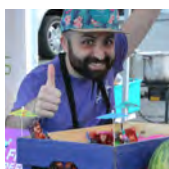
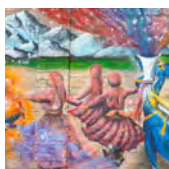
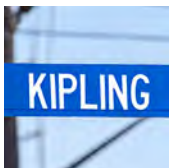
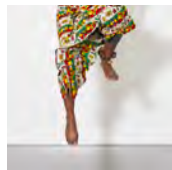
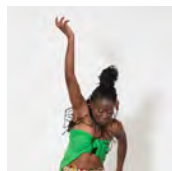
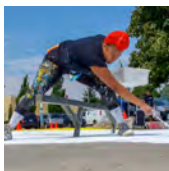


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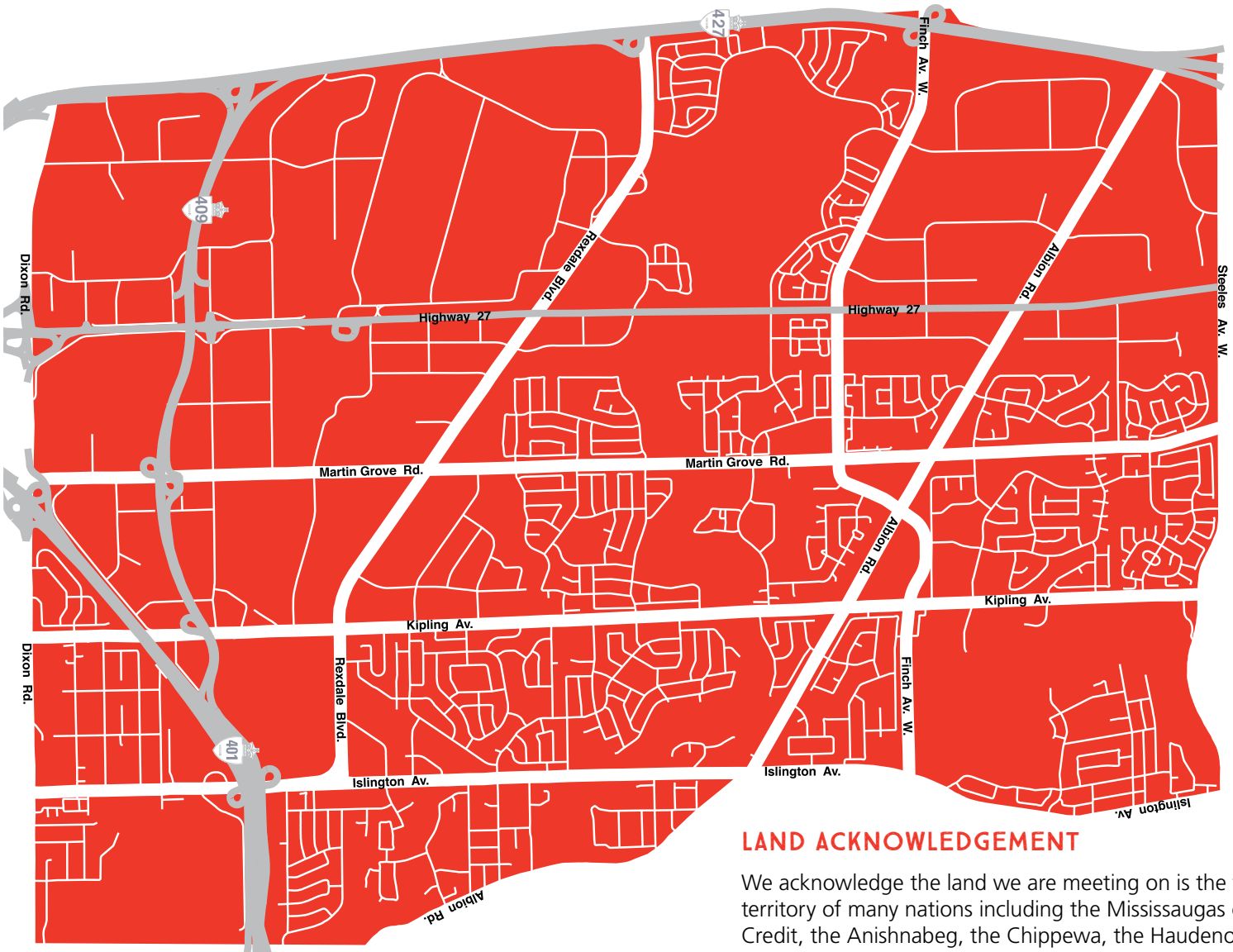
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



WELCOME TO THE 2019 CULTURAL HOTSPOT

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to everyone participating in this year's Cultural Hotspot initiative, celebrating its sixth year by shining a spotlight on the diverse and vibrant communities of north Etobicoke and York.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to explore these vibrant areas of our city and to be inspired by their exciting line-up of festivals, community arts projects, family events, culinary adventures and creative workshops for all ages taking place from May through October.

This City of Toronto and partner-produced initiative provides a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our city's neighbourhoods and the many talented Torontonians who are featured each year in the Cultural Hotspot initiative.

Community events promote and encourage residents to participate in their community, connect with each other and contribute to the community's strength. I am delighted that wonderful events like these are taking place in Toronto.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, I wish everyone an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Yours truly,

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

EXPERIENCE THE 2019 CULTURAL HOTSPOT



The Cultural Hotspot celebrates the exceptional expressions of arts and culture that thrives across the City of Toronto. This program is unique in that it shines a spotlight away from the downtown core to reveal a city that is alive with culture everywhere and in every way.

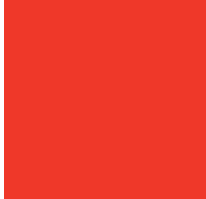
Since the program's inception in 2014, more than 100,000 people have attended over 200 Cultural Hotspot projects and events presented by the City and its many partners. Equally significant, the program has mentored and nurtured the artistic capabilities of hundreds of young people, a tradition that continues this year.

This year's event, our sixth, brings new festivals, collaborative art pieces, workshops and performances in a variety of art forms. It will once again animate public pathways and neighbourhoods with community murals – this time with a focus on neighbourhoods in north Etobicoke and York.

We are excited to present this innovative creative initiative and invite people of all ages to join in this unique experience.

Deputy Mayor Michael Thompson

*Chair, Economic and Community Development Committee
Councillor, Scarborough Centre*



ABOUT THE CULTURAL HOTSPOT

The **Cultural Hotspot** shines a spotlight on arts, culture and community, inspiring new ideas about where culture thrives in Toronto. This annual City of Toronto and partner-produced initiative runs from **May through October**, moving to a different location outside the downtown core each year.

