

## **The Subtle Technologies Festival 2009**

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### **Festival Venue**

INNIS TOWN HALL  
2 Sussex Avenue,  
University of Toronto  
(NW corner of St. George St and Sussex Avenue)

## **GETTING HERE!**

### **AIR**

Toronto PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT is located 25km/15mi west of downtown. Taxi service to downtown costs \$44.00 Cdn. Airport shuttle: Airport Express Aeroport costs \$14.00 Cdn.

Note: Upon departure from Toronto, travelers should be prepared to pay an AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT FEE before boarding the aircraft (departing: \$12.00 Cdn.; connecting: \$8.00 Cdn.)

### **AUTOMOBILE RENTAL**

Avis: 800-331-1212: [www.avis.com](http://www.avis.com) Budget: 800-527-0700: [www.drivebudget.com](http://www.drivebudget.com)  
Hertz: 800-654-3131: [www.hertz.com](http://www.hertz.com) Thrifty: 800-331-4200: [www.thrifty.com](http://www.thrifty.com).

### **TRAIN**

Canada national passenger service, VIA rail operates out of Union Station in Downtown Toronto. In Canada, consult the telephone directory for the nearest office. From the USA, call 800-561-3949; [www.viarail.ca](http://www.viarail.ca). Union Station is also the hub for TTC subway ([www.ttc.com](http://www.ttc.com)) and the Go-Transit systems ([www.gotransit.com](http://www.gotransit.com)).

### **BUS**

The city, main bus terminal (202-289-5154) is located at 610 Bay Street. The major bus line is Greyhound (416-367-8747).

### **CAR**

Downtown streets are laid out in a grid. Main streets (University, Bay, Yonge, Jarvis and Sherbourne) run north-south, while others (King, Queen, Dundas, College/Carlton, Wellesly and Bloor) run east-west. Yonge Street is the dividing line between the east and the west sides of the city. Lake Ontario lies to the south.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Tourism Toronto:** 416-203-2500 or 800-363-1990 [www.tourismtoronto.com](http://www.tourismtoronto.com).

**Bed & Breakfast Homes of Toronto:** 416-363-6362: [www.bbht.ca](http://www.bbht.ca)

**Bed & Breakfast Metropolitan Registry of Toronto:** 416-964-2566.

### Major Hotel and Motel chains

**Best Western:** 800-780-7234: [www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)

**Days Inn:** 800-329-7466: [www.daysinn.com](http://www.daysinn.com)

**Delta Hotels:** 800-874-2000: [www.deltahotels.com](http://www.deltahotels.com)

**Fairmont:** 1-800-257-7544: [www.fairmont.com](http://www.fairmont.com)

**Four Seasons:** (1 800) 819-5053: [www.fourseasons.com](http://www.fourseasons.com)

**Hilton:** 1-800-HILTONS: [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

**Holiday Inn:** 1 888 HOLIDAY: [www.holiday-inn.com](http://www.holiday-inn.com)

**Marriott:** 888-236-2427: [www.marriott.com](http://www.marriott.com)

**Radisson Inn:** (888) 201-1718: [www.radisson.com](http://www.radisson.com)

**Ramada Inn:** 800-854-7854: [www.ramadainn.com](http://www.ramadainn.com)

**Sheraton:** 800-325-3535: [www.sheraton.com](http://www.sheraton.com)

**Westin:** 800-228-3000: [www.westin.com](http://www.westin.com)

### Recommended

**Windsor Arms:** 18 St. Thomas St. 416-971-9666: [www.windsorarmshotel.com](http://www.windsorarmshotel.com) (over \$300.00): the preferred celebrity hotel.

**Cawthra Square:** 10 Cawthra Square, 512 Jarvis St. and 111 Gloucester Square. 416-9663074: [www.sleepwithfriends.com](http://www.sleepwithfriends.com) (\$125-200.00): a fantastic B&B close to the gay Church Street community.

**Robin Nest Bed & Breakfast:** 13 Binscarth Rd. 416-926-9464: [www.robinsnestbb.com](http://www.robinsnestbb.com) (\$125-200.00): an upscale historic house in Rosedale close to downtown Toronto.

**The Residence College Hotel:** 90 Gerrard St. W. 416-351-1010: [www.theresidence.net](http://www.theresidence.net) (\$75-125.00): a former nurses residence adjacent to Toronto Hospital. for a minimum of four nights [www.torontores.com/rates.html#shortWEEKLY](http://www.torontores.com/rates.html#shortWEEKLY).

Additional accommodations at the university can be found at: <http://link.library.utoronto.ca/StudentHousing>

## DINING

**Canoe:** 66 Wellington St. W. 416-364-0054: [www.oliverbonacini.com](http://www.oliverbonacini.com) (over \$50.00): the supreme haute Canadiana restaurant in Toronto featuring Alberta red deer loin, roast Arctic char et cetera, et cetera, et cetera.

**Splendido:** 88 Harbord St. 416-929-7788: [www.splendidoonline.com](http://www.splendidoonline.com) (over \$50.00): an Annex neighbourhood restaurant with Mediterranean accents offering Ontario green asparagus soup with Dungeness crab, Alberta beef steak tartar, and seared Alaskan Halibut Provencale.

