

BULLETIN

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Mad Pride Edition

This Bulletin contains the comprehensive schedule of events from July 10-15 for Mad Pride Toronto 2012. Visit our website at www.madprideto.com for updates. Need to get in touch with Mad Pride Toronto organizers? Email outreach@madprideto.com.

Mad Pride is an arts, culture, and heritage festival created by psychiatric survivors, consumers, mad people, folks the world has labelled "mentally ill", and those in solidarity with us.

Mad Pride is about:

- remembering and participating in mad history
- challenging discrimination
- advocating for rights
- affirming mad identities
- developing and empowering mad communities
- having fun!



Our lives and contributions are valuable and need celebration!

Events have been grouped into the following fabulously cuckoo categories:

1. **THE MAD THINK TANK SERIES: Mad Movement Thinking In and Out of School**
2. **ARCHITECTURE OF MAD: An Art Exhibition and Two Nights of Performances by Mad People**
3. **EATING WORD SALAD: Mad People Rewriting the Patient Library**

We also have three stand-alone events on the weekend to wacky-up our festivities!

1. **THE GREAT ESCAPE BED PUSH PARADE AND PARTY**
2. **MAD LOVE: FOOLS, (PSYCH) FLOORS, AND FORNICATION**
3. **THE MAD MARKET BIZARRE**

Can't get to Mad Pride Toronto this year? Celebrate where you are! Consider having a pajama party, letting your inner crazy out for the day, making and wearing mad gear like a costume or hat, creating a chant or anthem or slogan, howling at the moon. Or perhaps orchestrate a DSM book shredding, defacing, editing, rewriting or try your hand at DSM paper mache, origami, paper airplanes. If you'd like, have someone take a

photo of your Mad Pride festivities and send them to us at outreach@madprideto.com for display on our website. You can send hardcopy evidence to the Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre of Toronto (address above).

Important Things To Know

LOCATIONS/DIRECTIONS

This year, Mad Pride Toronto is occupying 9 different locations (hopefully more as people celebrate wherever they may be). In an attempt to celebrate chaos, we have detailed locations and directions – with maps! Locations are numbered in the order that they will be used throughout the week. Maps and directions (page 9 and 10) are grouped based on geography. **Don't worry – we'll have signs and people out to help you get around!**

ACCESSIBILITY

In an effort to be transparent about access attempts and limitations, we have included a “Notes” statement at the end of each event listing with information that may be of use. Nearly all events are indoors, air conditioned, free, and wheelchair accessible. Email access@madprideto.com or call 647-769-4Mad (4623) for further details or if you have specific access concerns.

PRESS/PHOTOS

The Mad Pride Media Sub-Committee (media@madprideto.com) has been in contact with the press. Journalists have been invited and may be present at various events. They will be wearing red name tags. We ask everyone (the press and the public – YOU) to ask permission of the people whose photos you would like to take before taking them. While our events are open to the public, with our Bed Push Parade being particularly visible, we encourage the community to respect peoples' needs and desires for privacy. Please be aware that the use of flash can pose health concerns for people. If you're unable to obtain permission, consider taking photos of hats, costumes, banners, artwork! These displays document our culture and pride perhaps more effectively than photos of people.

FIRST TIME?

Welcome, welcome! We're delighted to “admit” new mad people, psychiatric survivors, consumers, folks labelled “mentally ill”, and those in solidarity with us to our Mad Movement. Come as you are, do as you do. Drop-in for an “intake” appointment anytime from July 10-15, 2012. (You know mad people are a fun, funny group, yes?)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare 2-3 hours during Mad Pride? Consider volunteering. Can you be a friendly face at the door? Able to take notes at a workshop? Can you provide your car and drive between locations? Be part of the madness! Help make this Mad Pride the biggest and craziest yet! Email volunteers@madprideto.com or call 647-769-4Mad (4623). **Volunteer orientation on Thursday July 5th** from 5:30-7pm at 1001 Queen St. W. Meet in the mall.