The Cultural Hotspot:

- **Celebrates** local culture, heritage, creativity, business and community with special events, festivals and art happenings, building community pride
- **Connects** the Hotspot community, promotes new partnerships and shares this exciting area with all of Toronto through gatherings, events, outreach and media campaigns
- **Grows** creative capacity in the area with workshops, courses, youth employment and mentorship, and legacy projects like the Cultural Loops Guide

Participation is free or accessibly priced. Visit **toronto.ca/culturalhotspot** for details and to find out more about north Etobicoke's activities, events, restaurants and more.

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NORTH ETOBICOKE - THIS SPOT IS HOT!

From **May through October 2019** the sixth annual Cultural Hotspot takes place in north Etobicoke, celebrating the vibrant arts, culture and communities in this area. This Hotspot neighbourhood is bordered by Steeles Avenue to the north, Dixon Road to the south, Highway 427 to the west and the Humber River to the east.

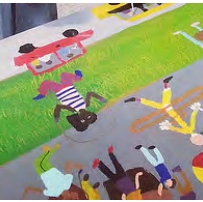
The City of Toronto and community partners animate the Cultural Hotspot with an exciting range of programs and events. The 2019 Cultural Hotspot features four **Signature Projects** in the north Etobicoke area including a mural jam, visual arts and culinary workshops, a spoken word festival and more. All of the projects ignite new opportunities to celebrate, connect and grow.

The Hotspot highlights the work of over 20 emerging and grassroots arts and community organizations, with a series of **SPARK Projects**, including intergenerational arts projects, visual and literary arts workshops, musical performances, new community murals and festivals.

The 2019 Cultural Hotspot area encompasses some of the city's best cuisine, making it an exciting culinary destination. **HOT Eats** highlights restaurants, cafes and bakeries in Hotspot neighbourhoods and includes a gift certificate giveaway campaign during the summer months, in partnership with Star Metroland Media.

The **Cultural Loops Guide**, produced each fall, is a collection of self-guided tours (in print and online) featuring local arts and cultural institutions, greenspaces, heritage, architecture and business.





SIGNATURE PROJECTS

The Cultural Hotspot celebrates the many individuals and organizations already working hard to create new and engaging programs in north Etobicoke communities. By collaborating with arts organizations already active in the area, the Cultural Hotspot is able to build on existing strengths to develop dynamic, transformative and innovative Signature Projects. These exciting initiatives highlight the creative talent in this year's Hotspot neighbourhoods, while providing opportunities for the creation of new projects for the area.



CULTURAL HOTSPOT LAUNCH FREE EVENT

All welcome

Join us for an exciting afternoon of arts, culture and community to kick off the 2019 Cultural Hotspot and celebrate Doors Open Toronto at the newly opened community cultural hub, Artscape Weston Common. Meet the people behind some of the most creative community-based projects in north Etobicoke and York areas while enjoying dance and music performances, interactive art installations and delicious treats. This fun-filled event has something for everyone, so stop by and celebrate all that the 2019 Cultural Hotspot has to offer!

Performances by: TBC

When: May 25, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Artscape Weston Common, 34 John St.
(at Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue)

Free

Light refreshments will be served



ART TOGETHER

Art Together showcases the talents of emerging young artists from the Weston-Mount Dennis and north Etobicoke neighbourhoods. VIBE Arts offers four, eight-week arts programs for children and youth ages 8 to 16 years. In the workshops, participants are guided through a series of artistic mediums including painting, sculpting, photography, mixed media and textiles. Each workshop is curated by a local artist with the goal of contributing to a large-scale, collaborative piece. The finished piece, as well as the individual works created by participants, are publicly exhibited from July to late August.

Art Together Graffiti Program (Ages 13 – 18)

When: Wednesdays, May 1 to June 19, 4 - 5:30 p.m.

Where: Albion Boys and Girls Club, 21 Panorama Crt.

Free

Art Together Mixed Media Program (Ages 6 – 12)

When: Thursdays, May 2 to June 20, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Boys and Girls Club of Weston-Mount Dennis,
121 Humber Blvd.

Free

Art Together Painting Program (Ages 13 – 19)

When: Thursdays, May 2 to June 20, 4 – 6 p.m.

Where: Albion Library, 1515 Albion Rd.

Free

Art Together Photography Program (Ages 9 – 13)

When: Fridays, May 3 to June 21, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Mount Dennis Library, 1123 Weston Rd.

Free

Art TOgether Exhibition and Community Celebration

When: Aug. 23, 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Where: Albion Library, 1515 Albion Rd.

Free

About VIBE Arts

VIBE Arts is an award-winning charity that cultivates youth creativity through accessible arts education. VIBE is proud to direct its work toward underrepresented communities and spaces of Toronto and beyond, engaging with individuals ages 3 to 29 who might identify as disempowered. VIBE's two-pronged holistic approach to arts education programming has evolved over the course of 20 years. Since 1995, VIBE Arts has provided arts education opportunities at no cost to young people. Their work lives in all kinds of spaces including schools, community centres, public housing, hospitals, libraries, parks, detention centres, shelters and shopping malls. **vibearts.ca**



AUGMENTED REPRESENTATIONS: THE NORTH ETOBICOKE MURAL PROJECT

Arts Etobicoke, Mural Routes, the STEPS Initiative and artist Bareket Kezwer present a collaborative mural project that will weave the voices of community members into a collection of visual narratives that embody the north Etobicoke community. Professional mural artists lead youth, adults and seniors in mural design and execution, incorporating lived experiences of residents, blending current and historic dialogue, and exploring Indigenous roots. The project includes workshops that support the production of the final works, to be featured on retaining walls along Finch Avenue. Find more details about the below programs under Community Projects and at armural.wixsite.com/armural2019.

Intro to Mural Art by Mural Routes

When: Mondays, May 6 to June 17, 5 – 8 p.m.,
Mural Painting July 6 – 14

Where: Humber College, 205 Humber College Blvd.
Free

Under/Current Workshops by STEPS Initiative

When: May 21 & 22, June 19 & 22, 3 – 6 p.m.,
Mural Painting July 23 – 28

Where: Humber College, 205 Humber College Blvd.
Free

Womxn Paint Workshops with Bareket Kezwer

When: Saturdays, June 8 – 22, 10 a.m. – noon,
Mural Painting July 6 & 7

Where: Albion Library, Green Room, 1515 Albion Rd.
Free

Health and Safety for Mural Artists by Mural Routes

When: Saturdays, June 26, 5 – 8 p.m.

Where: Albion Library, Teen Zone, 1515 Albion Rd.
Free

Womxn Paint Mural Jam

When: July 12 – 14, all day event

Where: Sound barrier along north side of Finch Avenue
between Kipling and Islington Avenues

Free

Beneath the Surface Mural Launch Event

When: July 28, noon – 3 p.m.

