

NOW'S 2013 BEST OF TORONTO READERS POLL RESULTS

*Please note: The first name listed is the winner, the second name is the runner-up in that category

MUSIC

Best Band

Austra
The Beauties

Best Blues Bar

The Dakota Tavern
Grossman's Tavern

Best Concert Hall

The Great Hall
Massey Hall

Best Concert Promoter

Inertia Entertainment
Mansion

Best DJ

Lucie Tic
Art Department

Best Dance Club

Wrongbar
Dance Cave

Best Female Vocalist

Emma-Lee
Feist

Best Jazz Club

The Rex
Gate 403

Best Label

Arts & Crafts
Telephone Explosion

Best Live Music Club

Horseshoe Tavern
Lee's Palace

Best Male Vocalist

Ori Dagan
Abel Tesfaye - The Weeknd

Best Music Equipment Store

Long & McQuade
Paul's Boutique

Best Producer

Chris Stringer
Noah 40 Shebib

Best Queer Bar

Beaver Cafe
Henhouse

Best Radio Station

CBC Radio 2 (94.1FM)
CIUT 89.5

Best Rapper

D-Sisive
Drake

Best Record Store

Sonic Boom
Rotate This!

Best Songwriter

Ron Sexsmith
Bob Wiseman

ART

Best Conceptual Artist

Ken Nicol
Bill Burns

Best Fashion Designer

Jeremy Laing
Comrags

Best Graffiti Artist

Elicser
Sawtay

Best Independent Gallery

Whippersnapper Gallery
Magic Pony

Best Museum

Art Gallery of Ontario
MOCCA

Best Performance Artist

Jon Sasaki
Jess Dobkin

Best Photographer/Video Artist

Ed Burtynsky
Elle Flanders & Tamira Sawatzky

Best Sculpture/Installation Artist

Iris Häussler
Georgia Dickie

Best Tattoo Artist

Jay Decator
Todd Marritt

BOOKS

Best Author

Margaret Atwood
Michael Ondaatje

Best Bookstore

Bakka Phoenix
Type

Best Graphic Novelist

Seth
Chester Brown

Best Poet

Dionne Brand
Jenny Sampirisi

Best Reading Series

This is Not A Reading Series
Harbourfront Reading Series

Best Spoken Word Artist

d'bi young
Lillian Allen

CITYSCAPE

Best Activist

Angela Bischoff - Ontario Clean Air Alliance
Sakura Saunders - protestbarrick.net

