

# Cirque du Soleil Coming To Ontario Place This Year

*Government Breathing New Life To Waterfront Site To Make It A World-Class Tourist Destination*



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TORONTO: The Ontario Government is working quickly on making progress in bringing Ontario Place back to life, and making it a world-class, year-round tourist destination by signing a new deal with Cirque du Soleil to deliver programming on the site in 2019.

Cirque du Soleil is a Canadian entertainment company and the largest theatrical producer in the world, based in Montreal.

The government recently announced it was launching an

Expression of Interest process to invite ideas and concepts from potential proponents who may have an interest in the long-term development of the Ontario Place site, which has been closed since 2012. The Expression of Interest process will open this spring and will encourage potential partners from around the world to take a fresh look at Ontario Place, while signalling that Ontario is open for business.

In the meantime, the government is taking immediate steps to

transform Ontario Place and attract residents and tourists to the site by partnering with Cirque du Soleil.

The internationally recognized company will bring its unique brand of entertainment and artistry to the shores of Lake Ontario. The company expects to offer 80-90 shows during the fall of 2019.

“While we keep one eye on the long-term development of the Ontario Place site, our government is also working to help people reconnect with this iconic

piece of property on Toronto’s Waterfront,” said Premier Doug Ford. “I can’t think of a better suited and more internationally recognized company than Cirque du Soleil to partner with and bring family-oriented entertainment and excitement back to Ontario Place.”

“Partnering with an organization like Cirque du Soleil will reinvigorate a space that has been neglected and under-utilized,” said Michael Tibollo, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport.

“Bringing high profile programming like this to Ontario Place will also allow us to explore further short-term activations elsewhere on the site to help attract visitors from Ontario and abroad.”

“We are excited to bring back a Cirque du Soleil show to Ontario Place; an important location for Ontario residents renowned for its large-scale entertainment events,” said Finn Taylor, Senior Vice-President of Touring Shows at Cirque du Soleil.

## Sikh Mentorship Program Expanded To Cover Ontario

TORONTO: After the successful launch in British Columbia, the World Sikh Organization has announced the expansion of their Sikh Mentorship Program (SMP) to Ontario residents.

“We encourage prospective Ontario based mentors and mentees to learn more by clicking here, and to apply for the mentor-mentee matching initiative at [worldsikh.org/smp](http://worldsikh.org/smp) before the March 4, 2019, deadline!”, statement issued by the WSO said.

The SMP is designed to connect Sikh professionals with Sikh students (16+) who are seeking

guidance and direction academically or professionally.

Alongside mentor-mentee matching, the SMP will also include workshops, panels, and networking events.

Many mentors are already registered with the SMP and hail from diverse industry backgrounds, ranging from large financial institution executives to local health care providers.

Full program details can be found at [worldsikh.org/smp](http://worldsikh.org/smp).

Mentor-Mentee Matching Initiative Application

The mentor-mentee matching

initiative is only available to Ontario and British Columbia residents at this time.

Mentor-Mentee Matching Programming Dates: BC, February to September 2019 | Ontario, March to September 2019

**Should I Apply to the Mentor-Mentee Matching Initiative?**

You should apply as a mentee if you are a Sikh student (16+) looking for academic or professional advice.

You should apply as a mentor if you are a working professional looking to give back to the

community and support the next generation of Sikhs.

Space is limited, so preference will be given to students enrolled in a post-secondary institution.

Expectations & Responsibilities for Mentors and Mentees

Mentor:

- Meet with your mentee for at least 1 hour a month (this can include giving a tour or a visit to your workplace, if possible)
- Attend the Closing Reception
- Encouraged to attend other SMP related events

Mentees:

- Set up meetings with your mentors, including providing an agenda and specific questions prior to each meeting
- Respond to your mentor in a timely fashion and be mindful of your mentor’s time and other responsibilities

- Attend SMP events and workshops

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