Where: TBC

Free

About Arts Etobicoke

Established in 1973, Arts Etobicoke is a local arts service organization dedicated to expanding the artistic and cultural impact of the diverse communities of Etobicoke. Arts Etobicoke provides equitable access to inspiring arts programs, cultural events and professional development opportunities to all community members regardless of economic or social status. They believe a strong, inclusive community is one in which everyone can freely express their art and culture to open and welcoming audiences. **artsetobicoke.com**



Toronto Pearson



REXDALE VS. THE WORLD

This two-day slam poetry competition brings together four powerhouse community partners, Lakeshore Arts, LOVE (Leave Out Violence, Ontario), the BAM! Youth Slam and The Uncharted Collective, to provide a stage spotlighting the mind-blowing performances of 20 youth, ages 12 to 19, from the northwest neighbourhoods of Toronto. These passionate young artists leave you speechless as they radiate words of sadness, humour, rage and wisdom well beyond their years. On the first day all artists perform with the top performers moving on to compete in day two.

Semi-Finals

When: June 22, TBC

Where: TBC

Free

Finals

When: June 23, TBC

Where: TBC

Free

About Lakeshore Arts

Lakeshore Arts is an award-winning community arts organization that focuses on creating innovative community arts programming that engages, educates, inspires and entertains, and is delivered by professional staff, artist facilitators and educators. Lakeshore Arts' storefront space serves as a community hub to experiment, grow and evolve new programming ideas in response to evolving community needs. **lakeshorearts.ca**

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THE WORKSHOPPE

The WorkShoppe mentors and employs female artists/creators in north Etobicoke to facilitate free weekly workshops for the public in local retail hubs. The artists/creators collaborate with one another to develop a series of art-making workshops centred on their unique talents and artistic work, including visual, culinary and craft arts. The project culminates with a final workshop and exhibition at the Fusion of Taste Festival. The WorkShoppe encourages the public to explore art-making where they work and play. The project is presented by Franklin Carmichael Art Group and lead community partners: Rexdale Women's Centre and Albion Islington Square Business Improvement Area.

Workshops

When: June 2 & 9, noon – 5 p.m.

Where: The Albion Centre, 1530 Albion Rd.

When: June 23, noon - 5 p.m. and June 29,
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: Woodbine Mall (Centre Court),
500 Rexdale Blvd.

Additional workshops TBC

Free

Exhibition

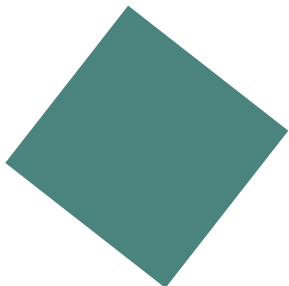
When: Fusion of Taste Festival, July 7, noon – 6 p.m.

Where: Islington Avenue and Albion Road

Free

About Franklin Carmichael Art Group

Franklin Carmichael Art Group is a charitable not-for-profit organization, founded in 1952 by the late Dr. Agnes Ann Curtin, whose mission is to provide art instruction and exhibition space in north Etobicoke. Franklin Carmichael Art Group is a resident group of the Franklin Carmichael Art Centre, built by Dr. Curtin and deeded to the Township of Etobicoke. It was Dr. Curtin's dream that her home become an art centre for the local community. **fcag.ca**







SPARK PROJECTS

Through seed funding and partnerships, SPARK projects promote emerging artists from diverse communities – boosting artistic talent that light up the Hotspot, promoting local organizations and bringing guests into the neighbourhood.



AFRODANCE 101

Dancers ages 11 to 17 learn movement from traditional West African and various Afrobeat styles. Coco Collective's 10-week dance and performance program makes connections between traditional movements

and rhythms, and urban street dances of today. The workshops also improve creative expression, help set performance goals, teach fundamental skills and are fun! Miss Coco instructs and guides participants towards a final performance. Register at cococollectiveto@gmail.com.

Workshops

When: Saturdays from May 11 to July 27 from 11:15 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where: Rexdale Community Hub, Community Room B, 21 Panorama Crt.

Free

Performance

When: July 27, noon – 1:30 p.m.

Where: Rexdale Community Hub, Gymnasium, 21 Panorama Crt.

Free

About Coco Collective

Coco Collective is a multidisciplinary, intergenerational arts collective of professional artists specialized in diverse, African and Caribbean art practices. This group socially responds to create and offer culturally conscious arts programming, performance and group presentations that educate neighborhoods and regions. Miss Coco trains abroad with international dance mentors in Africa, Caribbean and USA. She designs and oversees multi arts-based projects that include the creative contributions of global dance styles and their origins.

misscocomurray.com/cococollective.html



BEING WOMEN

Being Women is a series of visual art and performing arts-based workshops for immigrant girls mentored by older women on the theme of “being women.” The workshops focus on equality, empowerment and safety. Together the women increase awareness on gender equity, and build confidence and a sense of accomplishment, while creating an exhibition featuring works created during the project.

Workshops

When: May 18, 25; June 9, 16, 23, 2 – 3 p.m.

Where: Sringeri Vidya Bharati Foundation, 80 Brydon Dr.

Free

Exhibit/Performance

When: July 14, 1 – 5 p.m.

Where: Sringeri Vidya Bharati Foundation, 80 Brydon Dr.

Free

About Artists and Artisans Development and Network

Artists and Artisans Development and Network (AADN) is a not-for-profit organization with a mission to provide support and opportunities for economic and social development of artists and artisans from immigrant, newcomer and visible minority groups. **artistsandartisans.org**



EMERGING STAR IN NORTH ETOBICOKE

Emerging Star in North Etobicoke profiles local talent with a showcase at the Fusion of Taste Festival. North Etobicoke youth are invited to audition their performing talent in June for a chance to be showcased on stage at the popular street festival at Islington Avenue and Albion Road. The top four acts battle it out to determine who will be the first Emerging Star in North Etobicoke.

Emerging Star at Fusion of Taste Festival

When: July 7, noon – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Islington Avenue and Albion Road

Free

About Albion Islington Square BIA

Albion Islington Square BIA is comprised of a Board of Management, which includes reputable business owners who volunteer their time to steer the BIA's course of action. Every year, the BIA has celebrated its unique business area with its signature event: the Fusion of Taste Festival. While celebrating the rich multicultural heritage, the annual festival promotes the local business neighbourhood, commemorates the diverse community and engages visitors in a fun and family friendly cultural experience. albionislingtonsquare.org



HUMBER RIVER AND PERSIAN MINIATURE

Humber River and Persian Miniatures is an art project consisting of 12 workshops for seniors and youth facilitated by artist Sarvenaz Rayati. The participants

learn about, and experiment with, painting and different printmaking techniques creating work inspired by the Humber River and the Persian miniatures. In addition, Rayati, again influenced by her culture's Persian miniatures and the local river, works with one youth mentoring them as they design and create a mosaic mural.

