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9th ANNUAL TD IRIE MUSIC FESTIVAL JULY 30 - AUGUST 2, 2010
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EMANCIPATION DAY, AUGUST 1, 2010

HOSTED BY

ONTARIO BLACK HISTORY SOCIETY (OBHS)
Dr. Rosemary Sadlier, Moderator
<http://www.blackhistorysociety.ca/>

FEATURING

Distinguished Author **DAN HILL**
Distinguished Musician/Cultural Historian **TIKI MERCURY-CLARKE**

FREE! THE FEELING IS IRIE!

WHEN: SUNDAY, AUGUST 1, 2010
TIME: 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
WHERE: TD IRIE STAGE ON THE SQUARE
NATHAN PHILLIPS SQUARE
PUBLIC INFO: 905-799-1630

The **OBHS**, in partnership with the 9TH annual **TD IRIE Music Festival**, is thrilled to commemorate freedom through several events and activities at this year's festival.

August 1st as **Emancipation Day** has recently been proclaimed throughout Ontario, marking the date when enslaved Africans, throughout the British-controlled world, were granted their freedom with the enactment of the British Imperial Act. In Canada, that first went into effect immediately on August 1st, 1834.

Celebrate Emancipation Day with us, when renowned artist singer-songwriter and author, **Dan Hill**, and **Tiki Mercury-Clarke** (singer-pianist, composer and cultural historian) join moderator **OBHS President Dr. Rosemary Sadlier** onstage for a rare glimpse of their thoughts behind their crafts.

Dan, son of one of the founders of the OBHS, will also share some of his experiences which inspired his latest book, *I Am My Father's Son (a memoir of love and forgiveness)*, before his musical performance. **Tiki** will also share her thoughts on freedom through her words and music.



The 30-panel OBHS **Roots of Freedom** exhibit will also be on display in the Rotunda, Toronto City Hall.

Please add this information to your listings. Interviews now being confirmed. Images are available upon request! Thank you!

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