

**AWARD-WINNING TIM HORTONS SOUTHSIDE SHUFFLE BLUES & JAZZ FESTIVAL  
IN PORT CREDIT, MISSISSAUGA RETURNS FOR ITS 26<sup>th</sup> YEAR**

Mississauga, Ont. – Ontario's award-winning Tim Hortons Southside Shuffle Blues and Jazz Festival is all set for another fabulous weekend throughout the village of Port Credit and Memorial Park from September 6 to 8. Held annually the weekend following Labour Day, the event draws thousands of music and festival lovers to the village in Mississauga year after year.

The three-day outdoor event features three stages at Port Credit Memorial Park, presenting over 40 Canadian and international acts, along with performances from over 20 musical acts during its free Saturday afternoon street party known as the LIUNA Local 183 Street Shuffle, held in the village from 1-5 p.m. This is followed by a second-line parade guided by its Dixieland band, leading the crowd into Memorial Park with colourful umbrellas and whistles for more live music and festivities. The entire village participates all weekend long, with bars, restaurants, and coffee shops also offering live bands.

Lakeshore Road will be closed on Saturday, September 7th, between Lakeshore and Stavebank from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. to host the Street Shuffle. Memorial Park opens up to the public at 5:30 p.m. on Friday night, is fully licensed, and offers food vendors and an artisan market, two free stages on the south end of the park, and the ticketed Brightwater Mainstage located at the north end of the park, featuring Canada's Jim Cuddy Band, CJ Chenier & The Red-Hot Louisiana Band, Sue Foley, Marriner & Bowskill, The Legendary Downchild Blues Band, Bywater Call, Philip Sayce, Matt Minglewood, The Blackburn Brothers, Durham County Poets, and The Ladies of Sweet Soul Music, with headliner performances proudly powered by Visit Mississauga. While the entire park is fenced in solely for liquor licensing purposes, only the ticketed stage area requires payment for entry, and the rest of the park is free. The free Gazebo Stage and Queen Bea Stage will also bring great live entertainment all weekend long with The Tonewheels featuring Matt Weidinger, Glen Marais and Mojo Train, Cheryl Lescom and the Tucson Choir Boys, Blues Etc., Big Dan Jeffares, Dwayne Laforme, The Whiskey River Blues featuring Annie Q, Ragwax Quartet, Doc McLean, Lance Anderson, Crossfield Bend, Al Lerman, Penny Skolski, and James Anthony!

New this year, the Southside Shuffle will be offering an upgraded feature to their main stage tickets and seating with a General Admission VIP area providing tables and chairs for an additional \$10. This new perk will be available at the park on a first-come, first-served basis each day.

Returning once again this year to get everyone in the blues spirit, the Southside Shuffle will also host its annual Beggars Blues Banquet upstairs again at the Port Credit Legion on August 15th, 2024, to kick off the Shuffle season, and give a sneak preview of some of the artists performing on the Shuffle weekend. Tickets are now on sale for the Beggars Blues Banquet for \$50 per person on the festival website.

The Mississauga Music Walk of Fame will also return, honouring local musicians who have made a significant impact on the city. This year's inductees are internationally acclaimed classical violinist Adrian Anantawan and multi-platinum selling guitarist and songwriter for Platinum Blonde, Sergio Galli. This is also a free event where all are welcome to attend.

The festival, now in its 26th year, has once again been recognized as one of the top 100 festivals of the 1,600 festivals in Ontario. The event receives generous support from a number of sponsors, grantors, and donors, including Tim Hortons Mississauga, Visit Mississauga, Brightwater, Ontario Creates, Canadian Heritage, Hazel McCallion Foundation, Port Credit Community Foundation, Port Credit BIA, the City of Mississauga, Elite Containers, Not Another Restaurant, LIUNA Local 183, Edenshaw, and The Mississauga Charitable Gaming Association, along with several local businesses. These contributions, along with the dedication of hundreds of volunteers, are essential in funding and organizing the festival, and the organizers are very thankful for their generous support.

Tickets for the Brightwater Mainstage are on sale \$30 on Friday, \$40 on Saturday, and \$30 on Sunday. Festival-goers can save \$20 by purchasing a weekend pass for \$80. Children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by an adult in the main stage area. Festival tickets, artist schedules or information on how to get involved with the festival as a volunteer, vendor, or sponsor, visit southsideshuffle.ca. The festival's website and its social media also provide great tips to plan your visit, FAQs, and information about parking, accessibility, accommodations, pets, and everything you need to know to make the most out of your festival weekend.

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