



Toronto and East York Community Council
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Toronto Ontario

Toronto, March 06-2019

RE: Request Municipal Significance Event Resolution
HAPPENING Multicultural Festival
May 28 to June 01 -2019

We are writing to request your support for our upcoming Multicultural Festival:

HAPPENING May 29-June 1 2019 — — **HAPPENING Multicultural** is a four-day Festival that will engage more than 60 artists/performers who self-identified as people of diverse communities, immigrants, newcomers and refugees. Furthering traditional and contemporary music, dance, visual arts, story telling, poetry, crafts and food. Happening takes place at **918 Bathurst Arts, Media & Cultural Centre in Toronto.**

During **HAPPENING** Multicultural Festival we are creating opportunities for professional development for artists interested in working with communities as well as creating opportunities for organizations to network with artists and other organizations.

We believe that this space is significant to the City as it provides us newcomer/refugee artists with the opportunity to showcase the talents which contribute to the cultural mosaic of the most multicultural City in the world.



MUSE ARTS (a.k.a **Sick Muse Art Projects**) is co-founded by Paola Gomez and Alex Usquiano. Paola Gomez is a trained Human Rights lawyer, community organizer, public speaker, artist facilitator and a writer. Alex Usquiano is a Toronto-based visual artist with more than fifteen (15) years of experience working on the arts, both as a practicing artist

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and as an arts educator. We deliver Community Arts Programs at VAW Shelters and Temporary Refugee Reception Centres in Toronto. Our programs are delivered by newcomer and refugee artists to newcomer and refugee communities.

MUSE ARTS a.k.a **Sick Muse Arts** seeks to engage community organizations, immigrant, newcomer and refugee artists and local residents to promote love for arts, inclusion, solidarity and community building. We believe in the importance of fostering and building connections among artists and other community partners to achieve that purpose.

Working with community partners, **MUSE ARTS** creates spaces for Emerging Artists from equity seeking groups to showcase their work, to access opportunities for professional development and to engage communities meaningfully and actively in hands-on, high quality arts education integrated to community building and social justice.

HAPPENING Multicultural **Festival** is the result of Collaboration, Unity and Generosity.

Event Details:

HAPPENING Multicultural **Festival**

From Wednesday May 29 to Saturday June 01-2019

Location: 918 Bathurst Cultural Centre
918 Bathurst Street Toronto On

Based on the above, we request to have a resolution declaring this event is of municipal significance. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further question.
(416) 731-2524.

Sincerely,



Paola Gomez
Program Director

From: [Muse Arts Community](#)
To: [Toronto East York Community Council](#)
Subject: Re: Municipal Significance Request - Toronto and East York Community Council
Date: March 11, 2019 12:07:59 PM

May 29 (6 pm to 8:30 pm)
May 30 (7:pm to 10 pm)
May 31 (7:30 pm to 9:30 pm)
June 1 (7pm to 11:15 pm)

thanks

Paola Gomez
Program Director
Muse Arts
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--- May 29- June 01/ 2019 ---

On Mar 11, 2019, at 12:04 PM, Toronto East York Community Council <teycc@toronto.ca> wrote:

Hello,

Please provide us with the time in which alcohol will be served during your event.

Kind regards,

Raneisha Hemmings
City Clerk's Office

From: Muse Arts [<mailto:community@musearts.ca>]
Sent: March 6, 2019 3:37 PM
To: Toronto East York Community Council <teycc@toronto.ca>
Subject: Municipal Significance Request - Toronto and East York Community Council

Dear Ellen Devlin
Committee Administrator
Toronto and East York Community

Council Please find attached request from Muse Arts (Sick Muse Arts Projects) to have our **#HAPPENING** Multicultural Festival May 29-2019 to June 01-2019 declared of Municipal Significance.