

### Message from the Director of Community & Educational Programmes:

We have just wrapped up HarbourKIDS: Monster and have now completed the first official new summer season construct. As many of you know, Harbourfront Centre used to consider the summer season as running only through July and August. However, this year we worked to promote our activities from Victoria Day in May through to Thanksgiving weekend. This new construct was a huge success because really, Harbourfront Centre is a summer destination for millions of visitors and they do not distinguish between the months. They know that we will always have excellent programming throughout the entire summer hosting arts and cultural activities from across Canada and around the globe.

As a result of this new summer period construct, we added a number of new activities and events which made us an even busier site. The new events, combined with excellent weather, gave us one of the most successful seasons ever. The successes are too numerous to mention. However, the contribution of all of our volunteers almost doubled to the staggering figure of **3,640 volunteer shifts** for a total of **16,334 hours!**

This is stunning, really, because just reflecting on these numbers makes one realize that Harbourfront Centre could not operate without the valuable contributions you all make. I would personally like to thank all of you for your contributions and am happy I had the chance to speak to many volunteers over the summer season. I would like to thank and acknowledge the work of certain key people who put in countless hours helping us coordinate and take leadership roles; thank you to Kelly Gorman, Angela Rivers, Elnora Fleming, Sean McCluskey, Sybil Wilkinson, Lynn Allen and Tom Bilenkey. I would also like to thank and acknowledge all the volunteers who serve on our committees for sharing their time and expertise.

Finally, none of this would happen without the dedication, generosity of spirit, amazing organizational skills and enthusiasm of Genevieve Peng and Dorothy Szczurek. Harbourfront Centre and all of us benefit from their dedication, professionalism and they truly care!

Thank you all, for making Harbourfront Centre such a wonderful place to visit during the summer season!

Melanie Fernandez

Director  
Community & Educational  
Programmes

(Pictured 1<sup>st</sup> row, centre,  
with CEP department)



## ○ Genevieve's Update:

What a fabulous summer! The weather was glorious and so were the festivals. Though it was busy, it was smooth sailing on most weekends, thanks to the volunteers who came out in droves at every festival. The long weekends were challenging, as many volunteers took a short break or visited their cottage. We are very thankful for the volunteers who rallied to our call to take on extra shifts.

We also deeply appreciated the assistance of the Volunteer Venue Coordinators (VVC). They made our work much easier by managing volunteer breaks, checking in on volunteers during their shifts, and keeping everything under control. To Kelly Gorman, Angela Rivers, Elnora Fleming, Sean McCluskey, Sybil Wilkinson and Lynn Allen, a huge thank you for signing up for long VVC shifts. We are grateful to Tom Bilenkey for helping to coordinate the Volunteer Photography Team, which turned out to be a full-time job! Finally, we are amazed by the dedication of Margaret Allen, Joyce Brennan and Yolanda Goodridge, who registered volunteers nearly every weekend.

From HarbourKIDS: Circus on Victoria Day to HarbourKIDS: Monster at Thanksgiving, volunteers worked a total of **3,640 shifts** and contributed an astonishing **16,334 hours!** Once again, to each and every one of you, thank you so much for making this summer season a truly memorable one.

As fall progresses, the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual International Festival of Authors (IFOA) has just started and will run until October 31<sup>st</sup>. Shortly after, we will showcase the popular Day of the Dead festival on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

To round off the year, we will have our year-end volunteer meeting and party on November 12<sup>th</sup>. This event is special because it is organized *by* volunteers – the Social Activities Committee, specifically – *for* volunteers. Committee coordinator Elnora Fleming and her team — Angela Rivers, Kitty Jones, Gladys Paz, Renata Zagorjan and Zuzana Badovinac — are working very hard to create a night to remember. For a contribution of \$10.00, you will get good food, a chance to win great prizes, and a good time with your fellow volunteers as you dance to the great music of the seventies! Come let down your hair and groove to a disco beat on November 12<sup>th</sup>.

Genevieve Peng

Volunteer Coordinator

## ○ Thank you from Katherine Sanders:

Hello all you fantastic people who are so generous with your time and energy! I want to thank each and every one of you who came out for HarbourKIDS: Monster. You ran around with giant beach balls, braved snakes and lizards, supervised strollers, and generally helped kids and parents to have a great weekend! I can't tell you how much your help is needed and appreciated. I hope you had a great weekend playing in the sunshine with us, and I hope to see you for the next HarbourKIDS festival in February!

