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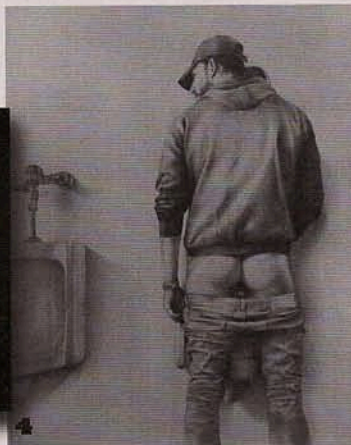
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# DEVELOP YOUR TASTES – AND SKILLS – WITH THESE BLOCKBUSTER EVENTS & QUIRKY WORKSHOPS

BY PAUL GESSELL



## 1. Star-Struck

This summer there's a new opportunity to **see stars within the city limits**. As part of Cube Gallery's month-long art show *Nuit Noir: A Festival of the Night Sky*, nearby Julian Street will be darkened and closed to traffic for one night, allowing passersby to peer at the night sky through telescopes provided by the Royal Astronomical Society. **July 2.** *Cube Gallery, 1285 Wellington St. W., [www.cubegallery.ca](http://www.cubegallery.ca).*

## 2. True Grit

Art lovers with a yen for something edgier than traditional landscapes should stroll by the **Urban Art Show**. The juried show is going for "truly urban" this year — think, the visual equivalent of urban music. Expect more photography, new media, graffiti art, and graphic design. **July 23.** Minto Park, Elgin Street between Gilmour and Lewis streets. *[www.urbanartinmintonpark.blogspot.com](http://www.urbanartinmintonpark.blogspot.com).*

## 3. On the Make

Always wanted to make your own soap? Build a toy camera? Learn how to slow dance? Les Ateliers is here for you. A co-operative and casual group of like-minded people, "Les Ats" organizes

affordable monthly workshops — and invites collaborators to share their skills. Get on their list by emailing organizers Rachel Thera and Lauren Potosky at [lesateliersottawa@gmail.com](mailto:lesateliersottawa@gmail.com), or look them up on Facebook.

## 4. Shock and Awe

How shockable are you? This summer La Petite Mort Gallery hosts a **month-long exhibition** called *Golden*, in which each artwork references urine, often humorously. The seven participating artists include always outrageous Ottawa ex-pat Evergon and the rising queer art star from Saskatoon, Zachari Logan. Vernissage **July 2.** *La Petite Mort Gallery, 306 Cumberland St., [www.lapetitemortgallery.com](http://www.lapetitemortgallery.com).*

## 5. Fools' Gold

Shakespeare's *Antony and Cleopatra* is generally regarded as a tragedy. Unless, that is, it's being performed by local theatre troupe Company of Fools, whose members think the star-crossed lovers are hilarious. But then these **irreverent Shakespearean revisionists** find humour everywhere. The Fools perform their take on the Egyptian diva and Roman general in parks for seven weeks (their longest run

yet). **July 4 to August 20.** *[www.fools.ca](http://www.fools.ca).*

## 6. Art School

Give yourself a holiday and **send the kids to art camp**. During one week, young participants morph into superheroes; another week, kids make animal masks and totem poles. Teens get their own half-day camp to learn silk-screening, jewellery-making, and other DIY skills. \$90-\$175. *[www.ottawaartgallery.ca](http://www.ottawaartgallery.ca).*

## 7. On the Fringe

For theatre at its grittiest, troll the **Ottawa Fringe Festival**. Some Fringe productions graduate to Broadway; others, thankfully, die quickly. Be prepared for ribald clowns, earnest soliloquies, and considerable theatre of the absurd (some of it unintentional). **June 16 to 26.** Arts Court and nearby venues. *[www.ottawafringe.com](http://www.ottawafringe.com).*

## 8. High Flyers

Love the circus? Adore the symphony? The two performance genres unite for **Cirque de la Symphonie**. Aerialists fly through the air of Southam Hall while the NAC Orchestra musicians below play favourites, both classical and contemporary. **June 16 to 18.**

From \$20.45. *National Arts Centre, Southam Hall, 53 Elgin St., [www.nac-cna.ca](http://www.nac-cna.ca).*

## 9. Turning Japanese

Create origami, compose a haiku, or model a kimono: five years in the making, the Canadian Museum of Civilization's big summer exhibition examines ancient and **contemporary Japanese technology and culture**. It is also bolstered by plenty of hands-on activities. So say sayonara to the Western culture outside and Hello Kitty to all things *kawaii* (a word encapsulating Japan's love of all things cute and adorable). **Until Oct. 20.** *Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100, rue Laurier, Gatineau, [www.civilization.ca](http://www.civilization.ca).*

## 10. Scout the Talent

In the continuous search for new and unique literary voices, browse the **Ottawa Small Press Book Fair** for poets, historians, memoir writers, and novelists. You might even encounter the next Giller Prize winner. Watch [robmclennan.blogspot.com](http://robmclennan.blogspot.com) for details about the popular pre-fair reading at the Carleton Tavern. **June 25. Noon to 5 p.m.** *[www.smallpressbookfair.blogspot.com](http://www.smallpressbookfair.blogspot.com).*