



33rd Annual LMDA Conference* – TORONTO, ONTARIO

Thursday, June 21 – Saturday, June 23, 2018

I'm so excited to welcome you to my hometown, Toronto – it's not just the place Drake calls "The Six," but a city of great diversity, great growth (we're the 4th largest city in North America) and with that, great challenges. Toronto is in the 'Dish With One Spoon Territory' – a treaty between the Anishinaabe, Mississaugas and Haudenosaunee that bound them to share the territory and protect the land. The "Dish" represents what is now southern Ontario, from the Great Lakes to Quebec and from Lake Simcoe into the United States. We all eat out of the Dish, all of us that share this territory, with only one spoon. That means we have to share the responsibility of ensuring the dish is never empty, which includes taking care of the land and the creatures we share it with. Importantly, there are no knives at the table, representing the idea that we must keep the peace.

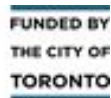
The conference theme is "Crossing Borders" – for many of you, you'll be crossing a border of one kind or another to attend this conference. That act inspired me to think about what other kinds of borders are people crossing in their work and their lives in order to make art. It became clear through the Call for Proposals that the theme resonated with a lot of you and the conversations at the conference will deal with all kinds of borders and the ways in which we acknowledge them or cross them. If you can't wait for the conference to get the conversations going, feel free to use social media with the conference hashtag: #LMDA18 and don't forget to #keepcalmandtrustthedramaturg!

There's also lots going on in Toronto that weekend – the Luminato Arts Festival, Pride Weekend, National Indigenous Peoples Day (June 21), a Craft Beer Festival – so I hope you'll come enjoy the conference but also enjoy all that a city like Toronto has to offer.

Be sure to register early and book accommodations as soon as you can - there's so much happening that weekend in the city that hotels, Airbnbs, and hostels are sure to book up quickly. There are some rooms being held for LMDA conference goers but don't wait too long to reserve them!

Sincerely,

Joanna Falck
Literary Manager, Tarragon Theatre
2018 LMDA Conference Chair



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- *The 2018 LMDA Conference is produced with the support of the City of Toronto through the [Toronto Arts Council](#).*
- *We acknowledge the support of the Canada Council for the Arts, which last year invested \$153 million to bring the arts to Canadians throughout the country.*
- *Nous remercions le Conseil des arts du Canada de son soutien. L'an dernier, le Conseil a investi 153 millions de dollars pour mettre de l'art dans la vie des Canadiennes et des Canadiens de tout le pays.*



CONFERENCE HANDBOOK

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PROGRAMMING

This year's conference theme is **Crossing Borders**, and as such each day of the conference will offer sessions, panels, roundtable discussions, papers, presentations and performances centered on and intersecting this theme.

For more detailed information, please see the conference schedule.

CONFERENCE LOCATION

The 2018 LMDA conference in Toronto, Ontario will be held at **The Lucie and Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre (LTBC) at George Brown College**, at 80 Cooperage Street, located in Toronto's East End Canary District - one of the newest and fastest growing neighbourhoods in Toronto. A mix of old and new, the new buildings in the area were built to host to the 2015 Pan/Parapan Am Games Athletes Village. The area is now home to the [Cherry St YMCA](#) and the 18-acre [Corktown Common](#) park. It is also steps away from the [Distillery District](#) (an area full of restaurants, cafes, boutiques, galleries and [Soulpepper Theatre](#)). There are numerous restaurants, coffee shops and other [amenities](#) in the area and the 514 Cherry/King St Streetcar is also nearby.



Lucie and Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre
80 Cooperage Street
(Just east of the corner Cherry St. and Front St. E, north on Cooperage)
Toronto, ON M5A 0J

FACILITIES INFORMATION

The conference venue, located in one of the new George Brown residence buildings (where conference attendees will also be able to stay), is fully accessible, has 3 fully-equipped convertible meeting spaces, a lounge area with kitchen, and free WiFi throughout (Wifi: The George PW:TheGeorge17). There is also a coffee and tea station in the main lobby every morning between 6:30 and 10:30 am.

There is dedicated, easy access, brightly lit underground parking available at the conference centre for a flat rate of \$15. There are additional parking options including nearby CarPark parking lots at both 373 Front Street and 125 Mill St. as well as street parking on Cooperage St.



