



Ahh, Spring! Snow is melting, flowers are poking their heads above the last remnants of the snow. Yes, Spring. A time to pack away the winter woolies, put the snow shovel back in the garage and go outside because you want to, (not because you HAVE to)!

Catering with Heart...

Hearts were the theme in February when D&D catered it's second annual Catering with Heart, providing a hot, delicious meal to the needy at the Yonge Street Mission on Saturday, February 8th. It may have been cold outside but inside the atmosphere was warm and cheerful. Approximately 200 people attended and enjoyed not only a great meal, but also entertainment from a couple of musical duos - 'Soul of The Andes' and 'The Emperor's Quartet', a wandering celestial player - Gaspar from 'Celestial Celebrations' and face painting. Thanks to everyone involved for making it a great day for all concerned.



Guests dine at the Yonge Street Mission

And at the Escada...

Another good cause received much needed support this January. At the Bloor's Plaza Escada was the 49th Annual fashion show supporting ovarian cancer research at the Princess Margaret Hospital. Sculptor Gerard Godin's work was on display (and purchased by patrons). Singer/songwriter Amy Sky performed and spoke of her personal connection to the cause. The crowd enjoyed cocktails provided by D et D and the evening was a resounding success for the Hospital.

Continuing Classics

The ever wonderful Amici Chamber Ensemble are providing us with a medley of notes this season. Upcoming nights will feature works by Schubert, Zemlinsky and Canadian composer James Rolfe, that happens on Friday, April 4th at the Glen Gould Studio. On Friday, May 9th they will entertain us with a variety of work from Max Bruch, Carl Maria von Weber and new work by Andrew Staniland (also at the Glen Gould Studio). There will be an opportunity for discussion and relaxation after each performance when refreshments will be served (courtesy of Daniel et Daniel). For more information about the concerts, call 416-410-1950.

Spring Fling

All right, we've had it with this long, incredibly snowy winter and now we're ready for Spring. To put you in the mood, how about some decidedly fresh, new culinary ideas? Feast your eyes upon these juicy morsels...

***Sorrell Vichyssoise with
Chives & flower petals***

***Rack of Lamb with Morel jus,
garnished with braised wild Leek***

Fiddle Head with Red Pepper

***Roasted Baby New Potatoes
tossed with fresh herbs***

***Grilled Marinated Asparagus
served with Mache salad,
baby blonde frizze and a lemon,
honey-lime vinaigrette***

***Strawberry Rhubarb Strudel
with Maple Ice-cream
in a Pistachio Tuille***

***If you would like more information about our featured
menus please call our catering department***

***Don't forget to stop by our ever-wonderful Food Shop
and check out our selection of Easter chocolate goodies,***

The Capitol Theatre

If you were on Yonge Street near Eglinton during the 1920's you may have ventured into the Capitol Theatre to see Charlie Chaplin or Buster Keaton work their screen magic. Times may have changed but for the Capitol Theatre, the interior retains much of the elegance from that bygone era.

The 1918 building has been lovingly restored, retaining the period architecture and showcasing some exquisite vintage details. The main floor has been converted into a ballroom sized space. The ceilings are high and the original stage with original art deco molding around it is the dominant feature. Overhead a crystal chandelier is surrounded by a beautifully decorated oval.

Also on this mezzanine level is the centerpiece of the Capitol, a custom made circular mahogany bar. Around the bar are green leather stools and set against the walls on either side are cozy armchairs



The circular bar at the Capitol

and tables. It makes for a very relaxed comfortable atmosphere. Polished hardwood floors throughout complete the look. The balcony, which is directly above the circular bar has also undergone a change, with two more custom mahogany bars added. The raked movie theatre seats have been replaced with comfortable oversized chocolate-brown leather armchairs with small tables in between. The effect is that of a modern cabaret, very unique and very cool.

The entire space is extraordinarily light. Unobtrusive lighting throughout illuminates without distraction as is the case at some large venues. The Capitol achieves the right combination of vintage period architecture with the latest in modern amenities.

The Capitol Theatre is located at 2492 Yonge St. Toronto. Call 416 - 322 - 3322 or visit www.eventtheatres.com



The Capitol Theatre's beautifully renovated main floor

The York Theatre

Around the corner on Eglinton Avenue East you will find a very different space. It's the York Event Theatre. While it doesn't date back quite as far as the Capitol Theatre, it has a lot of personality of its own.

It also was a movie theatre and has been renovated. The mood here is hip, modern and ultra sleek. Upon entering the venue you find yourself in the Lobby Lounge a marvelous space with striking long red leatherette benches over a shiny grey tiled floor. The back-lit bar has a granite top (like the two other bars in the venue), it's very stark, very clean, very new. What used to house the mezzanine and balcony theatre seats is now the Epic Room and the clean bold lines continue. It comprises three levels, with the main floor, the balcony and another bar (another granite top) at the top overlooking the lower levels. The tables and chairs are a cool blend of frosted glass and chrome.



The Lobby Lounge

From there, head down to the lower level in the theatre, to the Iris Room. The walls are beige and the ebony hardwood floor make a dramatic statement. And if you have to go to the washroom (and with three bars there's a good chance you will...), be prepared. Colour abounds, the gents with tiny black tiled walls upon the white floor and black counter-tops to rest your Rolex on. The ladies get the vivid eye-popping orange tiles, with round black footstools and yet again the bright, clean whiteness of the floor. You won't want to leave, it's hypnotic.

The York practically invites swanky, funky, hipper-than-hip parties. Unlike its vintage counterpart, the Capitol, this venue has become an amazing modern spot for the perfect party.

The York Theatre is located at 101 Eglinton Ave. East, Toronto. Call 416 - 322 - 3322 or visit www.eventtheatres.com



The York's mezzanine and balcony