ORIENTATION TO TIME AND SPACE¹ AT MAD PRIDE TORONTO 2012 DAY 1: Tuesday, July 10th

2-5pm	MAD THINK TANK SERIES (PART 1): Inquiry into the “Schizophrenia” Label <i>With Dr. Suman Fernando, J. Stone, Dr. Kwame McKenzie, Marian Dalal</i> schizophreniainquiry.org
LOCATION #1 Ryerson University Library Building Lower Level Room LIB 072 350 Victoria Street	A group of British psychiatrists and survivor activists have organized the “Inquiry into the Schizophrenia Label” (ISL) because of the growing unease about the use of the label to describe complex problems of living.

They say:

- The label causes increased stigma.
- The label undermines the humanity of the people being labeled.
- The label is unscientific and biased in respect of the biological model of mental illness.
- The application of this diagnostic label reveals a racial bias.

Here, in Canada, we are similarly concerned and we are staging a Toronto forum that will address these concerns and raise awareness for alternative and humanistic responses to extreme states of distress.

Notes: indoors, panel discussion, limited large seating and space for mobility devices available at the back, microphone/speakers used, all welcome, free

DAY 2: Wednesday, July 11th

3-4pm: Tea and cookies
4-5pm: Mad doctor talk

LOCATION #2

CAMH
Training Room A
1001 Queen Street W.

EATING WORD SALAD (PART 1): A Mad Hatter Tea Party and a Mad Doctor

Hosted by The Empowerment Council

www.empowermentcouncil.ca / www.jamesfitzgerald.info/Madnes.html

Join us for our annual Mad Hatter Tea Party followed by a talk with author James FitzGerald speaking on his award winning book *What Disturbs Our Blood*. Wear your craziest hat! It's a tradition.

Notes: indoors, light snacks available, informal gathering, book talk, all welcome, free

6-8:30pm

LOCATION #3

CAMH
1001 Queen Street W.
Meet outside at the corner of Queen/Shaw.

ARCHITECTURE OF MAD (PART 1):

The Walls are Alive with the Sound of Mad People

Guided by Friendly Spike Theatre Band

www.globalserve.net/~friendlyspike

This event is a guided theatrical walk/roll around the Historical Patient Built Wall on the grounds of the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). During the 19th Century, walls were built and rebuilt around the grounds of the asylum by unpaid patient labourers. In 2010, memorial plaques dedicated to psychiatric patients' history were unveiled around this site. By including a lively dimension in the telling of this story, we embody the past in a way that empowers the present.

Notes: outdoors, theatre, washrooms are walking distance, mix of smooth concrete paths and grass, street/background noise, child-friendly, all welcome, free

DAY 3: Thursday, July 12th

2-4pm

LOCATION #4

Ryerson University
Kerr Hall East
Second Floor
Room KHE 216
Enter at 60 Gould Street
or 340 Church Street

MAD THINK TANK SERIES (PART 2): Mad Social Work?

With The Madvocates, School of Social Work, Ryerson University

www.facebook.com/groups/125212880934218

We welcome Mad folk, community members, workers, students, learners, organizers, educators, and all who are curious to come and explore what it means to be Mad and working/studying in the helping professions.

Notes: indoors, discussion, microphone/speakers used, all welcome, free

<p>6-9pm</p> <p>LOCATION #5 Meeting Room 246 Sackville Street</p>	<p>ARCHITECTURE OF MAD (PART 2): Opening of the Art Exhibit and Mad Market</p> <p>Join us for the opening of our juried art exhibit showcasing work by mad people – including two dimensional, sculptural, and time-based arts (films). See page 8 for more information on the Mad Market.</p> <p>With performances by:</p> <p>Richard Sitoski, spoken word monologue, wundernutbar.wordpress.com Taylor Abrahamse, musician, www.taylorabrahamse.ca / youtube.com/tayloreh Shawna Dimitry, reading from her collection of spoken word poems The experimental sounds of 33seconds, an improvisational musical group New Harlem Productions, theatre that searches for references to madness in the text of historical plays and creates performances in the most unlikely of places!</p> <p><i>Notes: indoors, snacks provided, music, spoken word, theatre, art, items for sale (cash only), microphone/speakers used, all welcome, free</i></p>
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DAY 4: Friday, July 13th

