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## FOOD GUIDE / PÂTISSERIES

### DUFFLET PASTRIES

Two grooms, please. Ontario's historic legislation meant a sudden run in cake ornaments for same-sex weddings. "At the same time," says Dufflet Rosenberg, "we had just put together a new portfolio for wedding and special-occasion cakes, so that was a happy coincidence." She can even scan a photograph into an edible image for the top. Check it out on her Web site ([www.dufflet.com](http://www.dufflet.com)), where you will also find a list of everything else you may wish to order: the signature cakes and tortes, cheesecakes and layer cakes, mini-cakes and cupcakes, pies and flans, tarts and bars, loaves, cookies and coffee cakes—all handmade from scratch, free of preservatives, colourings and artificial flavours. Recent creations: a vanilla-raspberry charlotte that's not too sweet; chewy, chocolatey double-fudge tarts; giant, spiced almond biscotti; individual sticky toffee miniature bundt cakes; apple crumble tarts with caramel drizzle; mini-mini-cupcakes and caramel or cappuccino dacquoise that could double as petits fours. Wacky ornaments and candies will soon be the latest notions. Closed Monday.

**ADDRESS:** 787 Queen St. W. (at Bathurst), 416-504-2870; 2638 Yonge St. (at Lawrence), 416-484-9080, [www.dufflet.com](http://www.dufflet.com)

## ENTERTAINING GUIDE / CAKES AND DESSERTS

### DUFFLET PASTRIES

Sold in Toronto's best restaurants and gourmet shops, Dufflet Rosenberg's creations have a virtual monopoly on the city's sweet tooth. Classic layered cakes—black and white chocolate mousse, toasted almond meringue, cappuccino dacquoise, New York-style cheesecakes, to name a few—are now available in miniature and cupcake sizes, ideal for kids' parties and standing-room-only occasions. Traditionalists favour pies and flans; tarts (traditional butter, lemon meringue, cherry-almond and coconut cream among them) are also big sellers. Boxes of exquisite truffles and chocolates are popular for Valentine's Day.

**Where:** 787 Queen St. W. (at Manning Ave.), 416-504-2870; 2638 Yonge St. (at Craighurst Ave.), 416-484-9080.

**When:** Queen, M–Sa 10–7, Su noon–6; Yonge, Tu–Sa 10–7, Su noon–5.

**How much:** \$20–\$40 for cakes and tortes.

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