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The Globe's Nuit Blanche picks

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1. Iskootāo

Kent Monkman & Gisèle Gordon @ Village of Yorkville Park

Radical fairy trickster Kent Monkman revives his drag alter-ego, Miss Chief Eagle Testickle and gives Yorkville's famous "shopping boulder" a queer, aboriginal makeover – complete with sound and light show. Bring your glow sticks.

2. Intimate Music

John Oswald @ Chalmers House, 20 St. Joseph St.

Legendary mash-up sound artist John Oswald fills the nooks, crannies and cupboards of Chalmers House with mini-concerts – intimate musical encounters designed to soothe your art-overloaded mind. Bring a pillow.

3. One At A Time

Justina M. Barnicke Gallery, University of Toronto

A glittery group show decked out with a parade of flags, Gerald Ferguson's collection of one million pennies, naked performance artists, and a remounting of General Idea's famed "Orgasm Energy Chart" sexual questionnaire. Bring a sexy date.

4. False Kraftwerk

Mark Laliberte @ The Atrium on Bay, 595 Bay St.

A tribute to eighties "robot disco" band Kraftwerk, who are once again the coolest band in the world. Mr. Laliberte has kitted out four "human puppets" to perform a protracted lip-synch of the band's famously

inhuman stage show. Bring a pocket calculator.

5. Burning Buddha

Blake @ Distillery Market Patio

In his sure-to-be-controversial video installation, artist-activist Blake sets a bronze sculpture of a female Buddhist nun on fire, to remind viewers of the daily struggles enacted around the world for human rights. Don't bring a Myanmar general.

6. The Bus House

Iva Jericevic, Sandy Escobar, Tijana Spasic

Queen Street West at Bay

Need to take an art breather? Three artists transform cold, uncomfortable bus shelters into mini chic apartments, complete with comfy chairs and pretty textiles. Can we keep this art up permanently? Bring your favourite mayoral candidate.

7. Endgame (Coulrophobia)

Max Streicher @ alleyway between 67 and 69 Yonge Street

Every Nuit Blanche needs some giant floating whatsits. Max Streicher, who makes art-world versions of Macy's parade creatures, will cram a pair of giant clown-head balloons into a narrow space between buildings in the financial district. The metaphors write themselves. Bring a child you wish to traumatize.

8. 1850

Sandra Rechico @ 33 Yonge St.

In 1850, Toronto (the dry part) stopped at Front Street. Sandra Rechico marks the former land/water borderline with a huge phalanx of lights that will bathe walk-ins in a gorgeous, healing blue light. Bring a Piscean.

9. The Night Watch: Shadow Play

Ed Pien @ 1588 Queen St. W.

Multidisciplinary artist Ed Pien gets personal. This performance/installation incorporates Mr. Pien's own body (and about a dozen other materials) to create a Sleepy Hollow-esque dark, tangled forest. Bring a Twilight fan.

10. Out of Site

Queen West, from University to Bathurst

Curator Earl Miller assembles a crack team of local artists – including Camille Turner (in her Miss Canadiana persona), wild man performer Ulysses Castellanos, and always clever collective Blue Republic – and invades Toronto's favourite retail strip. Bring a power shopper.

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