Workshops

Senior Program:

When: May 8, 15, 22, 29;
June 5, 12, 12:30 –
2:30 p.m.

Where: Albion Library,
Maker Room,
1515 Albion Rd.

Free

Youth Program:

When: May 8, 15, 29;
June 12 in the
Maker Room; May
22 & June 5 in
Program Room 1,
4 – 6 p.m.

Where: Albion Library,
1515 Albion Rd.

Free

Showcase

When: June 19, 12:30 –
2:30 p.m.

Where: Albion Library,
Maker Room,
1515 Albion Rd.

Free

About Sarvenaz Rayati

Sarvenaz Rayati is a multidisciplinary artist based in Toronto. She received her BA in painting and a BA in visual communication from the Art University in Tehran. She has exhibited her work internationally. Last summer Sarvenaz led The Mosaic Stories, a permanent mosaic mural project supported by City of Toronto's Cultural Hotspot and Scarborough Arts at Agincourt Library. In 2017, she led People & Trees, an art installation project about the life of trees at Dentonia Park. The project was supported by Toronto Arts Council, Toronto PFR, Park People and Arts in the Parks Toronto.

**HUMBER SUMMIT COMMUNITY
REVITALIZATION PROJECT**

The Humber Summit Community Revitalization Collective (HSCRC) offers a series of visual arts workshops to engage local youth in the creation of two Bell Box murals and the refurbishment and revitalization of a community bench and message board. The goal of the collective's project is to help create an opportunity for people of different generations and cultures to work together to create artworks that beautify and bring new life to an important community hub in the neighbourhood: the Humber Summit Library. This project culminates with a celebratory reception featuring music and refreshments.

Community Planning & Arts Workshops

When: May 1, 8 & 22; June 19, 4 – 5:45 p.m.

Where: Humber Summit Library, 2990 Islington Ave.

Free

About Humber Summit Community Revitalization Collective

The HSCRC is a collaboration between professional artists Claire Carew and Nadia Angelini, and local youth artists. Claire is a professional visual artist; painter and sculptor, whose art work is held in private collections internationally. She has completed commissioned uplifting murals in Toronto and Mexico. Nadia is a professional photographer, visual arts teacher and organizer of youth events specifically focused on collaborative art projects and murals. Local youth involved are up and coming artists with a passion for community involvement.



LOCAL TALES

How many extraordinary stories are hidden in pieces of garments? What we wear can reveal so much about our personality as well as lead to misinterpretation. Local Tales presents a photo blog that collects stories about creative and uniquely-dressed personalities of York and north Etobicoke. Ksenia Khan leads storytelling and photography workshops promoting freedom of expression, while creating and curating a final exhibition.

Street Photography Workshop

When: May 9, 6 – 8 p.m.

Where: UrbanArts at Artscape Weston Common,
34 John St. (at Weston Rd. and Lawrence Ave.)

Free

Storytelling Workshops

When: June 8,
2– 4 p.m.

Where: UrbanArts at
Artscape Weston
Common,
34 John St.

Free

Mentorship Session for Image Makers

When: TBC

Where: TBC

Free

Mentorship Session for Exhibition Makers

When: July 25, TDB

Where: UrbanArts at
Artscape Weston
Common,
34 John St.

Free

Exhibition

When: TBC

Where: TBC
Free

About Ksenia Khan

Toronto-based arts manager, Ksenia Khan, attended her first art class at the age of seven. She graduated with a MEd in Art Education and BA in Fashion Design and has completed the Arts Management Program at Centennial College. She has worked for various arts organizations as an art educator, curriculum developer, curator and program coordinator. An avid traveller, Ksenia explores the meaning of a safe space, inclusiveness and tolerance in a modern social environment.

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MULTICULTURAL PERFORMING ARTS FESTIVAL

Focusing on the Chinese community while reaching out to the surrounding diverse neighbourhood, four workshop sessions (with a final rehearsal) teaching various styles of dance and music brings together seniors and youth in preparation for a big celebration showcasing the intergenerational talent in the area.

Workshops

When: TBC

Where: Fairbank Memorial
Community
Recreation Centre,
2213 Dufferin St.

Free

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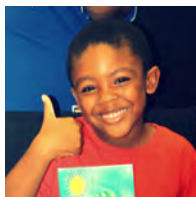
When: Oct.12, TBC

Where: York Memorial
Collegiate Institute,
2690 Eglinton Ave.
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About Toronto Jinjui

Toronto Jinjui Seniors Association is a not-for-profit charitable community services agency established in 2010. In the past eight years, they have provided various community activities

and basic home support services for vulnerable seniors and their families in the GTA. Their mandate is to help resolve problems for seniors from different ethnic backgrounds, produce social events, organize inter-cultural communications activities and promote physical and mental well-being of seniors and community members at large. **torontojinqiu.com**



NU NARRATIVES LITERACY EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM

Kareative Interlude presents Nu Narratives, a cultural literacy empowerment program inspiring future leaders and engaging readers. During the 12-week program, participants will be exposed to the publishing process, while exploring methods of writing and illustrating children's books. The program provides a path for children ages 7 to 14 to extend their voice, vision and representation celebrating culture, developing confidence and telling their story.

Workshops

When: June 11 to Aug. 27,
6 – 7 p.m.

Where: TCHC,
2067 Islington Ave.

When: June 12 to Aug. 28,
6 – 7 p.m.

Where: TCHC,
10 Jamestown Cres.

Showcase

When: Oct. 19, 1 – 3 p.m.

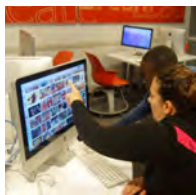
Where: Tray Arts, 181 Millwick Dr.

Free

Kareative Interlude

Kareative Interlude uses arts to opens eyes, hearts, hands and ears to the creative expressions that lay within one's being. Accessing art as a medium, Kareative Interlude aims to inspire participants in the celebration of new narratives and engaging works of art.

kareativeinterlude.ca



PHOTOGRAPHY AND GIF-MAKING WORKSHOPS

Participants ages 12 to 19 work with Never Gallery Ready to build skills in media production, storytelling and digital photography by contributing their work to open source photo libraries and creating GIFs and video-loops. Incorporating web content such as image-libraries available online as well as social media platforms as a way of reaching audiences, this program explores all the internet has to offer contemporary artists and the young participants will collaborate with other artists around the world expressing themselves through motion photography.

When: July 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 & 25, 1 – 4 p.m.

Where: Albion Library, 1515 Albion Rd.