Katherine Sanders

Artistic Associate, HarbourKIDS: Monster



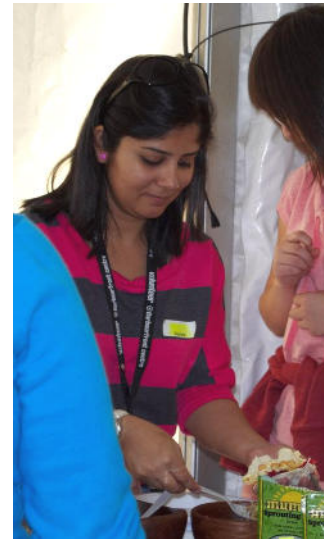
*Sujin helping to prepare The Monster's Dinner*



*Tommy helping to move the giant beach ball*



*Alice showing off a turtle at The Monster's Friends*



*Rachna at The Monster Dinner tent*



*Eun Kyoung getting ready for The Monster's Dinner*



*Sukyung at Lego from the Black Lagoon*



*Dario, a brand new volunteer, having fun at the Monster Heads crafts table*



*Lydia, Karina and Jo serving samples*



*Teresita helping a patron with a survey*



*Jacky helping a patron enter the online contest*



*Betty handing out jellybeans for Longo's Picnics*



*Seung Yeon (above) and Cindy (right) helping with Acts of Sweetness*





*Cristina helps sign up a patron for an online contest*



*Myat Su loves seeing smiling kids enjoying the festival*



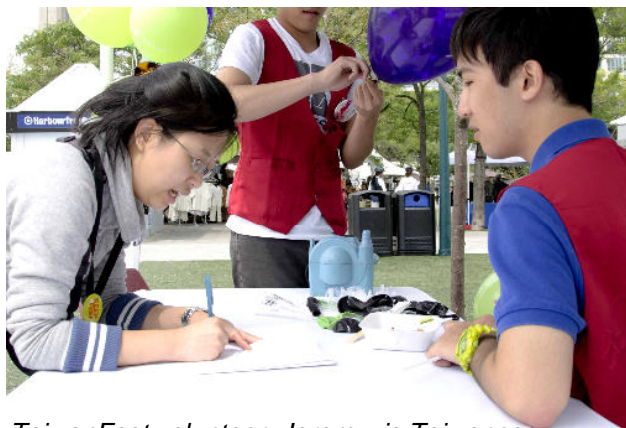
*TaiwanFest volunteers Mian and Anna are veterans and have been volunteering for a few years*



*Alena helping with craft activities*



*Jongbeom at the Orange Drop tent*



*TaiwanFest volunteer, Jeremy, is Taiwanese and wanted to connect with his roots*

*TaiwanFest volunteer Jenny volunteered to discover the food, culture and music*



*TaiwanFest volunteers John and Benson promoting the food vendors*



Letizia sharing a smile at the Dig In activity



Elnora dishing out the samples



Azikee helping John Ellison with the demo



Dariia at the Info Desk



Shamini helping at farmer's market



Barb handing out recipes



Sungman, Kahwa and Seung Yeon at the BBQ World Record.



Byeonggu and Lauretta recording the favourite honey choice

### Mark Your Calenders

#### Day of the Dead – November 5-6, 2011

Discover ancient Mexican traditions and celebrate the lives of the departed at Harbourfront Centre's annual Day of the Dead Festival. The festival explores the vibrant cultural traditions, history and sacred elements of this popular Mexican holiday with an array of family-oriented activities.



**Volunteer Year End Party – November 12, 2011 at 5 pm at Lakeside Terrace**

### Reminders

#### International Festival of Authors, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011

##### • Volunteer Venue Coordinators:

VVCs for Brigantine Room, Studio Theatre, Lakeside Terrace – pick up your volunteer package at the Volunteer Room on **weekdays** and at Studio Lab 1 on **weekends**

VVCs for Fleck Dance Theatre – Go directly to the Fleck Dance Theatre to pick up your volunteer package

- **Hospitality Volunteers:** Go directly to the Westin Harbour Castle Hotel. Take the elevator in the North Tower to the Penthouse on the 34<sup>th</sup> floor. The Hospitality Suite is in Room 3439.
- **All other volunteers:** Go directly to the venue to meet your VVC who will check you in.
- **Dress Code:** Business casual – no t-shirts, shorts or slippers
- Studio Lab 1 will be the Volunteer Lounge on weekends – tea, coffee and cookies will be available. Please remember to bring a sandwich or a snack if you are working 2 or more shifts
- Where to pick up IFOA Comp tickets? Box Office at York Quay Centre

#### Volunteer “Disco Ball” Party

Celebrate another year of volunteering at Harbourfront Centre at the “Disco Ball” on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011!

This is **your** night! The year-end party is the annual event organized **by** volunteers **for** volunteers.

This year, instead of the traditional pot luck, a contribution of \$10.00 is requested to cover the costs of dinner and prizes.

You may still buy your tickets in advance from Elnora, Genevieve or Dorothy during IFOA from October 19<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup>, or at the Day of the Dead Festival on November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>.

See you under the “Disco Ball”!

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