<p>11am-9pm</p> <p>LOCATION #5 Meeting Room 246 Sackville Street</p>	<p>Mad Market Open for Crazyness</p> <p>See page 8 for more information on the Mad Market. Items for sale (cash only).</p>
<p>11am-12:30pm</p> <p>LOCATION #5 Meeting Room 246 Sackville Street</p>	<p>MAD THINK TANK SERIES (PART 3): Mad People of Colour Roundtable <i>With Louise Tam and Annu Saini</i></p> <p>Join us for an open discussion on the experiences of racialized people in the mental health system and its multiple relationships to education, criminalization, immigration, settlement, cross-border travel, and beyond. We hope to collectively discuss different activist spaces in the psychiatric survivor and mad movements and opportunities for transformation.</p> <p><i>Notes: indoors, discussion, microphone/speakers available, all welcome, free</i></p>
<p>12:30-1pm</p> <p>LOCATION #5 Meeting Room 246 Sackville Street</p>	<p>Lunch</p> <p><i>Notes: indoors, food provided, vegetarian and gluten-free options, all welcome, free</i></p>
<p>1-2pm</p> <p>LOCATION #5 Meeting Room 246 Sackville Street</p>	<p>EATING WORD SALAD (PART 2): Open Writing Studio for Mad People of Colour <i>With Annu Saini</i></p> <p>Providing participants with a space to write about madness, racism, beauty, memories or any other subject that they wish. The goal of this session is establishing a safer space for mad people of colour to express themselves and connect with each other.</p> <p><i>Notes: indoors, workshop, bring writing materials, microphone/speakers available, open to all mad people of colour, free</i></p>

DAY 4: Friday, July 13th (Continued)

<p>2-2:30pm</p> <p>LOCATION #5 Meeting Room 246 Sackville Street</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAD THINK TANK SERIES (PART 4): Mad Empowerment <i>Presented by Tina Shapiro</i></p> <p>The word empowerment has been co-opted. A few years ago there was an ad for an SUV saying: “Empower yourself! Buy this SUV!” This type of consumerism blended with the concept of empowerment is diametrically opposed to empowerment as it has come to have significance within the Mad Movement. Through empowerment, mad people become politicized, confident, and build a new mad identity within the mad community – with whatever language people choose to identify themselves. This presentation will include an opportunity for the audience to discuss their feelings about pride and empowerment, especially as connected to their participation in Mad Pride Toronto 2012.</p> <p><i>Notes: indoors, presentation, audience participation, microphone/speakers used, all welcome, free</i></p>
<p>2:30-4pm</p> <p>LOCATION #5 Meeting Room 246 Sackville Street</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EATING WORD SALAD (PART 3): Rewriting Your Case File: turn the tables on their labels <i>With Erick Fabris, Annu Saini, and Ruth Ruth</i></p> <p>Friendly support and examples will help you rewrite your story as you see it, not as others see it. Fun and interesting, this workshop allows you to deflect the impolite stare of psychiatry.</p> <p><i>Notes: indoors, workshop, bring writing materials, microphone/speakers used, all welcome, free</i></p>
<p>4-5:30pm</p> <p>LOCATION #5 Meeting Room 246 Sackville Street</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAD THINK TANK SERIES (PART 5): Shades of Grey: Anti-Ableism 101 <i>Presented by The Opening Doors Project, Canadian Mental Health Association</i> www.toronto.cmha.ca/ct_openingdoors/openingdoors.asp</p> <p>The concepts of “mentalism” and “sanism” are introduced in this workshop. Mentalism is a form of discrimination against people who are labelled as having a mental illness. Sanism is a system of discrimination that GIVES preferences to behaviours, and ways of experiencing the world, and calls them “sane.” By questioning the boundaries of what is considered “socially acceptable” and “socially unacceptable” behaviour, the workshop explores how these boundaries are shaped by different forms of discrimination, including racism and ableism.</p> <p><i>Notes: indoors, workshop, audience participation, microphone/speakers available, all welcome, free</i></p>



Caution: Road/Reality Splits Ahead!



