

ABOUT

The world at your feet

The Bata Shoe Museum is the life project of a determined individual with a keen eye for footwear. This passionate collector has been scouring the globe for unusual shoes for decades, resulting in a spectacularly diverse collection found nowhere else in the world.

The shoebox-shaped building, located in the heart of downtown Toronto, welcomes you with its distinctive contemporary architecture, spacious and light-filled.

Three changing exhibitions and one semi-permanent exhibition mean there is always something new to explore, while lectures, performances, special events and family programs provide further insight.

Stepping into one of the Museum's enchanting galleries is like entering another world, one where the craftsmanship and creativity of the footwear is complemented and put into context by a specially created environment.

The objects in the Museum span thousands of years, six continents and many walks of life. Footwear is presented as a key to understanding cultures. Revealing attitudes to childhood, marriage, work, leisure, beliefs, social life and so much more, a visit to the Museum will enhance your appreciation of human ingenuity and captivate your imagination.

*The gold starburst that explodes across the uppers of these shoes is an elegant translation of the dynamic Art Deco design of the 1920s into fashion and is the type of shoe favoured by the elegant "flapper".
Made by Th. J. de Bont ~ Dutch, 1922-1925 ~ Collection of the Bata Shoe Museum.*

VISITING

Hours and holidays

Monday to Saturday	10 am-5 pm
Thursday	10 am-8 pm
Sunday	12 pm-5 pm

Allow 1.5 to 2 hours to visit
Open every day except December 25 and Good Friday
Wheelchair accessible

ADMISSIONS*

Tax included

Adults	\$14
Seniors	\$12
Students (with ID)	\$8
Children 5 - 17 (under 5 free)	\$5
Family Pass 1	\$24
(1 adult and up to 4 children under 18)	
Family Pass 2	\$35
(2 adults and up to 4 children under 18)	

Different prices during March Break
Special activities may be separately priced
Group tour bookings: call 416.979.7799 x242

**Prices subject to change*

DIRECTIONS

In the heart of downtown Toronto

By subway

From the St. George subway station, walk to the southwest corner of Bloor Street West and St. George

Parking possibilities

Holiday Inn (on Bloor Street, across from the Museum)
9 Bedford Rd (north of Bloor St., east of St. George)
465 Huron St (north of Bloor St., west of St. George)



SHOE MUSEUM

BATA



for the curious

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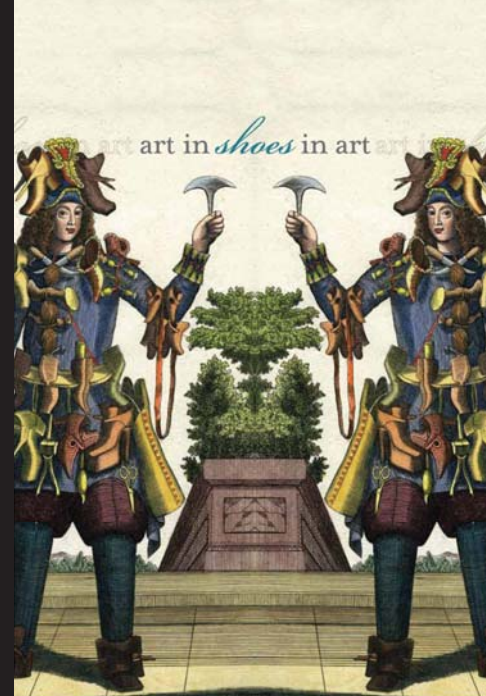
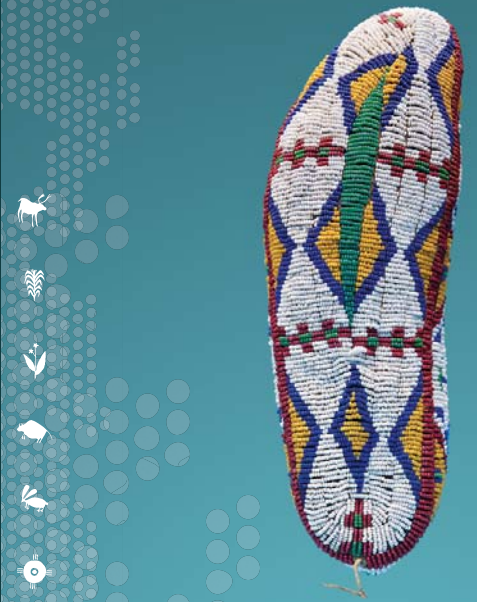


JUNO SOLE: CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF THE JUNO AWARDS

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BEAUTY, IDENTITY & PRIDE native north american footwear



ALL ABOUT SHOES: FOOTWEAR THROUGH THE AGES

Take a fascinating journey and experience the many facets of footwear ~ its evolution and symbolism through the ages ~ the methods and materials of its manufacture ~ its place in our lives and imaginations. This semi-permanent exhibition also features a look at the development of fashion footwear by the decade. Finishing off the display is a celebrity shoe area highlighting some of the world's most celebrated.

JUNO Sole: Celebrating 40 Years of the JUNO Awards

Representing the past four incredible decades of Canadian music, the exhibit features over 40 pairs of memorable shoes worn by past and present JUNO Award nominees, winners and Canadian musical icons. Vivid photographs and electrifying film footage capturing the excitement of the JUNO Awards welcomes visitors as they get 'up-close and personal' with some of their favourite musical artists in the Museum's newly transformed and intimate Star Turns gallery.

BEAUTY, IDENTITY, PRIDE: NATIVE NORTH AMERICAN FOOTWEAR

View skillfully crafted shoes, boots and moccasins created by North America's indigenous peoples, up close and in context ~ Outstanding designs, meticulous methods of creation, and beautiful original patterns including intricate beading and quillwork will inspire visitors.

THE ROARING TWENTIES: HEELS, HEMLINES AND HIGH SPIRITS

As hemlines rose in the 1920s, shoes became increasingly important for stylish women. Focusing on the wardrobe and widening horizons of the "New Woman" this glamorous exhibition takes a look at how the myriad influences of the period such as cinema, jazz clubs and world travel influenced the shape of fashionable footwear.

ART IN SHOES ~ SHOES IN ART

For centuries shoes and shoemakers have inspired artists. From devotional depictions of the shoemaking saints to evocative interpretations of the elegant high heel, artists have explored footwear's rich symbolism and striking shapes in myriad artworks. This exhibition highlights the Bata Shoe Museum's own collection of shoe-related artworks giving visitors to the Museum a chance to see rare 15th century woodblock prints to whimsical 20th century sculptures.