Best Activist Campaign

Stop the Mega Quarry
Raise the Rates

Best Activist Group with a Non-Local Cause

protestbarrick.net

Students for a Free Tibet Canada

Best Activist Religious Group

KAIROS Canada

Bloor Street United Church, Social Justice committee

Best Car Service

car2go

AutoShare

Best City Councillor

Mike Layton

Adam Vaughan

Best Cycling Group

Cycle Toronto

ARC - Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists

Best Enviro Group

Environmental Defence Canada

Toronto Environmental Alliance

Best Food Group

The Stop Community Food Centre

FoodShare Toronto

Best Free Community Event

Pedestrian Sundays

Cabbagetown Festival

Best Free Cultural Happening

Scotiabank Nuit Blanche

Toronto Pride Parade

Best Free Hangout

Hart House

The 519 Church Street Community Centre Lounge

Best Historical Buildings

Gooderham and Worts Distillery

University College

Best Library

Bloor/Gladstone
Riverdale

Best Literary Landmark

Nichol Lane
Skin of the Lion Plaque

Best MP

Andrew Cash
Olivia Chow

Best MPP

Kathleen Wynne
Cheri DiNovo

Best Park

High Park
Trinity Bellwoods Park

Best Place To Get New Ideas

Beit Zatoun
Centre for Social Innovation

Best Pool

Scadding Court Community Centre
Gus Ryder Outdoor Pool - Sunnyside

Best Public Space

Edwards Gardens
Yonge Dundas Square

Best Radio Personality

Matt Galloway
Jian Ghomeshi

Best Social Justice Group

No One is Illegal - Toronto

OCAP - Ontario Coalition Against Poverty

Best TV Personality

Steve Paikin
Rick Mercer

Best TV Station

CBC Toronto
City TV

Best Wilderness Area

Don Valley Brick Works
Leslie Street Spit - Tommy Thompson Park

Best Youth Organization

SOY - Supporting Our Youth
Youth Employment Services - YES

Best Actor

Ryan Gosling
Bill Turnbull

Best Actress

Rachel McAdams
Sarah Polley

Best DVD Selection

Suspect Video
Bay Street Video

Best Independent Film Venue

Bloor Hot Docs Cinema
TIFF Bell Lightbox

Best Local Filmmaker

Sarah Polley
David Cronenberg

Best Screen

TIFF Bell Lightbox Cinema 1

Scotiabank Theatre IMAX

FOOD

Best African Restaurant

Nazareth

Lalibela

Best All-You-Can-Eat Buffet

Mandarin

Aji Sai

Best Bagel

St Urbain

What a Bagel

Best Bakery

The Dessert Lady

Bobbette & Belle Artisanal Pastries

Best Bar

AAA Bar

3 Speed

Best Barbecue Chicken

Stockyards

Barque

Best Barbecue Restaurant

AAA Bar

Barque

Best Barbecue Ribs

AAA Bar

Barque

Best Barista

Sam James of Sam James Coffee Bar

Bruce Ly of Voodoo Child

Best Bartender

Michael Louis Johnson at The Communist's Daughter
Teddy Fury/The Horseshoe Tavern

