and closest of which lies in the area on and around Spadina Avenue, a few blocks south and west of the conference venue. www.blogto.com/chinatown
- Little Italy is west of Chinatown: take the University subway line to Queen's Park Station, transfer to a westbound streetcar, and hop off at Bathurst St. www.blogto.com/littleitaly
- There are several Little Indias, the closest of which is on Gerrard St.: take the subway to College Street and board streetcar 506 eastbound for about 15 minutes. www.blogto.com/littleindia
- Greektown is on The Danforth, one of the more vibrant ethnic areas of the city with lots of restaurants to match: from St. George station take the Bloor-Danforth line eastbound and get off at Chester, Pape, or Donlands stations. www.greektowntoronto.com
- The harbourfront/Queen's Quay offers a boardwalk stroll along the lakeshore and a variety of eateries. www.blogto.com/harbourfront
- National Geographic Magazine has ranked the St. Lawrence Market the best in the world: it's on Front Street just a short walk from either Union or King Stations. www.stlawrencemarket.com
- In the Historic Distillery District, southeast of downtown, converted 19C warehouses and distillery buildings now house restaurants, shops, and the Soupepper Theatre; it is about a 15-minute walk east and slightly south from King Station on the Yonge-University line. www3.thedistillerydistrict.com
- The Bell Lightbox, in the Entertainment District along King St. West, is home of the Toronto International Film Festival, and one of the world's best movie theatre experiences tiff.net
- Queen West is the hippest gallery, indie shopping, and nightlife strip: www.blogto.com/westqueenwest
- Toronto's most vibrant Gay Village runs south from Bloor St. East along Church Street (east of Yonge), and is home to the annual [Gay Pride](#) celebration, which this year runs from June 1 to 25.