Free

About Never Gallery Ready

Never Gallery Ready (NgR) projects use collage concepts and new media arts to react and respond to dominant cultural narratives. NgR aims to educate on the role and function of media, animate a variety of content, tools and tactics available to message-creators and facilitate the creation of works of art driven by individual and community voice.

nevergalleryready.com



RE(X)CLAIM

Re(x)claim empowers Rexdale residents to express their identity as a vibrant, diverse, multifaceted community. Re(x)claim is a photography-based collaboration between Rexdale youth, local residents, and Riya Jama – a Somali-Canadian artist, visual storyteller and Rexdale resident. Riya and Rexdale youth connect with local residents and with geographic spaces that have local resonance, giving expression to Rexdale stories using photography and digital collage. Re(x)claim youth design and craft mixed media digital

portraits, giving visual voice to the stories of Rexdale people and places. The final photographic works are exhibited in the community.

Workshops

When: Tuesdays May
7, 14, 21, 28 &
June 4, 11 & 18,
4 – 6 p.m.

Where: Rexdale Community
Hub, 21 Panorama
Crt.

Free

Exhibition

When: June 28 – July 4,
with an opening
celebration June 28,
7 p.m.

Where: The Albion Centre,
Centre Court,
1530 Albion Rd.

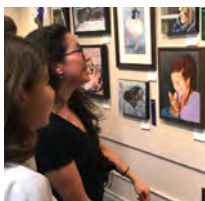
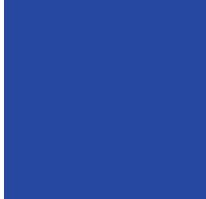
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About Leave Out Violence (Ontario)

Leave Out Violence (Ontario) (LOVE) programs support youth to overcome adversity and address issues of violence by providing safe spaces and arts-based programs to build personal capacity and resilience. LOVE sets the stage for social and emotional learning facilitated through immersive discussions and high calibre arts initiatives. LOVE supports healthy self-expression and builds community leaders. ontario.leaveoutviolence.org







COMMUNITY PROJECTS

North Etobicoke is made up of many diverse neighbourhoods with resident associations, community arts groups, varied businesses, restaurants and more. Arts, culture and community are beginning to blossom here and you will find emerging and professional artists in dance, visual arts, literary arts, music and much more throughout the area.

The Cultural Hotspot connects people, highlighting and celebrating events already happening in the area. What follows is just a snapshot of the many arts, culture and community events happening in these neighbourhoods.

For more detailed information, to see new Community Projects, or to share your own activity, visit us at **toronto.ca/culturalhotspot**.



YOUTH WEEK TORONTO

Youth Week Toronto celebrates youth engagement and showcases the abilities and talents of youth in the area of civic engagement, recreation, arts, employment and sports in diverse communities across

Toronto. Events take place throughout Toronto, for more information see toronto.ca/youthweek.

When: May 1 – 7

Where: Various locations

Free



13TH ANNUAL JANE'S WALK FESTIVAL

Jane's Walk is a grassroots organization honouring the legacy of community builder Jane Jacobs through citizen-led walking tours that encourage participants to observe, reflect, share, question, and collectively

reimagine the places in which they live, work and play. Jane's Walk is a project of Tides Canada Initiatives. For details visit janeswalk.org.

When: May 3 – 5, hours vary by walk

Where: Various locations

Free



MURAL SCHOOL WORKSHOPS & MURAL PAINTING

Led by mural artists and educators LuvSumone and Rob Matejka, participants will gain a basic understanding of mural-making and build the skills and confidence

to participate in public art projects in their community. Over the course of six progressive workshops, participants will learn about different styles and intentions of public murals. They will learn and practice basic art, design, and mural-making skills from professional artists, and work in small groups to practice creating

mural designs for a local project. Registration required. Ages 14 and up; all levels welcome; no previous experience required.

Workshops

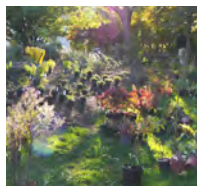
When: Mondays, May 6 to June 17, 5 – 8 p.m.

Where: Humber College, 205 Humber College Blvd.

Mural Painting

When: July 6 – 14

Free



BUILDING BIODIVERSITY

Build biodiversity in the bird-friendly demonstration garden and find out how you can help create habitats in your backyard or community. Families have a chance to plant bird-friendly shrubs, create brush pile habitats and build bird nesting boxes. This event is part of the second annual Toronto Bird Celebration and the City of Toronto's Ravine Days and requires pre-registration as space is limited. Please register at **humber.ca/arboretum**.

When: May 11, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Where: Humber Arboretum, 205 Humber College Blvd.

Free



UNDER/CURRENT WORKSHOP BY STEPS INITIATIVE

Artist Mique Michelle offers progressive, hands-on workshops that explore topics of identity, the history of graffiti from WWI to present day, and the influences of hip hop, developing a safe and inclusive space for participants and offering multiple points of entry that lead to mural design and co-creation. Workshop will focus on sharing stories, exchanging ideas, and developing a concept, as well as hands-on technical skill building and creation through drawing, painting, and mixed media approaches. These sessions are open to participants ages 14 and up. No experience necessary, all materials provided.

Workshops

When: May 21 & 22, June 19 & 22, 3 – 6 p.m.

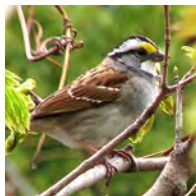
Where: Humber College, 205 Humber College Blvd.

Free

Mural Painting

When: July 23 – 28

Free



ARBORETUM ADVENTURE TALE - SPRING MIGRATION

Little ones will love the Humber Arboretum's Arboretum Adventure Tale focused on spring migration. Families take part in a travelling story that migrates through the Humber Arboretum's unique ecosystems and looks at the diversity of birds living in and visiting this amazing urban greenspace! This free event requires pre-registration as space is limited. Please register at **humber.ca/arboretum**

When: May 23, 9:30 – 11 a.m.

Where: Humber Arboretum, 205 Humber College Blvd.

Free



ANNUAL MEMBERS' JURIED SHOW

Franklin Carmichael Art Group proudly presents the Annual Members' Juried Show highlighting members' artwork. Friday evening is the opening reception and awards ceremony. Prizes will go to the Best in Show and Best in Categories (acrylic, pastel, photography, oil and watercolour).

Opening Reception

When: May 24,
7 – 9 p.m.

Where: Franklin Carmichael
Art Centre,
34 Riverdale Dr.

Free

Exhibit

When: May 25 to May 26,
noon – 4 p.m.

Where: Franklin Carmichael
Art Centre,
34 Riverdale Dr.

Free



WOMXN PAINT MURAL SCHOOL WORKSHOPS BY BAREKET KEZWER

The Womxn Paint Mural School

Workshops are a summer program for an intergenerational group who self-identify as women, girls, and/or female to learn about outdoor mural-making while exploring stories of womxn's strength and power. Participants will gain practical knowledge in the process of creating a mural and use their new skills to produce a mural with the support of artist and facilitator Bareket Kezwer. Youth participants will be provided with volunteer hours. Registration is required. Ages 14 and up; all levels welcome; no experience is required, but a passion for arts is strongly encouraged!

