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A Total of 14 Spectacular Harbourfront Centre March Break Camps for Ages Three to 17 Including Circus, Creative Arts, Pop Star, TheatreKids ... and more

TORONTO, ON (Feb. 22, 2010) - Harbourfront Centre's one-of-a-kind **March Break Camps 2010** session, **March 15 through March 19**, is fast approaching, and filling up fast. At Harbourfront Centre's beautiful 10-acre waterfront site, campers aged three through 17 can engage in a fully enriched environment with exceptional facilities and the city's best counsellors.

Harbourfront Centre is expanding on its reputation of providing fun opportunities for skill development and personal growth by offering **14 arts-based programmes**. Whether a child is keenly interested in problem-solving and design or craves the spotlight to showcase singing and dancing talents, diverse programmes maximize learning and fun. A complete description of camps and fees is included at the bottom of this release.

Harbourfront Centre March Break Camps take place from **Monday, March 15 to Friday, March 19, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.**, at Harbourfront Centre, **235 Queens Quay West**. A **supervised extended hours programme**, perfect for working parents, is available from **7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.** and from **4 p.m. to 6 p.m.**, at an additional cost of **\$65**. To register camper(s) or for more information, the public can call the **Camps office** at **416-973-4093** or visit **harbourfrontcentre.com/camps**. Camps are filling up fast and space is limited.

MARCH BREAK CAMPS, MARCH 15 - 19, 2010

Camp by the Water

Ages 3-5, \$222

Our highly qualified staff foster a safe and nurturing environment for first-time campers, encouraging new friendships, camper enrichment, creativity and self-expression. Small groups offer a 6:1 camper-to-counsellor ratio, ensuring safe supervision and individual attention while facilitating camper learning and development. Our exemplary staff are selected based on enthusiasm, prior experience and capacity to supervise our youngest campers.

Discovery Day Camp

Ages 6-8, \$222

Campers participate in arts and craft projects, drama and active games, science activities, and cooperative programming. Working with skilled staff and specialists, campers explore a world of imagination, creativity and culture.

Circus

Ages 7-13, \$263

Circus camp includes juggling, stilt walking, acrobatics and clowning. Equipment is specially designed with youth and safety in mind. Circus professionals work with camp counsellors to maximize safety and allow groups and individuals to move at their own

pace in accordance with age and ability. This camp is coordinated by Marsha Kennington, an instructor/trainer with Cirque du Monde, the Social/Action division of Cirque du Soleil. ***Please note:** due to the cold winter weather this camp will be held in the Brigantine Room and not in a circus tent.

Junior Creative Arts

Ages 6-8, \$232

Campers are encouraged to follow their creative instincts and let the imagination reign. Diverse cultural and artistic perspectives are explored through a variety of hands-on activities. Campers learn to appreciate art through lively workshop sessions, with emphasis on personal creativity and technique. Our skilled artist-instructors encourage campers to draw on imagination, creativity and artistic vision.

Intermediate Creative Arts

Ages 9-11, \$232

Campers discover art, culture and creativity in this art camp for older campers. Diverse cultural and artistic perspectives are explored through drawing, painting, sculpture and printmaking. Guest artists blend traditional and contemporary art forms, while guiding campers through our galleries and craft studios for context and inspiration.

Fashion Design Camp

Ages 8-12, \$232

Under the guidance of our experienced staff, campers learn about the world of fashion. Fundamentals of design provide the basis for campers to create sketches, illustrate, design and execute projects from start to finish. Campers work with raw fabrics, old jeans and shirts to craft their final masterpiece, concluding with a runway show.

Digital Photo Camp

Ages 8-12, \$232

Our innovative, hands-on introduction to the creation of images using our new media lab will give campers the opportunity to experiment with contemporary digital photography. Campers learn creative vision and composition and shooting technique through the lens of our Digital Cameras (provided). Campers will have the opportunity to create and edit digital photographs by working on such projects as spoof advertising campaigns, digital photo collages, and self portrait photo projects.

Chess Challenge

Ages 8-12, \$222

Chess enthusiasts, from beginner to advanced, enjoy unparalleled instruction in chess strategy. Our skilled instructors will teach campers to "see" the chessboard as tournament professionals do. Campers will be taught elementary techniques such as: how to open a game, defend a piece, mate, avoid stalemate and more.

Junior Authors

Ages 8-12, \$227

For aspiring writers, junior authors and avid readers, these campers explore the wonderful

world of literature with experienced camp staff and special guest authors. Campers read and discuss the material then participate in creative writing workshops. This camp stimulates creativity and the imaginative spirit of budding young readers and writers, exploring what lies below the surface of children's literature.

TheatreKids

Ages 8-12, \$232

For the budding actor, this camp is created for campers who love being in the spotlight. TheatreKids explores the world of theatre in a relaxed, supportive, hands-on environment. Working together with the director, campers learn aspects of performance and theatre production while rehearsing and preparing for their own show, to be presented to family members and friends at the end of the session. Special guests are brought in when available to showcase aspects of drama or stage production.

NEW! Senior Fine Arts

Ages 12-16, \$237

This camp is for the young artist planning to take his/her artistic endeavours to the next level. Campers learn skills of art appreciation and critiquing through engaging workshop sessions, while emphasis is placed on both personal creativity and fine art technique. With the assistance of our qualified instructors and guest artists the campers will continue refining their artistic abilities as they prepare original artwork using artist quality materials.

Dungeons & Dragons

Ages 10-15, \$212

In this medieval role-playing game, campers harness their imagination through assumed characters; overcoming obstacles and outwitting opponents. Campers learn cooperation, independence and problem-solving skills while interacting with peers in this well-supervised programme. Suitable for first-time or experienced D&D-ers.

Junior Architects

Ages 8-12, \$232

This groundbreaking camp allows campers to explore the world of architecture through design, engineering, and hands-on building and model-making activities. Projects are designed to develop decision making and problem solving skills, while emphasizing cooperation with peers. Workshops led by our skilled staff will provide real-life context to camp components.

Pop Star

Ages 8-12, \$232

Campers explore different genres of music and learn to write their own songs as they work on their vocals and choreography with qualified instructors and guest musicians. Campers will then showcase their new learned skills on stage in a concert for their screaming fans!

For more information about registration, fees, policies and financial assistance, the public

can call the Harbourfront Centre Camps Office at 416-973-4093 or visit www.harbourfrontcentre.com/camps for further details.

Harbourfront Centre is a proud member of the Ontario Camps Association.

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