<p>5:30-7pm</p> <p>LOCATION #5 Meeting Room 246 Sackville Street</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Dinner</p> <p><i>Notes: dinner provided, all welcome, free</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MAD THINK TANK SERIES (PART 6): Out to Lunch: The first ever LGBTQ/Mad Pride dinner and discussion <i>Hosted by NOS (Not Otherwise Specified), a group of/for LGBTQ-C/S/X/Mad people</i> www.facebook.com/events/165172280282344 nos.lgbtqmad@gmail.com</p>
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Join us for a not otherwise specified dinner and discussion about pride, shame – and whatever else.

- Have you ever filled out an LGBTQ and/or “mental health” survey and wished you could connect with the other participants?
- Have you ever searched fruitlessly for an LGBTQ-Mad peer support group?
- Have you ever craved insider tips on navigating healthcare, government, social service, legal, immigration, employment, and/or education systems as an LGBTQ-Mad person?
- Have you ever wanted to attend LGBTQ-Mad Pride?

Notes: indoors, discussion, dinner provided, all LGBTQ-C/S/X/Mad people welcome, free

7-9pm

EATING WORD SALAD (PART 4): A Book Reading

LOCATION #5
Meeting Room
246 Sackville Street

Featuring the work of:

Erick Fabris, *Tranquil Prisons: Chemical Incarceration Under Community Treatment Orders* / www.erickfabris.com/bio.html

Tranquil Prisons is an academic study of psychiatric treatment written by a former mental patient. Erick’s research demonstrates how clients are pre-emptively put on chemical agents despite the possibility of alternatives. Because of this practice, patients often become dependent on psychiatric drugs that restrict movement and communication to incarcerate the body rather than heal it. Erick calls for professional accountability and more therapy choices for patients.

Tom Charabin, *Stable Chaos: How I Zeroed Oppression*
schizotomasz.wordpress.com

Tom will read from and discuss his memoir about living with the schizo line of mental illness and navigating the Toronto mental health system.

Sarafin, *Asylum Squad Side Story: The Psychosis Diaries*
www.asylumsquad.com / asylumsquadsidestory.blogspot.com

Life with psychosis is tough... Spending a year in CAMH’s 1001 Queen Mental Health Centre is even tougher. To get through the experience, artist/writer Sarafin coped using her joy of creating comics. And so, *Asylum Squad Side Story*, the webcomic, was born. See page 8 for details about Sarafin’s book launch on July 15th – the final Mad Pride Toronto event.

Notes: indoors, book reading, microphone/speakers available, all welcome, free

Alternate (Reality) Friday Night Festivities

ARCHITECTURE OF MAD (PART 3): Mad Culture Night

Hosted by Friendly Spike Theatre Band

www.globalserve.net/~friendlyspike

5-7pm

Open stage/mic for mad people to talk, rant, sing, perform, act... Bring your thoughts, script, lyrics, instrument, voice, props, friends – and share your stuff with us! Hosted by Honey Novick and Heinz Klein.

7-7:30pm	Marks Of Attention , a monologue written by Helen Posno about oppression and abuse. Presented by Peter Lynch.
7:30-8:15pm	Wrestling With Fear , by Henrik Kartna. <i>A staged play reading, this work was helped along by Danny Tucker, Critical Disability Studies Student. As well as Kartna, the play features: David Cheung, Anna Monti Di Oro, Rob Italiano, Genady Gavleshov, and Heinz Klein.</i>
8:15-9:30pm LOCATION #6 May Robinson Auditorium 20 West Lodge Avenue	The Adventures of Dog, A Tragicomedy , by Myrna Schacherl. <i>A staged play reading with movement. As well as Schacherl, the play includes: Charlene Zacks, Una Markovic, Andrea Hatala, Dominique Phillimore, Rob Italiano, and Darlene Lucas.</i> Dog is back from his stage debut two years ago. This is a classic story of Dog against the System. Dog gets onto ODSP and into subsidized housing and life is great. However, he then gets a girlfriend and a part-time job and things start to unravel as he gets lost in a morass of paperwork. See what trouble he gets into! Observe his antics! A hilarious adventure. A must see. Notes: indoors, dinner provided, arts and culture, microphone/speakers used, written scripts available, all welcome, free