Workshops

When: June 8 – 22, 10 a.m. – noon

Where: Albion Library, Green Room, 1515 Albion Rd.

Free

Mural Painting:

When: July 6 & 7

Free



HEALTH AND SAFETY FOR MURAL ARTISTS BY MURAL ROUTES

Workshop participants learn about the health and safety risks associated with mural making in public spaces from mural artists and health and safety

professionals. They learn about material safety (WHIMS); on-site preparations; ladders and working at heights safety and requirements; physical well-being while working outdoors; and steps for what to do if any injury or emergency arises while on site. Participants practice scenarios that outline a variety of common health and safety situations on mural sites. They gain the confidence to evaluate the health and safety risks of each mural project and its site, and feel confident in making the due-diligent preparations.

When: June 26, 5 – 8 p.m.

Where: Albion Library, Teen Zone, 1515 Albion Rd.

Free



CELEBRATION OF MULTICULTURALISM DAY AND CANADA DAY

Celebrate Canadian Multiculturalism Day and Canada Day at this multi-arts event presented by the Colorful Cultural Association. The event includes folk dancing, line dancing, contemporary music, hip-hop, jazz, Latin music, Aero Yoga, and children's shows and activities. The event also features a youth talk show: I love Toronto and I am proud of being a Canadian.

When: June 30, 11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Where: West Humber Parkland, 451 Albion Rd.

Free



FUSION OF TASTE FESTIVAL

Enjoy live performances and over 40 food and craft vendors from around the world at the 13th Annual Fusion of Taste festival. Kids' activities include face-painting, a magic show, balloon animals, local buskers, bouncy castles, amusement rides and much more. A key feature of this year's festival is the Emerging Star in North Etobicoke competition where local performers battle it out for a top prize. For more information, visit **fusionoftaste.com**.

When: July 7, noon – 9:30 p.m.

Where: Albion Road and Islington Avenue

Free



FRANKLIN CARMICHAEL ART GROUP SUMMER ARTS CAMP

Franklin Carmichael Art Group proudly presents Summer Arts Camp for young artists ages 6 to 12. This week of art-making in Curtin Park includes sketching, painting and

sculpting. Get creative with new activities like embroidery, printmaking and weaving. Make memories with old and new friends! Go to **fcag.ca/camps.html** to register.

Camp Sessions

When: July 8 – 12; July 15 – 19; July 22 – 26;
July 29 – Aug. 2; Aug. 12 – 16; Aug. 19 – 23

Where: Franklin Carmichael Art Centre, 34 Riverdale Dr.

\$240/week full-day

\$135/week half-day



WOMXN PAINT MURAL JAM

30 jury-selected emerging artists will come together for the 3rd annual Womxn Paint Mural Jam! Womxn Paint is a supportive community of female identified artists that inspires young women to build meaningful careers through murals and community engagement. Womxn Paint brings together professional artists and community members and hold spaces where they feel empowered through art.

When: July 12 – 14, all day

Where: Sound barrier along north side of Finch Avenue
between Kipling and Islington Avenue

Free



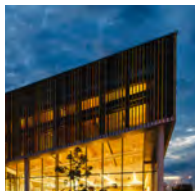
BENEATH THE SURFACE MURAL LAUNCH EVENT

Join Arts Etobicoke, Mural Routes, the STEPS Initiative, Bareket Kezwer, and all participating artists and volunteers who made the first North Etobicoke Mural Jam possible. Connect with neighbours and check out Beneath the Surface – a brand new, large-scale mural at this free community party.

When: Sunday July 28, noon – 3 p.m.

Where: TBC

Free



TORONTO BOOK AWARDS

Finalists for the 2019 Toronto Book Awards read from and discuss their shortlisted books. Established by Toronto City Council in 1974, the Toronto Book Awards honour authors of books of literary or artistic merit that are evocative of Toronto. The annual awards offer \$15,000 in prize money: finalists receive \$1,000 and the winning author is awarded \$10,000.

When: Sept. 25, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Where: Albion Library, 1515 Albion Rd.

Free



HUMBER GALLERIES' FALL 2019 EXHIBITION

This exhibition questions how we learn with the land and listen deeply. Humber Galleries is a public contemporary art gallery and a co-curricular learning centre of Humber College. The two galleries, located at Humber's North and Lakeshore Campuses, are places for everyone to experience and experiment through art from many different perspectives.

When: Sept. to Dec., Weekdays 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Where: North Space Gallery, 205 Humber College Blvd.

Free



TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Toronto's Public Library is one of the world's busiest urban public library systems, with 100 branches across the city. Always "hotspots" for all things arts and culture, Toronto Public Library's north Etobicoke branches feature special programming that celebrate the area's unique contribution to the city's literary and cultural landscape. **All programs are FREE and drop-in unless specified.**

For more details and the most up to date listings, please visit **torontopubliclibrary.ca/programs-and-classes** or contact the branch directly.



**ALBION BRANCH, 1515 ALBION RD.,
416-394-5170**

Art for Tots, Mondays, 11 a.m. – noon

Children explore art materials and techniques, including clay, paint, pastel and collage. For children ages 2 to 4.

Adult Literacy, Mondays, 12:30 – 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Free one-on-one instruction in basic reading, writing and math for English-speaking adults. Adult volunteer tutors meet with learners in the library for two hours weekly. Registration required. Please call 416-394-5173.

Youth Hub, Monday to Friday, 3:30 – 7 p.m.

Youth can visit every weekday for homework help, borrowing laptops, free printing, board games, and free snacks. For ages 13 to 19.

STEM for Little Ones, Tuesdays, 4 – 5 p.m.

Children participate in weekly science, technology, engineering and math activities. For children ages 4 to 8 with a parent/caregiver.

Adult Book Club, last Tuesday of the month, 7 – 8 p.m.

Participate in a lively group discussion of a specific book on the last Tuesday of every month. A copy of the books can be picked up at the branch prior to the meeting.

Babytime, Wednesdays, 11 a.m. – noon

Stories, songs, finger plays, bouncing and tickling rhymes for babies from birth to 18 months with their parents/caregivers.

Super Seniors, Wednesdays, 1 – 2 p.m.

On Wednesday afternoons, seniors enjoy a variety of activities, games and more.

Poetry Saved Our Lives, Wednesdays in May, 4 – 6 p.m.

Spoken word workshops and open mic events providing mentorship, artistic development opportunities, and a chance to showcase your talent.

After School Club, Thursdays, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Children join in fun-filled activities. For children ages 6 to 12.

Toddler Storytime, Fridays, 11 – 11:30 a.m.

Stories, songs, and rhymes for children age 19 months to 5 years with their parents/caregivers.

Family Storytime & Craft, Saturdays, 11 – noon

Songs, stories and rhymes for the whole family followed by a craft. Ages 0 to 6 with their parents/caregivers.

