

MABUHAY FESTIVAL CULTURAL PARADE
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The Philippine Independence Day Council ("PIDC") brings back the Mabuhay Cultural Parade. This year, the parade will be the biggest, longest and most colorful parade in the Filipino-Canadian community.

It is scheduled on Sunday, August 19, 2007. Assembly will be at Armoury and Centre Streets at 12 noon. The parade will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end around 7:00 p.m. Honourary Chair, Dr. Solon Guzman along with Chair, Suzy Llanera and Co-Chairs Estring Aguinaldo and Josie Consunji are busy with their preparations.

The parade will begin with members of the Philippine Consulate and a 40-man Philippine Flag comprised of the PIDC Executive Officers and Board Members, Philippine Masonry Association, the Canadian Armed Forces, Toronto Police Services Foot Patrol, the Philippine Heritage Band, Bibak, United Aklanons and more. Participating associations include: Lucena City Association, San Pablenyo, Fiesta Filipina Dance Troupe, Culture Philippines of Ontario, PIDC's Mabuhay Cup Champions, Mr. & Miss Philippines Entourage, Little Miss Philippines Entourage, Leyteno Association of Ontario, Ateneo De Manila, Camarines Norte Association Canada ON, Golden Dancers, Original Pillars, Philippine Chamber of Commerce, Kababaihang Rizalista and many more.

Celebrity guests include CP24 News Anchor Marianne Dimain and Kris Reyes and former Miss Saigon Stephanie Reese.

PARADE ROUTE:

From Armoury Street and Centre Street turning right on University Avenue, going north to Queens Park Circle, turning right on Bloor Street going east, turning right on Sherbourne Street going south, turning right on Dundas Street going west, turning left on Chestnut Street ending and back to Armoury and Centre Streets

If you are interested in joining as an individual or group, please contact Suzy Llanera at (416) 421-4289 or email her at pachelbelcanoncrazy@yahoo.ca.