CONFERENCE BANQUET

This year's conference banquet will be held at **The Hot House Restaurant**, located in the historic St Lawrence Market neighbourhood and offers great food in a casual atmosphere. Our banquet will be held on Saturday, June 23. The Hot House Restaurant is about a 10 - 15 minutes drive from LBTCC, a 15 - 20 minute streetcar ride on the 514 King Streetcar from the corner of Cherry St. and Front St. E, or a 1.5 km walk from the Conference Centre and George Brown Residences.



BANQUET DETAILS

7-10 pm, Saturday, June 23rd

The Hot House Restaurant

35 Church St.

Toronto, ON M5E 1T3

The cost of the Banquet is included in the full conference registration fee. Additional tickets are \$50. Please specify your dietary requirements (Vegan, Gluten Free, allergies, etc.) during registration.

Questions? Contact Corianna Moffatt at LMDAconference@gmail.com

CONFERENCE BAR

This year's conference bar will be **The Dominion Pub and Kitchen** at 500 Queen St E, just a ten minute walk or 500 m or .31 miles, north from our conference venue. Join us each night after the conference concludes for drinks and discussion of the day's topics and presenters.



The Dominion Pub and Kitchen

500 Queen St E

Toronto, ON M5A 1T9

*If you're in town on Wednesday, June 20 come join the LMDA Board members at [The Mill Street Beer Hall](#) in the Distillery District, any time after 8pm.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

All full-conference registration fees are per person and include one banquet ticket.

[LMDA Member Registration Link](#)

- \$150 (USD) Early Bird LMDA Early Career Member (\$200 after April 30)
- \$300 (USD) Early Bird LMDA Individual/Institutional Member (\$350 after April 30)

[LMDA Non-Member Registration Link](#)

- \$430 (USD) Non-Member

DAY RATE REGISTRATION FEES - \$150/day (does not include banquet ticket)

Questions? Contact LMDA Administrative Director, Lindsey Barr at Imdanyc@gmail.com

CHILDCARE

We will be offering childcare in collaboration with the [Cooper Koo YMCA](#) and [Unicorn Day Care](#) for the subsidized cost of \$25 CAD per child per day. The Cooper Koo YMCA is located right next door to the Lucie & Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre, where the LMDA Conference will be held. Children 2 months and up will be supervised by professional childcare givers from Unicorn Day Care at the YMCA.

- Lunch and snacks will be provided.
- YMCA Childcare will be available an hour before the conference begins each morning and will run a half hour past the last session.
- You will be able to reserve childcare through the online Conference Registration.
- If your childcare needs change, please let us know by May 21st.

Childcare Hours:

Thursday, June 21st 9am-6:30pm

Friday, June 22nd 9am-5:30pm

Saturday, June 23rd 9am-6pm

FIRST STORY BUS TOUR

LMDA is proud to present The First Story Bus Tour on Friday, June 22. This 3-hour tour of pre-contact and historical landmarks illustrates the Indigenous presence throughout Toronto. Join us and discover the cultural geography/indigenous history of this land. There are 40 seats available for the tour and can be purchased during registration or by emailing LMDA Administrator - Lindsey Barr - at Imdanyc@gmail.com. Sign up first-come, first-served through the conference registration page.



LMDA MEMBERSHIP

To receive membership rates for the LMDA Conference, you must have a current LMDA membership. Please click [HERE](#) to renew your membership or join the LMDA community.

SOCIAL MEDIA

Join the conversation online by following us on Twitter (@LMDAmericas) and stay in touch with us on Facebook!

Please use #LMDA18 when tagging posts so we can track the virtual conversations and save them for our archives. Don't forget to #keepcalmandtrustthedramaturg



TRANSPORTATION

Toronto has a widespread and extensive public transport system made up of buses, streetcars, and subways all run through the TTC. The TTC provides weekly passes, daily passes, and Presto cards (which are reloadable, single pay tap cards). These various passes can be purchased at any TTC station (though at some Presto cards are only available within the station) and Shoppers Drug Marts across the city.

You can also purchase individual one-way tokens at any TTC station from transit officers. A single cash fare for adults is \$3.25 CAD and day passes are \$12.50 CAD.