Laughter Therapy, May 2 & 9, 11 a.m. – noon

Laughter Yoga instructor Carlos Gongora teaches how laughter can be the best medication.

Youth Week Open House, May 2, 4 – 6 p.m.

Celebrate Youth Week with activities and refreshments and learn about what the Youth Hub has to offer. For ages 13 to 19.

Photography Workshop, Fridays, May 3 & 10 from 4 – 6 p.m.

Youth receive one-on-one instruction from a Creative Photography professor to learn how to work a DSLR camera and explore a new photography concept each week. For ages 13 to 19.

Tagalog Storytime, June 13 and Sept. 12, 11 – 11:30 p.m.

Stories, songs and rhymes in Tagalog for kids and their parents/ caregivers.

Team T&J, July 2, 2 – 3 p.m.

Families can enjoy a live performance with children's musical duo Team T&J! All ages.

Twisted Ones: Balloon Show with Debbie Stevens, July 9, 2 – 3 p.m.

This show is packed with games, incredible balloon costumes, magic, cool music and lots of wide smiles.

Hands On Exotic: Great White North, July 16, 2 – 3 p.m.

Meet live animals! All ages.

Family Zumba with Bianca Bold, July 23, 2 – 3 p.m.

Jam out to salsa, reggaeton and more! All ages.

Spin! POP! Boom! with Mad Science, July 30, 2 – 3 p.m.

Mad Science dazzles with their spectacular Spin! Pop! Boom! Show. All ages.

WonderPhil Magic Show, Aug. 20, 2 – 3 p.m.

Get ready to be amazed! Join us for a fun filled magic show. All ages.

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HOT EATS

HOT Eats is a program that highlights restaurants, cafés and bakeries in Hotspot neighbourhoods through a gift certificate giveaway campaign (in partnership with Star Metroland Media), with an interactive online map and listing of participating restaurants, and with info about each restaurant in the legacy Cultural Loops Guide.

This year, HOT Eats celebrates the eateries in north Etobicoke's communities, featuring some of the most delicious food that Toronto has to offer.

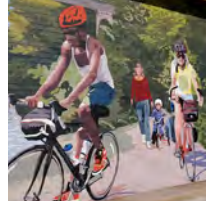
Visit us at **toronto.ca/culturalhotspot/eats** to learn about HOT Eats – and eat more outside the core!

CULTURAL LOOPS

A legacy of the Cultural Hotspot, the Loops Guide features local arts and cultural institutions, green spaces, history, architecture and businesses. This collection of self-guided tours (in print and online) provides residents and visitors continued access to explore and enjoy the Hotspot area.

Cultural Loops Guides from our past Hotspots: Etobicoke (2015), North York (2016), East York/East End (2017) and Scarborough (2018) are available online and can also be found in print at the City Hall brochure rack, the Tourist Information Booth at Union Station, the areas community centres and libraries, and during the summer at the INFOTOGO Tourist information kiosks at Nathan Phillips Square, the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal, and at street festivals and events city-wide.

toronto.ca/culturalhotspot/explore



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The Cultural Hotspot is a celebration of arts, culture and community. Thank you to everyone who has contributed in making this initiative a reality and a success.

Thank you to Toronto City Council, especially those councillors representing this big, beautiful and richly diverse Cultural Hotspot; for being champions and supporters of all the projects and of the community.

And most of all, a big thanks to the community for sharing your neighbourhoods, talent, creativity, stories and smiles with us all.

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The 2019 Cultural Hotspot t-shirt was designed by Michael Lopez a designer, illustrator, and owner of an independent design studio in Toronto. This year's shirt concept celebrates the Cultural Hotspot area, highlighting local neighbourhood streets and creating a sense of place.

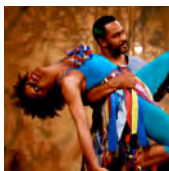
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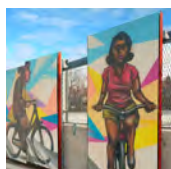
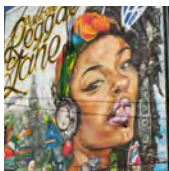
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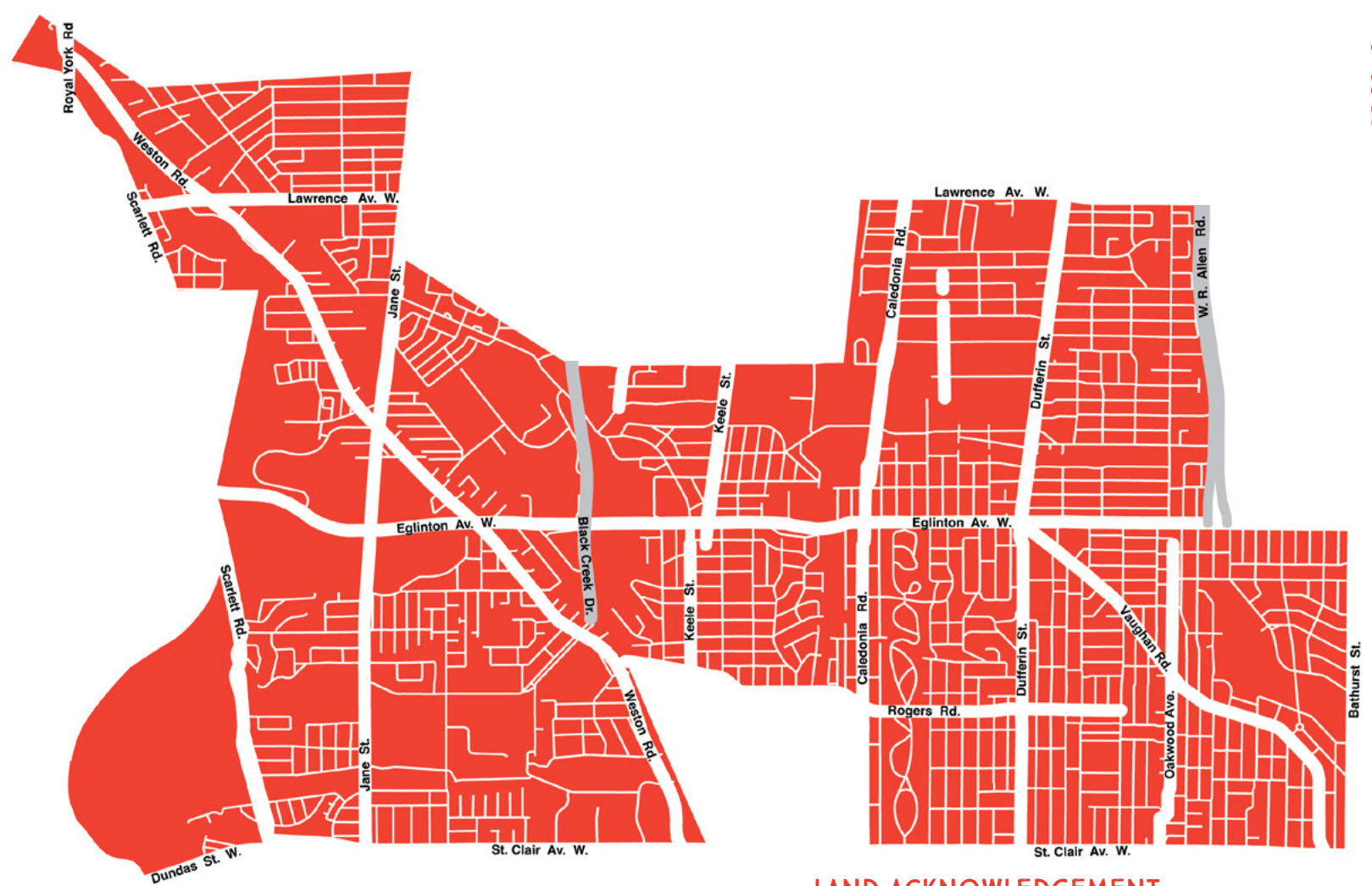
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LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We acknowledge the land we are meeting on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.



