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Toronto Garlic Festival Returns September 28 with Free Admission, New Location, and More Flavour Than Ever

Toronto, ON – September 2024 – The Toronto Garlic Festival is back on Saturday, September 28, 2024, and it's bringing bold flavours, local garlic, and family-friendly fun to a brand new location: Spadina Road between Davenport Road and Dupont Street, including the City of Toronto Archives parking lot.

Thanks to the generous support of Dupont By the Castle BIA, admission to this year's festival is completely free.

"We're excited to host the garlic festival in the heart of the BIA," says Anna Sebert, Executive Director of the Dupont By the Castle BIA. "This festival brings energy, food, and culture to our neighbourhood and gives everyone a chance to experience what makes our community so unique."

The 2024 Toronto Garlic Festival expects to welcome up to 10,000 visitors, celebrating Ontario garlic with over 50 local vendors, live music, cultural programming, and garlic-inspired experiences for all ages.

Featured highlights at this year's festival include:

Culinary Delights – Local chefs and artisans will offer unique garlic-inspired creations, including Garlic Confit Nested Focaccia, Black Garlic Pierogi, and Sweet & Spicy Buckwheat Honey with Ontario Garlic, Cayenne, Cinnamon, Ginger and Lemongrass. Global flavours are represented with cuisine from Colombian, Ethiopian, Jamaican, Korean, Polish, Turkish, Vietnamese and many other cultures.

Ontario Garlic Galore – Ontario farmers will showcase dozens of garlic strains, from the popular Music variety to rare heirlooms like Rose Lautrec and fermented Black Garlic, sought after by chefs and chocolatiers alike.

Culture Talks – Festival-goers can attend interactive talks and workshops, including "Garlic in Toronto's History," "Black Garlic Innovation," and "Vampires, Garlic, and Pop Culture."

Live Music – An eclectic lineup of performers will fill the air with sounds of African Mbira and storytelling, Mexican Reggae, jazz, world music, and traditional Brazilian samba.

Contests – Festival favourites return including the Garlic Bulb Cracking Contest (in support of farmers), the Vampire Costume Contest (including a canine category), and the ever-popular Garlic Breath Contest, with top readings expected to reach record highs.

Kids' Activities – Families can enjoy Waldorf-inspired garlic-themed games, crafts, face painting and interactive workshops in the festival's dedicated children's area.

Garlic Poetry – Visitors can receive custom, garlic-inspired poems from the Garlic Poet Laureate to take home.

Sustainability – The festival continues its green efforts with dish reuse stations and the “Don’t Stink and Drive” campaign, encouraging eco-conscious transit options.

The 2024 Toronto Garlic Festival is a one-day celebration of local food, culture, and community, bringing together garlic lovers, curious foodies, and families from across the city.

For full festival details, visit: www.torontogarlicfestival.ca

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