



60th ANNIVERSARY OF PORTUGUESE IMMIGRATION TO CANADA - Exhibit at Toronto's City Hall, May 13 to 19 -

In 2013 we commemorate the 60th anniversary of Portuguese immigration to Canada. To celebrate this date, the Consulate-General of Portugal in Toronto has invited the Portuguese Canadian History Project | Projeto de História Luso-Canadiana (PCHP) to organize a photographic exhibition with images selected from the community's archival collection that we have been developing with the Clara Thomas Archives & Special Collections, York University Libraries. The PCHP is a not-for-profit community organization founded in 2008 and run by the current and recent graduate students Gilberto Fernandes, Susana Miranda, Raphael Costa and Emanuel da Silva. Our primary objectives are to:

1. Preserve the collective memory of Portuguese immigrants and their descendants in Canada;
2. Democratize access to historical knowledge, both in its consumption and its production.

Various organizations and individuals in the Portuguese-Canadian community, including the *Casa dos Açores* of Ontario, the *Casa do Alentejo*, St. Christopher House, Frank Alvarez, Gilberto Prioste, Sérgio Garcia, among others, have accepted our invitation and placed their photographic collections at our disposal for us to use in our exhibit.

The exhibit will be part of this year's Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival and is being held in the Rotunda at Toronto's City Hall, between May 13 and 19; access is free. The inauguration will take place on the 13th at 5.30pm, and will include a brief performance by musician Nuno Cristo and addresses by the Consul-General of Portugal, the City Councilor Ana Bailão, the Ontario Minister of Finance, the State Secretary of Portuguese Communities, and the Mayor of Toronto. Besides the Consulate-General of Portugal in Toronto and York University, the exhibit also has the institutional support of the *Secretaria de Estado das Comunidades Portuguesas*, *Instituto Camões*, CIRV Rádio/ *Festival Português* TV, and CHIN Radio.

The exhibit consists of 20 historical photographs illustrating various experiences from Portuguese immigrants and their descendants in Toronto, each with a contextualizing caption. Besides the photos, there will also be two stand-up banners with images and text on various themes related to the history of the Portuguese



community in Toronto, as well as some of the documents that we have helped transfer to the Clara Thomas Archives & Special Collection. In addition to the materials on display, we will also hand out catalogues and postcards for the public to take home. All of the exhibit's text will be provided in both English and Portuguese.

To view our TV promotional spot, created by RoughCut Audiovisual Productions, see the following links:

<http://www.roughcut.pt/projs/pub8.html> (Portuguese version)

http://archives.library.yorku.ca/pchp/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/PR-30_EN_EXPO_Os-Portugueses-em-Toronto_MASTER_860_H264.mov (English version)

For more information about the objectives, principles, activities and collections of the PCHP, please visit our blog: <http://archives.library.yorku.ca/pchp/>

Or our online exhibit website: <http://archives.library.yorku.ca/exhibits/show/pchp>

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