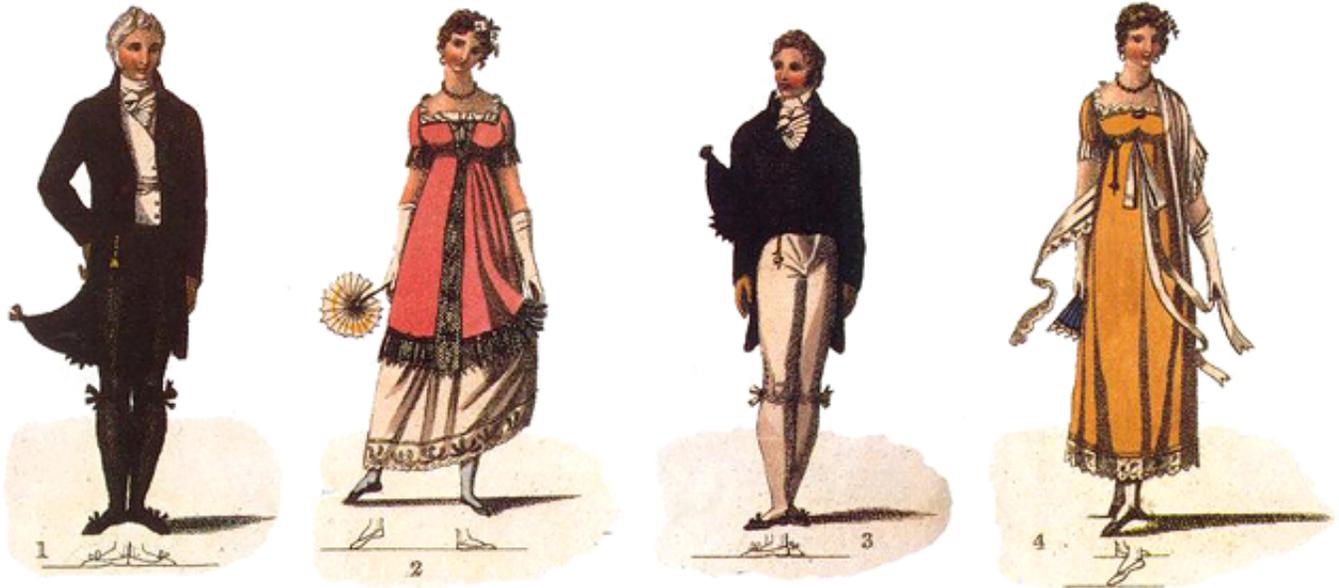


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SPECIAL EVENTS AT TORONTO'S FORT YORK NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE



DANCE AND DANCE-ABILITY

"Best Upcoming Event" says Dave McGinn of The National Post. "Bust out your newly learned Mr. Darcy stylings at the club," he suggests, "and impress your friends." This evening of English country dancing at Fort York has been rescheduled from a previously-announced date. Experience and partners not required. Beginners will be taught the movements. Refreshments.

DATES: Sept. 26, 7:30 to 10:00 pm

COST: Pre-registration required (416-392-6917 ext. 100). \$10 per person (\$9.43 plus GST)

GHOSTS OF THE GARRISON

This event is so popular that it's running on two weekends this year. Tour the grounds of Fort York at night, and hear stories by lamplight from some ghostly visitors. Great fun for the family... but not too scary for the younger crowd. Hot chocolate and snacks included.

DATE: Fri. Oct. 17, Sat. Oct. 18, Fri. Oct. 24, and Sat. Oct. 25, 7:30 to 9:30 pm

COST: Pre-registration required (416-392-6917 ext. 100). Adults/seniors/youth: \$10 (\$9.43 + GST), children 12 and under \$5 (\$4.71 + GST)





UNVEILING OF 'MONUMENT TO THE WAR OF 1812' SCULPTURE

Toronto's latest public art treasure will be unveiled with Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone and the artist, Douglas Coupland (seen here with a maquette), in attendance. An engaging and surprising artwork, "Monument to the War of 1812" marries the history of this prominent site with Coupland's own art practice. Born on a Canadian military base in Germany, he has frequently explored military subjects in his work. This work, commissioned as part of the Percent for Public Art Program initiated by Toronto's City Planning division, will be a major attraction that honours Fort York and its role in the making of Canada.

DATE: Mon., Nov. 3, 12:30 to 2:00 pm

LOCATION: NW corner of Bathurst and Fleet Streets in front of Malibu at Harbourfront condominiums. Reception following.

BOOK LAUNCH FOR HTO

Drained by a half-dozen major watersheds, cut by a network of deep ravines and fronting on a Great Lake, Toronto is a city dominated by water. How will that relationship with water change in the coming decades? In HTO: Toronto's Water from Lake Iroquois to Lost Rivers to Low-flow Toilets, edited by Wayne Reeves and Christina Palassio (Coach House Books), dozens of contributors examine the ever-changing interplay between nature and culture, and call into question the city's past, present and future engagement with water. The launch will feature a panel discussion about such issues featuring some of the over thirty writers featured in the anthology.



DATE: Sun., Nov. 9, 2:00 to 6:00 pm

LOCATION: The Blue Barracks, Fort York National Historic Site

COST: \$5 (or free with purchase of book).

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

Join schoolchildren, neighbours, representatives of the Municipal Chapter of Toronto IODE, fort staff and Friends to mark Remembrance Day where soldiers and their families were buried after the first military cemetery in Victoria Memorial Square was closed. A bust of 'The Old Soldier' (see above) by Walter Allward, who designed Canada's Vimy Ridge Monument, keeps watch over Victoria Memorial Square, which is part of the Fort York National Historic Site. After the ceremony refreshments and cookies will be served inside the fort. Free admission.



DATE: Tues., Nov. 11, 10:45 am

LOCATION: Strachan Avenue Military Burying Ground west of Fort York. Enter by car off Fort York Blvd., or by foot off Garrison Road. Note: Strachan Ave. steps are closed for construction.