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# **YONGE-DUNDAS SQUARE 2016**

## **Indie Fridays are Back!**

### **Free Music in the Heart of the City**

**June 24 – September 2**

**YONGE-DUNDAS SQUARE (YDS)** is proud to present **Indie Fridays**, the free concert series that will kickstart the weekends in the heart of the city from June 24 – September 2 starting at 8pm.

Join the summer fun every Friday night (with a break on Canada Day) at **YDS** for an eclectic mix of live performances curated by the programming team at **Massey Hall**, covering diverse musical genres from reggae to hip-hop and sultry soul to Latin world beats.

On Friday, June 24, with support from Canadian Reggae World, the legendary Canadian reggae band **Messenjah** opens **Indie Fridays** with their progressive roots sound; with special guest **Exco Levi**, winner of four consecutive JUNO Awards for Best Reggae Recording.

On Friday, July 8, Halifax indie-rocker **AA Wallace** instills wicked wit into his lo-fi electro-pop songs; with special guest vocalists, **Liz Loughrey** whose voice belies her youth and channels soul and jazz masters, and **Jordan Alexander** performing heartfelt and catchy tracks from her debut album.

On Friday, July 15, in association with Franco-Fête de Toronto, **Mehdi Cayenne** brings his funky, melodic francophone pop to the stage; with special guest **Mélanie Brulée**, whose voice dances on the lines between sultry pop star and classic cabaret singer.

On Friday, July 22, with support from Good Kind Productions, **Radio Radio**, the Montreal-based electro hip-hop band, break down language barriers with their eclectic French-Acadian lyrics and contagious hip-hop beats; with special guests **Herencia de Timbiquí** who mesh the musical traditions of their tiny home village on Colombia's Pacific coast with the sounds of the city they now inhabit.

On Friday, July 29, JUNO Award-winning vocalist/producer **Boogat** unleashes his world beat and tropical bass vibe; with special guests hip-hop crew **Los Poetas**, who make it their duty to preserve their Latin roots through beats and rhymes.

**Indie Fridays** continue through September 2 with **Ben Caplan** (Aug 5), **The Heavyweights Brass Band** (Aug 12), **The Massey Hall Band** (Aug 19), **Pierre Kwenders** (Aug 26), and more!

**Admission is FREE to Indie Fridays at YONGE-DUNDAS SQUARE!**

**WiFi is always free, in co-operation with Wireless Toronto**

For those searching for respite from the hectic pace of life, **YDS** transforms into a quiet oasis on scheduled fountain days. For the full schedule of free summer events at YDS, please visit [YDSquare.ca](http://YDSquare.ca).

[About Yonge-Dundas Square](#): YDS is a unique focal point of the downtown Toronto community. The Square is designated for use as a public open space and as an event venue that can accommodate events of various sizes. You'll discover a wide range of activities on the Square: community celebrations, theatrical events, concerts, receptions, promotions – events that appeal to residents and tourists alike and provide a showcase for local businesses. YDS Board of Management is an agency of the City of Toronto. All programming is subject to change

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