

# Island Vibes Brings Caribbean Culture to Toronto's Waterfront During Caribana Weekend

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Harbourfront Centre brings the energy and rhythm of the Caribbean to its 10-acre waterfront campus this Caribana weekend with **Island Vibes**— a two-day celebration of music, food, dance, and culture that invites the entire city to move, connect, and celebrate.

The weekend begins on **Saturday, August 2** with a high-energy, head-to-head music battle outdoors featuring [DJ Starting from Scratch](#) and [The Recipee Band](#) followed by a lakeside after-party. Programming continues **Sunday, August 3** with **Festival de l'Éclat**— presented in partnership with [Festival Kompa Zouk Ontario](#) — featuring Francophone Caribbean artists, family activities, dance troupes, DJs and culinary experiences.



Crowd enjoying a lively outdoor performance on the waterfront at Harbourfront Centre.

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Saturday, August 2:

Highlights include:

The Clash— DJ Starting from Scratch vs The Recipee Band in a live sound clash on the Concert Stage, hosted by

comedian Jay Martin (8:00 PM – 11:00 PM)

Island Vibes After Party – An outdoor celebration at Bobby Bermuda's Sunset Bar with DJ Starting from Scratch and DJ Che La Soul (11:00 PM – 2:00 AM)

Sunday, August 3:

Presented in partnership with Festival Kompa Zouk Ontario, Festival de l'Éclat celebrates Kompa and Zouk music, Haitian heritage, and Francophone Caribbean culture through a powerful blend of live music, dance, and community programming.

It is a multisensory experience — a fusion of Creole cuisine, colourful fashion, and community empowerment. It stands as a beacon of unity and celebration for the Afro-Caribbean diaspora in Canada, open to all who wish to dance, connect, and shine. Whether you're a lifelong fan or a curious newcomer, this is more than a music festival — it's a glowing tribute to cultural identity and joy.

Programming includes:

12:00 PM – 6:00 PM – Jungle-themed kids' crafts and face painting

2:00 PM – 3:00 PM – FKZO DJ featuring DJ Best Sound Music and DJ Olynk

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM – Fire Guy Chris Precius

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM – Gwada'Ka Dancers

4:00 PM – 2:00 AM – Island Vibes Day & Night Party featuring DJs and Caribbean Street food

6:30 PM – 7:30 PM – DJ Combo x Fashion Showcase

7:30 PM – 8:30 PM – BAZ KONPA live performance

8:30 PM – 9:00 PM – BAZ KONPA featuring Fatima Altieri

9:30 PM – 11:00 PM – DJ Tony Mix

All events take place at Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queens Quay West. Saturday's mainstage and daytime activities are free and open to the public. Select after-party and evening events are ticketed, visit [www.harbourfrontcentre.com](http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com) for more details.

"Harbourfront Centre is a gathering place — a space where cultures are celebrated, artists are elevated, and the city comes together," says Cathy Loblaw, CEO of Harbourfront Centre. "Island Vibes offers a preview of the future we're shaping – one where community takes center stage and creativity brings people together."

#### About Harbourfront Centre

Harbourfront Centre is Toronto's waterfront community campus for arts, culture, learning and recreation. Spanning a 10-acre campus at the heart of Toronto's central waterfront, it is a registered, charitable not-for-profit cultural organization that offers year-round programs and events accessible to all audiences. The organization champions established and emerging Canadian artists across varied disciplines and serves as a recreational hub for more than 6.3 million annual visitors. Whether hailing from across the street or around the globe, Harbourfront Centre offers memorable and meaningful experiences for all who visit.

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