



CASTOR VASE

The Castor Vase is by Samuel Cho, Nathan Tremblay and Ian Campana of the Calgary-based design firm Palette Industries (paletteindustries.com). The vase is available from thesouvenirhop.ca (which is currently down; so email info@paletteindustries.com for price and availability).



CASTOR STOOL

Perfect for the patio, the Castor Stool from Toronto design firm Castor (castordesign.ca), aka Brian Richer and Kei Ng, is hand carved from a single piece of limestone.

DisplayCase

Land of the silver birch, home of the beaver

Used as a symbol of this country since the 17th-century, the beaver has gnawed its way into our consciousness

WINE CELLARET

This wine cellaret (circa 1880 to 1890), made of oak, mahogany, maple and lead, is possibly from the workshop of Louis Jobin, a prolific sculptor of commercial, naval and religious works in Quebec City. It's housed at the delightful Sigmund Samuel Gallery of Canadiana at the Royal Ontario Museum (100 Queen's Park; rom.on.ca).



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BEAVER JAR

The Beaver Jar is made by Claire Madill, a Vancouver-based ceramicist and jeweller; her label is called Heyday Design (heydaydesign.ca). The jars will be available at the gift shop in the Design Exchange (234 Bay St; dx.org) to coincide with a series of her cast porcelain jars in the upcoming exhibit Bent Out of Shape: Canadian Design, 1945-Present (running July 9 to Oct 10), as well as at Made (867 Dundas St W; madedesign.ca), Coriander Girl (1537 Queen St W; coriandergirl.com) and Pimlico Gallery (789 Dupont St; pimlicodesign.com); they retail for around \$85.



BEAVER LOVE

Toronto-based jeweller Anneke van Bommel's brushed nickel silver Beaver Love pin costs \$180 and is available at Made.

CULTURE

White heat

Hot picks at Luminato fest by Gordon Bowness

It's hard to wrap your mind around Toronto's Luminato Festival. With scores of events over 10 days, from film, art and theatre to music, food and fashion, Luminato suffers from a glut of riches. But spend some time sorting through all that cultural loot and you're bound to find something that sparkles in your eye.

Here, artistic director Chris Lorway, associate producer (theatre, dance, film and music) Mitchell Marcus and associate producer (live events) Scott McVittie give their personal hot picks at Luminato.

OPENING NIGHT A friendly face-off between three of Canada's top divas: Jule Black, Sass Jordan and Melanie Fiona. (Free. 7pm-10pm. Fri, June 11. Yonge-Dundas Square.)

FRIENDS WITH YOU Life, love and friendship inspire the creations of Miami-based Friends with You. Their Wish Come True Festival will transform Queen's Park into a surreal world of smoking totem poles and enormous bouncy castles. (Free. June 16-20.)

PRIMA DONNA AND RUFUS WAINWRIGHT (see story page 12).

Chris Lorway

THE AFRICA TRILOGY VOLCANO has created a spectacular global collaboration. Each play is a fascinating, thought-provoking exploration of the relationship between Africa and the world; as a trilogy, it will be explosive. (\$30-\$50. 7pm. June 15-20. 1pm. June 19. Fleck Dance Theatre. 207 Queens Quay W.)

DARK STAR REQUIEM Andrew Staniland's score and orchestration is stunning and I find Jill Battson's poetry to be quite provocative. Adding four great singers, a world-renowned trio, and one of Canada's most acclaimed ensembles to trace the history of AIDS should make for an unforgettable evening. (\$30-\$50. 8pm. Fri, June 11 & 12. Royal Conservatory. 275 Bloor St W.)

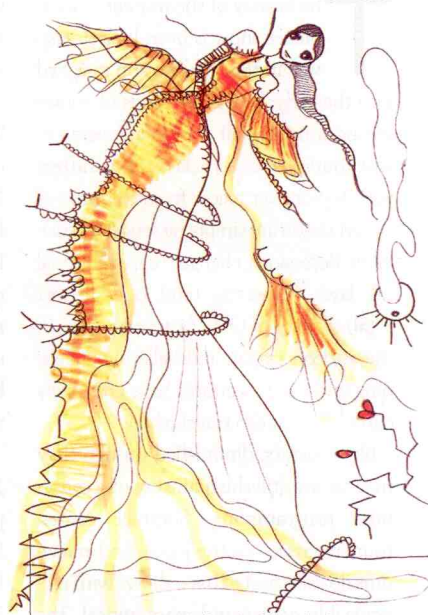
THE LUMINATO REEL What other program would feature both Leonard Bernstein and Pee Wee Herman in the same week? (Mediatheque. 150 John St.)

Mitchell Marcus

QUEER DIVAS Carole Pope, Lea DeLaria, Kelly and the Kelly Girls, Shawn Hitchens, Lance Horn, Christian Campbell, Justin Bond and more! This promises to be one of the most unique and entertaining programs ever presented at Yonge-Dundas Square. (Free. 7pm-11pm. Sun, June 13.)

1,000 TASTES OF TORONTO Taste food from some of Toronto's most respected chefs and exclusive restaurants: \$5 gourmet food at Queen's Park all weekend long. (June 19 & 20.)

THE ASCENSION OF BEAUTY: MARK FAST. Though young Canadian-born Mark Fast has already made a significant



MARK FAST Canadian fashion designer lights up Brookfield Place.

impact in the world of fashion. His strikingly delicate designs take more than a little boldness to wear. (Free. June 11-20. Brookfield Place. 181 Bay St.)

Scott McVittie

LUMINATO runs Fri, June 11 to 20. (416) 872-1111. luminato.com.