Best Beer Selection

Bar Volo
Bellwoods Brewery

Best Bread

St John Bakery
Woodlot

Best Breakfast

Federal Reserve
Aunties & Uncles

Best Brunch

Bristol Yard
Dakota Bluegrass Brunch

Best Bulk Food

Karma Co-op
Bulk Barn

Best Burger Over \$10

The Whippoorwill
Bymark

Best Burger Under \$10

burger stomper gourmet burger and milkshake bar
Burger's Priest

Best Burrito

Burrito Boys
Big Fat Burrito

Best Business Lunch

Gabardine
Mercatto

Best Butcher

Sanagan's Meat Locker
Healthy Butcher

Best Caesar

Rock Lobster
Mildred's Temple Kitchen

Best Café

Snakes & Lattes
Fuel +

Best Cappuccino

Te Aro
Sam James

Best Caribbean Restaurant

Le Ti Colibri
One Love

Best Charcuterie

Black Hoof
416 Snack Bar

Best Cheap Eats

Banh Mi Boys
tacos el asador

Best Cheese

Leslieville Cheese Market
Cheese Boutique

Best Chef

Lynn Crawford of Ruby Watchco
Susur Lee of Lee

Best Chicken Wings

Duff's
Wheat Sheaf

Best Chinese Restaurant

Mother's Dumplings
Lee Garden

Best Chocolate

Soma
COCO Crafted Organic Chocolates

Best Cocktail Bar

Boutique Bar
Black Hoof Cocktail Bar

Best Coffee Beans

Te Aro
I Deal Coffee

Best Coffeehouse

Fahrenheit
Jimmy's Coffee

Best Cookie

Cafe Plenty
Le Gourmand

Best Croissant

Nadège
Clafouti

Best Cupcake

Dessert Lady
Dlish

Best Date Restaurant

Kalendar
Harbord Room

Best Deli

Caplansky's
Yitz's

Best Delivery

Franks Pizza House
Banjara

Best Dessert

Dessert Lady
Wanda's Pie in the Sky

Best Dim Sum Restaurant

Rol San
Lai Wah Heen

Best Diner

Rosedale Diner
Lakeview

Best Donut

Glory Hole
Paulette's

Best Espresso

Common
Voodoo Child

Best Falafel

Ghazale
Akram's

Best Farmer's Market

Sorauren Farmers Market
Brick Works

Best Fish

Hooked
De La Mer Fresh Fish Market

Best Fish & Chips

Chippy's
One That Got Away

Best Food Truck

Caplansky's
Fidel Gastro

Best French Restaurant

Le Select
La Palette

Best Fried Chicken

Stockyards
Harlem

Best Fries

WVRST
Chippy's

Best Frozen Yogurt

YoYo's
Menchie's

Best Fruit

Fiesta Farms
Maple Produce

Best Gastro-Pub

Habits Gastropub
Bellwoods Brewery

Best Gelato

Lick It Gelato
Dolce

Best Gourmet

Whole Foods
Thomas Lavers Cannery & Delicatessen

Best Gourmet Takeout

Pusateri's
Whole Foods

Best Greasy Spoon

Vesta Lunch

Mars

Best Greek Restaurant

Astoria

Messini

Best Green Grocer

Karma Food Co-op

Fiesta Farms

Best Ice Cream

Ed's Real Scoop

Greg's

Best Indian Restaurant

Banjara

Lahore Tikka House

Best Italian Restaurant

Enoteca Sociale

Terroni

Best Japanese Restaurant

Guu

Sushi Kaji

Best Jerk Chicken

Real Jerk

Albert's

Best Juice Bar

Pulp Kitchen

Big Carrot Organic Juice Bar

Best Kid-Friendly Restaurant

Pizzeria Libretto

Barque

Best Korean Restaurant

Buk Chang Dong
Korean Village

Best LGBT Bar

The Henhouse
Woody's

Best Late Night Restaurant

Lakeview
Poutini's House of Poutine

Best Latin Restaurant

Milagro Cantinas
tacos el asador

Best Latte

The Tampered Press
Dark Horse

Best Local Microbrew

Bellwoods Brewery
Mill Street Brewery

Best Local Winery

Norman Hardie
Tawse

Best Lounge

Insomnia
Sweaty Betty's

Best Lunch Under \$10

Banh Mi Boys
Burrito Boyz

Best Martini

Insomnia
Eat My Martini

Best Mexican Restaurant

Grand Electric
Tacos el Asador

Best Middle Eastern Restaurant

Tabule
Pomegranate

Best Mixologist

Bryn Bratton Wall of This End Up
Dave Mitton of Harbord Room

Best Muffin

Bunner's Bake Shop
Urban Herbivore

Best New Restaurant

The Whippoorwill
Chantecler

Best Organic

Sweet Potato
Karma Co-op

Best Patio

Cadillac Lounge
The Drake Hotel Sky Yard

Best Patisserie

Dessert Lady
Nadège Patisserie

Best Patty

Patty King
Caribbean Queen of Patties

Best Pho

Golden Turtle
Pho Hung

Best Pizza

Frank's Pizza House
Pizzeria Libretto

Best Pizza Slice

Pizzaiolo
North of Brooklyn

Best Pool Hall

Rivoli
Andy Poolhall

Best Poutine

Smoke's Pouterie
Poutini's House of Poutine

Best Prepared Food

Whole Foods
The Healthy Butcher

Best Prix Fixe

Pizzeria Libretto
Lardon

Best Pub

Victory Café
C'est What?