DAY 5: Saturday, July 14th

12:30-3:30pm: Parade 3:30-5pm: Party LOCATION #3 CAMH 1001 Queen Street W. Meet outside at the corner of Queen/Shaw.	THE GREAT ESCAPE BED PUSH PARADE AND PARTY This parade from 1001 Queen Street W. (CAMH) to 1499 Queen Street W. (PARC) signifies our escape from asylums back into the community. Join us for some speeches, drumming, and a march/roll down the sidewalks of Queen Street W. Bring your costumes, pajamas, hats, mad gear, placards, signs, banners, instruments, children, family, friends – and yourself! There will be food and fun when we arrive at our final destination. With special guests: Cheri DiNovo, MPP Parkdale-High Park Gord Perks, City Councillor Ward 14 Parkdale-High Park Peggy Nash, MP Parkdale-High Park Notes: outdoors (3 hours), indoors, parade (2km), child-friendly, refreshment break half-way through route, lunch provided at PARC, vegetarian options, all welcome, free
3:30-5:30pm Meet at LOCATION #7 PARC 1499 Queen Street W.	MAD THINK TANK SERIES (PART 7): Mad Students Society Meet-Up/Gear-Up www.madstudentsociety.com MSS hosts a peer support meeting on the second Saturday of every month for Mad Students. Join us this month at/after the Mad Pride Bed Push Parade and Party for a meet-up and gear-up! Email outreach@madstudentsociety.com for more info or to join our email discussion listserv. We'll be selling buttons and t-shirts at the Mad Market – so come say hello! Notes: undetermined final location, food/drinks for purchase, all Mad Students welcome, free

7:30pm: Doors open
8pm-2:30am

LOCATION #8

The Tranzac Club
292 Brunswick Avenue

8-9:30pm
10-10:45pm
Onwards

MAD LOVE: FOOLS, (PSYCH) FLOORS, AND FORNICATION

On the night of the Great Escape Bed Push Parade, Mad Pride will take over The Tranzac Club for an evening of comedy, music, and dance party Madness. The theme of the evening is mad love, sex, and relationships - something we all enjoy, or at least love to laugh about.

Mad Comedy Jam
Running Red Lights Show
Mad Dance Party featuring the spins of Rezerex

Notes: indoors, all age 19+ welcome (bring government issued photo ID, but not health cards), pay what you can (suggested \$10 donation), alcohol for purchase

DAY 6: Sunday, July 15th

11am-5pm

LOCATION #5

Meeting Room
246 Sackville Street

THE MAD MARKET BIZARRE

After a couple of days in business, the Mad Market goes all out, some might say even Bizarre! Along with the many mad goods for sale and display (t-shirts, buttons, artwork, digital arts, crafts, music, jewelry, books, knitting, blogs, leaflets) a myriad of performance artists will take over the market to celebrate the last day of Mad Pride. Come vote at the first ever Mad People's Referendum and suggest issues requiring community decisions.

Featuring performances by:

Branch Out Theatre, performing *For Life*, a forum theatre (audience involvement) play co-written by Naomi Tessler and Christine Mayor / www.branchouttheatre.com

Jenny Charlebois, performing some of her songs

Tyson Purdy, performing *Asperger's Lens Theatre* using monologue, movement, audience participation, and humour

Willy Kung, rapper, performing "Stop Discrimination"

The Spit and Thunder Singers

Eddie, musician and song-writer performing "Ran Out of Tears to Cry"