**Sassafras:** 100 Cumberland St. 416-964-2222: [www.cafesassafras.com](http://www.cafesassafras.com) (\$35-50.00): a staple Toronto Film Festival Yorkville trend spot for constant celebrity sightings; suggested: purple-rice-crusted Atlantic salmon with chipotle beurre blanc or medallion of veal tenderloin with white-truffle-scented potato gratin; jazz on the weekends.

**Ferro:** 769 St. Clair Ave. W. 416-654-9119 (\$30-40.00): think antipasti, insalate, suppe, thin Roman pizzas, panini and Italian sea-food entrees; worth the trip. Rodney, Oyster House: 469 King St. W. 416-363-8105 (\$20-30.00): usually an hour wait without a reservation; try the fresh Malpeque oysters with condiments and homemade pepper sauces.

**Agora:** Art Gallery of Ontario: 317 Dundas St. W. Sat & Sun 11AM-2:30PM (\$20-30.00); arty brunch in the Atrium of the gallery.

**Irish Embassy Pub & Grill:** 49 Yonge St. 416-866-8282 Sat & Sun 11AM-3PM: [www.irishembassypub.com](http://www.irishembassypub.com) (less than \$20); a full Irish breakfast including pub fare like Irish stew and Kilkenny ale-battered halibut.

**Lee Garden:** 331 Spadina Ave. 416-593-9524 (cost varies): get ready to line-up for in-your-face service and smoked chicken coated with honey and sesame seeds or yang chowstyle grains tossed with pork, shrimp and onion!

**Happy Seven:** 358 Spadina Ave. 416-971-9820 (cost varies): typical bio-luminous Buddha, day-glo fish tanks and neon Chinese characters, but the deep fried tofu, jumbo shrimp, and satay beef is great with green tea!

**Shopsys:** 33 Yonge St. 416-365-3333 (less than \$20): best hot-dog!

**Utopia:** 586 College St. 416-5334-7751 (starving student rates): best burger!

**The Drake Hotel:** 1150 Queen St. W. 416-531-5042 (kool tek-art rates): another great burger!

**Vegetarian Haven:** 17 Baldwin St. 416-621-3636 (cheap): [www.vegetarianhaven.com](http://www.vegetarianhaven.com).

**Annapurna:** 1085 Bathurst St. (at Dupont) 416-537-8513 (cost varies):  
[www.annapurna.ws](http://www.annapurna.ws): Toronto's oldest vegetarian cuisine establishment.

**Fressen:** 478 Queen St. W. (w. of Spadina) 416-5045127 (expensive):  
[www.fressenrestaurant.com](http://www.fressenrestaurant.com): vegetarian gourmet eating for dinner only; starters include spinach blini with warm avocado salsa, sprouted quinoa tabouli and arugula in a cranberry dressing with seared tempeh.

For a complete listing of Vegetarian Restaurants consult: [www.veg.ca/directory/vegrest.html#central](http://www.veg.ca/directory/vegrest.html#central).

### Places to Check out!

**CN Tower:** Front & John Sts. 416-868-6937 (\$18.99): 180 stories high, 553m/1,815f. high: worth the effort battling tourists et al. for the magnificent view. Royal Ontario

**Museum:** 100 Queen's Park (Avenue Road & Bloor St.) 416-586-8000 [www.rom.on.ca](http://www.rom.on.ca) (\$10.00): especially known for its splendid East Asian collections.

**Art Gallery of Ontario:** 317 Dundas St. W. 416-979-6649 [www.ago.net](http://www.ago.net) (\$12.00): see the marvellous Henry Moore Collection as well as major Canadian painters.

**Bata Shoe Museum:** 327 Bloor St. 416-979-7799 [www.batashoemuseum.ca](http://www.batashoemuseum.ca) (\$6.00): [www.batashoemuseum.ca](http://www.batashoemuseum.ca): an extraordinary collection of historic and ethnic shoes.

**Gardiner Museum of Ceramic Art:** 111 Queen, Às Park 416-586-8080  
[www.gardinermuseum.on.ca](http://www.gardinermuseum.on.ca) (\$10.00): pottery works from the pre-Columbian to 18thcentury French porcelain.

**The Distillery Historic District:** 55 Mill St. at Parliament St. 416-364-1177  
[www.thedistillerydistrict.com](http://www.thedistillerydistrict.com): the largest and best-preserved collection of Victorian Industrial architecture in North America with forty-four buildings housing world-class art glass and the best coffee-house in Toronto, Balzac's.

**Toronto Islands:** Offshore; south of Queen's Quay E. Island, ferries depart from downtown Toronto at the foot of Bay St.; a relaxing and excellent way to survey the Toronto skyline and to hike along the beaches of Lake Ontario.

**Yorkville:** Yorkville Ave. between Yonge St. and Avenue Road; shop at Hazelton Lanes for the posh, the chic and the culturally supersaturated in what was once a haven for hippies, pushers and protest songsters.

**Kensington Market:** Kensington Ave., west of Spadina Ave. and north of Dundas St.; the famous Jewish marketplace now turned flamenco and calypso.