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12 Must-Do Activities at the Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival

The 19th annual Bloor West Village Toronto Ukrainian Festival is only five days away. Here are some of the can't-miss activities for the weekend. The Festival runs from September 18 to 20 on Bloor Street West between Jane and Runnymede TTC stations. It's so popular it was named one of the "Top 100 Festivals or Events in Ontario" for 2013, 2014 and 2015. You won't want to miss it!

Learn to Ukrainian Dance ... Drop by the Community Stage at Runnymede and learn dance steps from the Desna Ukrainian Dance Company. You'll be dancing like a pro in no time.

Eat Perogies ... and cabbage rolls, borscht, kobasa, pampushky (Ukrainian donuts) and more. Make sure to try a Pegroll ... a Ukrainian spring roll filled with delicious potato-cheese filling. Yummm.

Watch the OMNI Parade ... The annual Festival parade winds its way along Bloor Street West on Saturday, September 19 starting at 11:00 a.m. See marching bands, floats, dancers, even your favourite politician.

Shop ... Discover the intricate and colourful creations of Ukrainian artists and craftspeople including embroidered clothing, pysanky (Ukrainian Easter eggs), greeting cards and ceramics. Check out locally harvested products like garlic and honey.

Take in a Movie, or Six ... Film Day runs from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 19 at the Runnymede Branch of the Toronto Public Library. You can even talk to movie directors. See the <u>LINEUP</u>.

Be Entertained ... Listen to bands and musicians from across North America, Ukraine and Europe on the Northland Power Festival Stage. Be awed by colourful and acrobatic Ukrainian dancing. Feel free to dance and sing along. View the PERFORMERS.

Shop Some More ... Browse the annual Bloor West Village BIA sidewalk sale and search for bargains, buy gifts or find that special can't-live-without-it item.

Go to the Midway ... Give the kids (or yourself) a thrill on the midway rides and rock-climbing wall.

Get Schooled ... Learn about Ukrainian culture and history. Get the latest updates from community organizations. Meet merchants offering services to the community.

Rehydrate ... Make sure to take a break and re-energize in the Refreshment Garden with a cold Ukrainian beer or your favourite non-alcoholic beverage.

Enter the Contest ... You could win a trip for two to glorious Kyiv, Ukraine. Enter at www.ukrainianfestival.com/winatrip

Socialize ... Meet old friends, make new ones or fall in love under the stars at the street dance. You won't be the first.

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