Notes: indoors, items for sale (cash only), all welcome, free

7-8:30pm

LOCATION #9

Secret Handshake
Clubhouse
189B Mutual Street

**EATING WORD SALAD (PART 5):
A Mad Comic Book Launch: Asylum Squad Side Story**

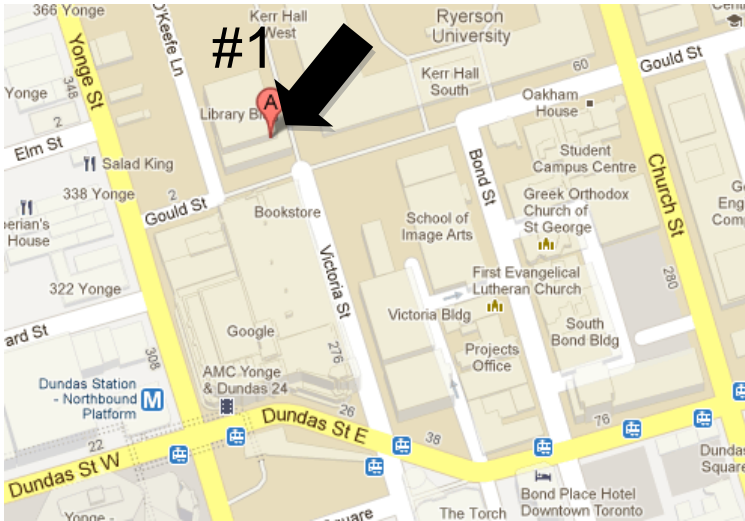
(Cont'd from page 6) *Asylum Squad Side Story*, the webcomic, born during a hospital stay at 1001 Queen, is coming to print for a limited first edition book run. This launch will be your first opportunity to obtain a copy for \$15 cash. The creator, Sara fin, is a Toronto area artist, writer, and activist. A self-described "psych heretic", Sara fin's art mainly involves themes of madness, spirituality, psychiatry, and drug culture. She also designed the Mad Pride Toronto logo.

Notes: indoors, items for sale (cash only), all welcome, free, not wheelchair accessible (second floor location via stairs). Physically accessible alternative on Friday evening (see page 6).

Want to hear about future events and festivities? Stay connected to the mad community! Subscribe to The Bulletin by calling the Consumer/Survivor Information Resource Centre of Toronto at 416-595-2882 or email us at csinfo@camh.net. The Bulletin is free, available by mail or email, and published on the 1st and 16th of every month.

LOCATIONS/DIRECTIONS

Locations near Ryerson University (East of Yonge/Dundas)



LOCATION #1

Ryerson University
Library Building
Lower Level Room LIB 072
350 Victoria Street

Major Intersection: Yonge/Dundas

Directions: Take the subway to Dundas Station or the Dundas streetcar to Victoria Street.



LOCATION #4

Ryerson University
Kerr Hall East
Second Floor Room KHE 216
Enter at 60 Gould Street or 340 Church Street

Major Intersection: Church/Gerrard

Directions: Take the subway to Dundas (accessible) or College Station or take the Dundas or College/Carlton streetcar to Church Street.

LOCATION #5

Meeting Room (Main Floor)
246 Sackville Street

Major Intersection: Dundas/Parliament

Directions: Take the Dundas streetcar to Sackville Street. *Accessible alternative: 65 Parliament bus from Union (early morning or Saturdays) or travel 1.6 km from Dundas Station (accessible).*

LOCATION #9

Secret Handshake Clubhouse
189B Mutual Street (upper level)

www.thesecrethandshake.ca

Other Downtown Toronto (Bloor/Bathurst)



LOCATION #8

The Tranzac Club
292 Brunswick Avenue

Major Intersection: Bloor/Bathurst

Directions: Take the subway to Bathurst or Spadina station.

Parkdale (West Toronto) Locations



LOCATION #2

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
Training Room A
1001 Queen Street W.

Note: CAMH has been undergoing "redevelopment" (construction). Enter the Community Centre through the Unit 4 lobby. Call 416-535-8501 x33013 for details.

LOCATION #3

Centre for Addiction and Mental Health
1001 Queen Street W.
Meet outside at corner of Queen/Shaw.

Major Intersection: Queen/Ossington or Queen/Shaw

Directions: Take the Ossington bus to Queen Street or the Queen streetcar to Shaw Street.

LOCATION #6

May Robinson Auditorium
20 West Lodge Avenue

Major Intersection: Queen/Lansdowne

Directions: Take the Lansdowne bus to Queen Street or the Queen streetcar to West Lodge Avenue. *Lansdowne station is not accessible.*

LOCATION #7

Parkdale Activity Recreation Centre
1499 Queen Street W.

parc.on.ca

Major Intersection: Queen/Lansdowne

Directions: Take the Lansdowne bus to Queen Street or the Queen streetcar to Sorauron (westbound) or Dowling (eastbound) Avenue.

