

## Entertainment

## Robert Lepage, Veronica Tennant to create new works for Panamania 2015 arts festival

More than 25 new works are being commissioned from Canadian artists for the month-long festival, held during the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.



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Among 25 works commissioned for next year's Panamania festival in Toronto will be a new creation from Quebec director and playwright Robert Lepage.

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Canadian theatre, photography, music and dance will take centre stage across Toronto at Panamania, a multi-part arts and culture festival that will take place during the 2015 Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

The Pan Am organizing committee is commissioning more than 25 new works for the festival from artists across Canada, including theatre visionary Robert Lepage, dance director Veronica Tennant, performer Rick Miller and choreographer Santee Smith.

Water sculptures and canoe ballets will grace Toronto's waterfront as part of Aquaculture, an artistic celebration of water, which will include classical and contemporary music played on barges just off shore, according to the Pan Am Games website.

Another part of the program, Higher Ground, will feature performing arts and cultural hybrids. And Toronto Electric! will see free outdoor events in downtown Toronto, with stages proposed for Nathan Phillips Square, David Pecaut Square and Mel Lastman Square.

The Panamania festival will run from July 10 to Aug. 15, 2015, at the same time as the Pan Am and Parapan Am Games.

More details of the works and performers will be unveiled at a media event on April 1.