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Discover Toronto's waterfront backyard with new outdoor activities and entertainment at Ontario Place, opening May 19

Ontario Place will launch summer activities and entertainment over Victoria Day weekend

Toronto, May 15, 2017 – On May 19, Ontario Place will welcome guests for the summer with a kick-off event along with the launch of new activities and entertainment. In addition to summer-long programming, special activities will take place across the Ontario Place grounds over Victoria Day weekend, including yoga in the park, DJs and livemusic, educational walking tours, skating on our synthetic rink and much more. The park is open from 5:00 am to midnight with many of the activities operating from 10:00 am to 11:00 pm. Check www.ontarioplace.com for details.

From May to September, Ontario Place will offer a variety of recreational activities, a free performing arts series & family-friendly interactive performances in Trillium Park starting in June, and IMAX movies at Cinesphere. Taking place on the West and East Islands of Ontario Place, summer programming will include the following:

- **Recreation (from May 19 to September)**
 - **Synthetic ice skating:** Experience skating at Toronto's only public outdoor summer skating rink! Synthetic ice rinks are built from a solid polymer material, therefore are not weather dependent. The rink is located on the helipad and will include skate rentals and sharpening facilities.
 - **Volleyball:** Four full sized beach volleyball courts will be available at Echo Beach. Bring your own volleyball or rentals will be available onsite. Court booking and volleyball rental info coming soon.
 - **Ping Pong:** Three brand-new Cornilleau 510M Outdoor tables will be located just steps from the VISTA snack bar. Paddle sets (including a ping pong ball) rental info coming soon.
 - **Imagination Playground™:** Children of all ages will enjoy these uniquely shaped foam blocks to create their own play space. This play area will be located in Trillium Park next to the Pavilion on Saturdays and Sundays. This activity is FREE.
 - **Connect 4:** Fun for all ages! Strategy, skill and of course a bit of luck combine to make this giant version of the smaller well known Connect 4 game. Located in Trillium Park next to the Pavilion on Saturdays and Sundays. This activity is FREE.
 - **Table Chess:** Why not spend some time by the waterfront at one of the four new permanent chess tables. Didn't pack your chess set for today's adventure? Chess Sets will be available for rent at the VISTA, located by the chess tables.
 - **Life Size Chess:** Build your mind and build some muscles! Try the MegaChess game located by the ping pong tables. This activity is FREE.

- **Cinesphere**
 - May 18 - 21 – *Dark Knight: The IMAX Experience*
 - May 25 - 27 – *Doors Open Toronto*
 - Coming soon – *The Trolley, Under the Sea, Aircraft Carrier*



WHERE:

Ontario Place, West Island
955 Lake Shore Blvd. West
Toronto

For more information about summer activities and entertainment programming at Ontario Place as well as other events, festivals and activities taking place at Ontario Place, visit:

<http://ontarioplace.com/whatson/>.

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About Ontario Place

Ontario Place is an agency of the Government of Ontario that features 155 acres of waterfront property in Toronto. The iconic location is a venue for live music, festivals and events. From enjoying the skyline, to attending a festival or concert — Ontario Place is a gathering space for everyone in the province. In 2017, Ontario Place hosted a series of events on the West Island as part of Ontario150, the province’s celebration of Ontario and Canada’s 150th anniversary of Confederation. Ontario Place also re-opened the iconic and historic Cinesphere IMAX theatre in 2017.

For more information about Ontario Place, please visit www.ontarioplace.com.

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