FARE BREAKDOWNS (IN CAD)

Single Cash	\$3.25
Tokens	\$3 (Minimum purchase of 3 Tokens)
Daily Passes	\$12.50
Weekly Passes	\$43.75 (Sold Thursday to Tuesdays)
Presto Cards	Cost Variable depending on Retailer (Many start at \$20)

There are lots of great apps to help you navigate the TTC and tell you when the next streetcar or bus will be arriving - RocketMan is a favourite for locals navigating around town. There is a streetcar stop on Cherry Street near the conference venue and the [514 Streetcar](#) will take you west along King Street.

BIKING

Toronto has more than 90 designated biking trails & pathways. Most major streets include bike lanes and there are many designated cycle tracks, in addition to the hundreds of residential streets that are bicycle friendly. To learn more about Toronto's bike network, click [here](#). Bike riders can find designated bike parking outside the Lucie and Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre and in the surrounding areas.

If you want to explore the city on a bike you can also use [Bike Share Toronto](#) - there are several bike stations near the conference site and for \$7 you can grab a bike and go!

To bike from **The Lucie and Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre to The Conference Hotel**, it is a 15 minute, 3 kilometre trip through major and residential streets.



AIRPORT TRANSPORTATION

The UP Express Train is the fastest and cheapest way to get into the Downtown from the Airport. It connects Pearson to Union Station (your stop for both the hotel and conference venue/residence) and it takes about 25 minutes. From Union you can hop on the bus, streetcar, grab a cab or Uber to get to the hotel or conference site. The [121 Fort York/Esplanade](#) bus will take you closest to the conference site.

FROM THE AIRPORT TO UNION STATION:

1 Adult One Way Ticket: \$12.35 CAD	1 Adult Return Ticket: \$24.70 CAD
1 Student One Way Ticket: \$12.35 CAD	1 Student Return Ticket: \$24.70 CAD
1 Senior One Way Ticket: \$6.20 CAD	1 Senior Return Ticket: \$ 12.40 CAD

You can buy a Presto Card at Pearson Airport and that can get you on the UP Express and on the bus or streetcar once you arrive at Union Station. Using a Presto Card is a fast and easy way to get around the city using public transportation (TTC).

TAXI AND RIDE SERVICES

UBER/LYFT are both available in Toronto:

Typical price from Toronto Pearson International Airport (YYZ) to Conference Hotel (The Bond Place Hotel) and the Conference Residence

Uber - \$30 - \$40 CAD, **Lyft** - \$70 - \$80 CAD

Typical price from Conference Hotel (The Bond Place Hotel) to Lucie And Thornton Blackburn Conference Centre

Uber - \$10 - \$15 CAD, **Uber Pool** - \$5 - \$10 CAD, **Lyft** - \$5 - \$10 CAD

Taxi Cab Services

These a selected list of Toronto cab services if you need to call a car,

- Associated Toronto Taxi-Cab, (416) 504-4016
- Beck Taxi, (416) 751-5555

As well there is a dedicated Airport Taxi Service:

- Toronto Pearson Airport Taxi, (647) 927-9321



HOUSING



CONFERENCE HOTEL:

The Bond Place Hotel

We've secured a block of rooms at the Bond Place Hotel for 2018 LMDA Conference Members. The Bond place is located just beside Yonge and Dundas Square, a hub of art, shopping, food, and culture in Toronto. The hotel is TTC accessible with both streetcars and the subway within 5 minutes and is about 2.4km or 1.5 miles from the conference venue - 20 minutes by streetcar or 10 minutes by car (Lyft and Uber are both available in Toronto).

The Bond Place Hotel

65 Dundas East
Toronto, ON M5B 2G8

Additional Conference Housing

George Brown College Residence (at Conference Centre)

We've booked a block of rooms at the George Brown College Residence - located right on the site of the conference venue. The suites are double occupancy (two private bedrooms that share a small common kitchenette and bathroom) and the suites can be shared by up to 4 people (\$10.00 per head is added to the suite for triple or quad occupancy).

HOSTELS

If you are on a tight budget or enjoy the experience of communal living, feel free to look at the HI Toronto Hostel. Just a short ways west of the conference centre, the hostel connects to all major transportation services and rooms are as little as \$40/night for a shared room and up to \$143/night for a private room.