Best Pub Grub

House on Parliament
Queen & Beaver

Best Ramen

Kinton
Santouka

Best Restaurant

Bar Isabel
Woodlot

Best Roti

Island Foods
Mother India

Best Salad

Cafe Plenty
Urban Herbivore

Best Sandwich

Banh Mi Boys
This End Up

Best Scene

Ronnie's Local 069
Sweaty Betty's

Best Scotch Selection

Emmet Ray
Caledonian

Best Seafood Restaurant

Oyster Boy
Rock Lobster

Best Server

Inessa - This End Up
Roberta Poskie - Insomnia

Best Specialty

Thomas Lavers Cannery & Delicatessen
Sanko

Best Splurge Restaurant

Woodlot
Scaramouche

Best Sports Bar

Real Sports Bar
Dog and bear

Best Steak Frites

Le Select
La Palette

Best Steakhouse

Barberian's
Jacobs & Co

Best Supermarket

Fiesta Farms
Loblaws

Best Sushi

Sushi Kaji
Japango

Best Taco

Grand Electric
La Carnita
Tacos el Salvador

Best Tapas

Torito
416 Snack Bar

Best Tea

David's
Tealish

Best Thai Restaurant

Salad King
Khao San Road

Best Vegan Restaurant

Hogtown Vegan
Live Organic Food Bar

Best Vegetarian Restaurant

Fresh
Hibiscus

Best Vietnamese Restaurant

Golden Turtle

Pho Hung

Best Wine Bar

Wine Bar

Midfield

Best Wine List

Enoteca Sociale

Le Select

SHOPPING

Best Animal Hospital

Queen West Animal Hospital

Dundas West Animal Hospital

Best Annual Fashion or Design Event

Worn Issue Launch Parties

World Mastercard Fashion Week

Best Art Supply Store

Curry's

Aboveground Art Supplies

Best Audio Equipment Store

MOOG Audio

Bay Bloor Radio

Best Beauty Spa

The Ten Spot

Allure Body Bar

Best Bicycle Mechanic

Bike Pirates

Liberty Street Cyclery

Best Bicycle Store

Bateman's Bicycle Company
Bikes on Wheels

Best Body Piercing

Adrenaline Tattoos
Exotix Studios

Best Bulk Food

Karma Co-op
Bulk Barn

Best Camera Store

Henry's
Downtown Camera

Best Cell Phone Provider

Wind Mobile
Koodo Mobile

Best Computer Store

Canada Computers
Carbon Computing

Best Concept Store

BYOB Cocktail Emporium
Drake General Store

Best Condo Developer

Daniels
Streetcar

Best Consignment Clothing and Accessory Store

Haute Classics
LAB Consignment

Best Costume Store

Malabar
Theatrix Costume House

Best Dentist

Dr. Natalie Archer
Dr Samira Jaffer

Best Department Store

The Bay
Holt Renfrew

Best Design Firm (Architecture)

Kendall & Co
IMM Living

Best Design Store

Kendall & Co
Mjolk

Best Doctor

Dr. Christine Palmay
Dr. Mark Linder

Best Florist

Ellyn Lilly
The Chocolate Tulip

Best Furniture Store

Urban Mode
CB2

Best Green Store

Eco-Existence
Grassroots

Best Gym/Fitness Club

Booty Camp Fitness
Crossfit Toronto

Best Hair Salon or Barbershop

Fuss Hair studio
World Salon

Best Internet Provider

Teksavvy
Rogers

Best Introduction/Dating Service

OKCupid
Plenty Of Fish

Best Jean Store

Dutil
Body Blue

Best Jewellery Store

Fair Trade Jewellery Co.
Made You Look

Best Language School/Classes

Goethe-Institut
University of Toronto

Best Leather Store

Northbound Leather
Rudsak

Best Mall

Yorkdale
Eaton Centre

Best Manicure and Pedicure

The Ten Spot
Tips Nail Bar

Best Men's Clothing Store

GERHARD SUPPLY
Sydney's

Best Newsstand/Magazine Store

Type Books
Press Internationale

Best Online Retailer

Soop Soop
The Gift Network

Best Optical Store

Eye Candy Opticians
Spectacle

Best Pet Store

Wag on the Danforth
UrbanDog Fitness & Spa

Best Sex Supplies Store

Come As You Are
Good For Her

Best Shoe Store

Gravity Pope
Get Outside

Best Skate Shop

Cardinal Skate Company
Blue Tile Lounge

Best Sporting Goods Store

Mountain Equipment Co-op
Sporting Life

Best Travel Agent

Flight Centre
Luxe Travel Company

Best Unique Gift Store

Arts Market
Scout

Best Unisex Clothing Store

The Fairies Pyjamas
Leigh & Harlow

Best Vintage Clothing Store

Penny Arcade Vintage
Philistine

Best Vintage Furniture Store

Atomic Design
Queen West Antique Centre

Best Vitamin/Herbalist Store

The Big Carrot
Essence of Life

Best Women's Clothing Store

Danzels in this Dress
Ziliotto

Best Workout Studio

Barre Works
Tula West

STAGE

Best Choreographer

Heidi Strauss
Peggy Baker

Best Comedy Club

Comedy Bar
LOT Comedy Club

Best Dance Company

COBA Collective Of Black Artists
The National Ballet of Canada

Best Director

Chris Abraham
Brendan Healy

Best Female Actor

Maev Beaty
Sandy Duarte

Best Female Dancer

Susie Burpee
Sonia Rodriguez

Best Female Improviser

Sarah Hillier
Rebecca Northan

Best Female Stand-up

Rebecca Kohler
Debra DiGiovanni

Best Improv Troupe

Bad Dog Repertory Players
National Theatre of the World

Best Large Theatre Company

Soulpepper Theatre Company
Tarragon Theatre

Best Male Actor

Diego Matamoros
Kawa Ada

Best Male Dancer

Piotr Stancyzyk
Guillaume Côté

Best Male Improviser

Paul Bates
Colin Mochrie

Best Male Stand-up

David Dineen-Porter
Dom Pare

Best Playwright

Hannah Moscovitch
Anusree Roy

Best Site-Specific Theatre Company

Convergence Theatre

Outside the March

Best Sketch Troupe

The Sketchersons

Ladystache

Best Small Theatre Company

Convergence

Volcano

Best Theatre Bar

Comedy Bar

Buddies in Bad Times