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## Ogie Alcasid, Zsa Zsa Padilla headline Canada's largest Filipino festival

The Filipino food and music festival will be held July 26 to 28

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Toronto is set to immerse itself in the vibrant culture of the Philippines as it hosts the highly anticipated "Fun Philippines Toronto Food & Music Festival" featuring special performances by <u>Ogie Alcasid</u>, Zsa Zsa Padilla and <u>Filipino boy group</u> BGYO.

Taking place Friday, July 26, to Sunday, July 28, this three-day <u>celebration</u> offers a delightful mix of street food, lively music, traditional dance and public art, all highlighting Filipino heritage.

Catch BGYO, the "Aces of P-pop," on July 27 at 6 p.m. during the TFC Happy Hour. OPM icons Ogie Alcasid and Zsa Zsa Padilla will take the stage on July 28 at 5:30 p.m.

It's gonna be one hot and fun summer," BGYO member Akira said in their invite video on Instagram. "See you there!"

The "Fun Philippines Toronto Food & Music Festival" will transform an entire intersection at the Harbourfront Centre into a bustling hub of Filipino culture. The three-day event will also feature a diverse lineup of live music performances, ranging from traditional Filipino sounds to contemporary beats, along with dynamic dance shows by Filipino cultural groups like the performance from the Pilipino American Cultural Community Organization (PACCO) from Long Island, New York, for their "Sayaw ng Kulturang Pilipino."

But it's not just music as attendees can also enjoy a feast of classic Filipino dishes like authentic llonggo cuisine and an all-day Filipino breakfast from local vendors, such as Vaughan's Tropang llongo and Filipino-style breakfast spot, Rice is Rice.

The opening night will kick off with a concert featuring Filipino Canadian acts Amplifye and The AC Project, setting the stage for an exciting weekend of cultural celebration.

Additionally, "Fun Philippines 2024" will offer a free movie screening on July 28 at the Studio Theatre, showcasing films like "Unbreakable" starring Angelica Panganiban and Bea Alonzo, and "Love You to the Stars and Back" featuring Joshua Garcia and Julia Barreto.

The event is said to be Canada's largest Filipino food and music festival.