HI Toronto Hostel

76 Church St
Toronto, ON M5C 2G1

To Reserve:

→ Call (416) 971-4440
→ Visit their [website](#)



OTHER HOTEL OPTIONS

Broadview Hotel
106 Broadview Ave
Toronto, ON M4M 1G9
(416) 362-8439
[Website](#)

The Omni King Edward
37 King St E
Toronto, ON M5C 1E9
(416) 863-9700
[Website](#)

Westin Harbour Castle
1 Harbour Square
Toronto, ON M5J 1A
(416) 869-1600
[Website](#)

Hotel Novotel Toronto Centre
45 The Esplanade
Toronto, ON M5E 1W2
(416) 367-8900
[Website](#)

Fairmont Royal York
100 Front St W
Toronto, ON M5J 1E3
(416) 368-2511
[Website](#)

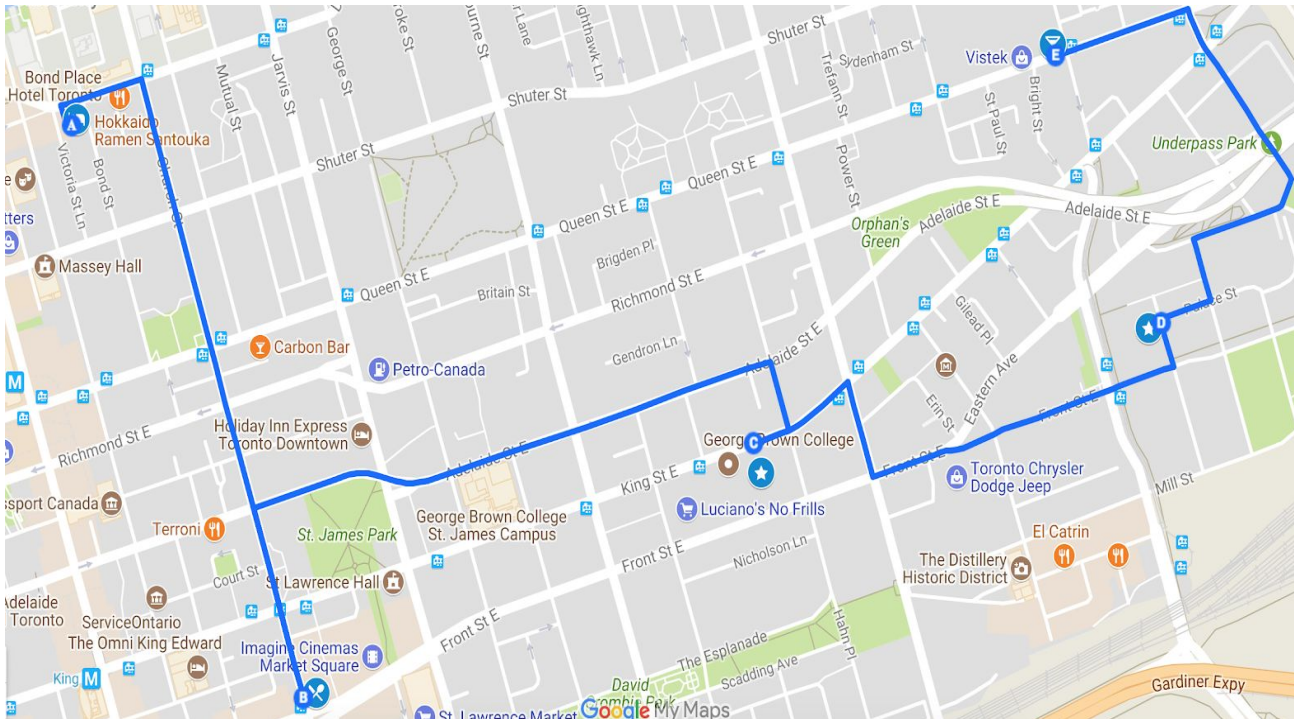
Sheraton Centre Hotel
123 Queen St W
Toronto, ON M5H 2M9
(416) 361-1000
[Website](#)

**Please note that the above options will be pricier than our Conference Hotel and The Residences.*

MAP OF TORONTO

CONFERENCE MAPS

Hotel, (A) Banquet Location, (B) Globe & Mail Building, (C) Conference Venue/Residences (D) & Conference Bar (E)



Click [Here to View an Interactive Map](#) with even more information including local favourite restaurants, arts venues, coffee shops, as well as the Banquet and Conference Locations.



THINGS TO DO IN TORONTO

Theatre & Performing Arts

LUMINATO ARTS FESTIVAL:

Toronto's international arts festival dedicated to performance, media and visual arts, and programming that cuts across traditional artform boundaries. To check out all of their programming, go to their [Website](#). There are Artsworker ticket discounts available - you'll see that as an option when you go to purchase tickets. Here are some shows that we recommend:

Burning Doors - Belarus Free Theatre with special guest Pussy Riot's Maria Alyokhina - June 20-24

Imagine being declared an enemy of the state simply for making art. Where is the space for freedom when the government suppresses your basic right to self-expression? How do you survive in the world's most brutal prison systems? (at [the Canadian Opera Company's Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Opera Centre](#). If you're planning on attending the Friday night cocktail party, this show is playing across the street so you'll have time to do both!)

bug by Yolanda Bonnell- June 20-24

bug is a timely reflection on the cycles of abuse and addiction in which too many Indigenous women in contemporary Canada find themselves. Yolanda Bonnell, an exciting young performer and playwright of Ojibwe and South Asian descent, was named one of NOW Magazine's Toronto theatre artists to watch in 2017. Bonnell gives life to this story with visibility and resilience through poetry, prose, and song. (at [The Theatre Centre](#))

Out the Window by Liza Balkan, directed by Sarah Garton Stanley - June 19-24

What would you do if you saw a stranger die? In August 2000, Liza Balkan witnessed the beating death of a man during an altercation with the police in the west end of Toronto. Called to the witness stand, Balkan kept careful track of the aftermath, then turned verbatim court transcripts, audio, video and text derived from interviews with top lawyers from both sides of the bench, into Out the Window. (at [Harbourfront Centre](#); director Sarah Garton Stanley will be speaking at the conference on Saturday)

Other Theatre:

Soulpepper Theatre : Located in the Distillery District (across the street from the conference venue)

Soulpepper has two shows on during the conference:

[La Bete](#) and [Innocence Lost: A Play about Steven Truscott](#)

Buddies in Bad Times Theatre: Queer Pride 2018 is a nightly festival of queer theatre, comedy, art, music, and parties. Nightly events will be happening during the conference:

PLAYWRIGHTS CANADA PRESS: SPRING LAUNCH

Thursday, June 21, 7pm

Launching several books including Q2Q: Queer Canadian Performance Texts (reading by Katie Sly), Indian Act: Residential School Plays (introduced by Donna-Michelle St. Bernard with a reading from Drew Hayden Taylor), Catherine Hernandez's The Femme Playlist / I Cannot Lie to the Stars That Made Me, and Gertrude and Alice by Evalyn Parry and Anna Chatterton with Karin Randoja. LMDA members are welcome to attend!

[Website](#)



TRANSFEST PARTY

Sunday, June 24, 1-5pm

[Website](#)

TOO QUEER: A BI VISIBILITY CABARET

Saturday, June 23, 1-5pm

[Website](#)

TALLULAH'S PRIDE

June 22 -24, 10:30pm

[Website](#)

Pride Events

Trans Pride March

Friday, June 22, 8pm

Dyke March

Saturday, June 23, 2pm

Pride Parade

Sunday, June 24, 2pm

AX Pride2018 #GaysianPride

Friday, June 22

Maison Mercer 15 Mercer St.

Catalyst

Friday, June 22, 7-11pm

TD Village Stage

Street Fair

June 22 - 24

Church St., Bloor to Dundas

See [Here](#) for Information On Events Above and Others
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Arts Events & Festivals

Toronto Jazz Festival

June 22 - July 1

[Website](#)

Digital Dreams Festival

June 23 - 24

[Website](#)

Indigenous Arts Festival

June 23 - 24

[Website](#)

Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Festival

June 11 - 23

[Website](#)

Japanese Film Festival

June 7 - 28

[Website](#)

City Events

Toronto Waterfront Festival

June 22 - 24

[Website](#)

Toronto Craft Beer Festival

June 22 - 24

[Website](#)