WELCOME TO THE 2019 CULTURAL HOTSPOT

It is my pleasure to extend a warm welcome to everyone participating in this year's Cultural Hotspot initiative, celebrating its sixth year by shining a spotlight on the diverse and vibrant communities of north Etobicoke and York.

Residents and visitors are encouraged to explore these vibrant areas of our city and to be inspired by their exciting line-up of festivals, community arts projects, family events, culinary adventures and creative workshops for all ages taking place from May through October.

This City of Toronto and partner-produced initiative provides a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our city's neighbourhoods and the many talented Torontonians who are featured each year in the Cultural Hotspot initiative.

Community events promote and encourage residents to participate in their community, connect with each other and contribute to the community's strength. I am delighted that wonderful events like these are taking place in Toronto.

On behalf of Toronto City Council, I wish everyone an enjoyable and memorable experience.

Yours truly,

John Tory
Mayor of Toronto

EXPERIENCE THE 2019 CULTURAL HOTSPOT



The Cultural Hotspot celebrates the exceptional expressions of arts and culture that thrives across the City of Toronto. This program is unique in that it shines a spotlight away from the downtown core to reveal a city that is alive with culture everywhere and in every way.

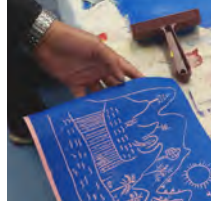
Since the program's inception in 2014, more than 100,000 people have attended over 200 Cultural Hotspot projects and events presented by the City and its many partners. Equally significant, the program has mentored and nurtured the artistic capabilities of hundreds of young people, a tradition that continues this year.

This year's event, our sixth, brings new festivals, collaborative art pieces, workshops and performances in a variety of art forms. It will once again animate public pathways and neighbourhoods with community murals – this time with a focus on neighbourhoods in north Etobicoke and York.

We are excited to present this innovative creative initiative and invite people of all ages to join in this unique experience.

Deputy Mayor Michael Thompson

*Chair, Economic and Community Development Committee
Councillor, Scarborough Centre*



ABOUT THE CULTURAL HOTSPOT

The **Cultural Hotspot** shines a spotlight on arts, culture and community, inspiring new ideas about where culture thrives in Toronto. This annual City of Toronto and partner-produced initiative runs from **May through October**, moving to a different location outside the downtown core each year.

The Cultural Hotspot:

- **Celebrates** local culture, heritage, creativity, business and community with special events, festivals and art happenings, building community pride
- **Connects** the Hotspot community, promotes new partnerships and shares this exciting area with all of Toronto through gatherings, events, outreach and media campaigns
- **Grows** creative capacity in the area with workshops, courses, youth employment and mentorship, and legacy projects like the Cultural Loops Guide

Participation is free or accessibly priced. Visit **toronto.ca/culturalhotspot** for details and to find out more about York's activities, events, restaurants and more.

If you require alternate formats or need assistance understanding our maps, drawings or any other content, please contact us at 416-392-1210 or culturalhotspot@toronto.ca.



YORK - THIS SPOT IS HOT!

From **May through October 2019** the sixth annual Cultural Hotspot takes place in York, celebrating the vibrant arts, culture and communities in this area. This Hotspot neighbourhood is within the boundaries of the former city of York.

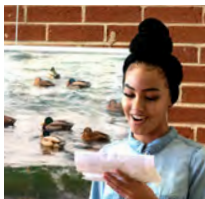
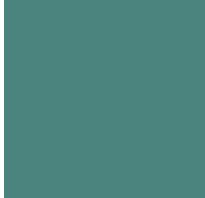
The City of Toronto and community partners animate the Cultural Hotspot with an exciting range of programs and events. The 2019 Cultural Hotspot features three Signature Projects in the York area including a series of multidisciplinary art-making workshops, exhibitions and talks, children and youth visual arts workshops, and a street art festival. All of the projects ignite new opportunities to celebrate, connect and grow.

The Hotspot highlights the work of over 20 emerging and grassroots arts and community organizations, with a series of **SPARK Projects**, including intergenerational arts projects, visual and literary arts workshops, musical performances, new community murals and festivals.

The 2019 Cultural Hotspot area encompasses some of the city's best cuisine, making it an exciting culinary destination. **HOT Eats** highlights restaurants, cafes and bakeries in Hotspot neighbourhoods and includes a gift certificate giveaway campaign during the summer months, in partnership with Star Metroland Media.

The **Cultural Loops Guide**, produced each fall, is a collection of self-guided tours (in print and online) featuring local arts and cultural institutions, greenspaces, heritage, architecture and business.





SIGNATURE PROJECTS

The Cultural Hotspot celebrates the many individuals and organizations already working hard to create exciting and programs in York communities. By collaborating with arts organizations already active in the area, the Cultural Hotspot is able to build on existing strengths to develop dynamic, transformative and innovative Signature Projects. These exciting initiatives highlight the creative talent in this year's Hotspot neighbourhoods, while providing opportunities for the creation of new projects for the area.



CULTURAL HOTSPOT LAUNCH FREE EVENT

All welcome

Join us for an exciting afternoon of arts, culture and community to kick off the 2019 Cultural Hotspot and celebrate Doors Open Toronto at the newly opened community cultural hub, Artscape Weston Common. Meet the people behind some of the most creative community-based projects in north Etobicoke and York areas while enjoying dance and music performances, interactive art installations and delicious treats. This fun-filled event has something for everyone, so stop by and celebrate all that the 2019 Cultural Hotspot has to offer!

Performances by: TBC

When: May 25, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Artscape Weston Common, 34 John St.
(at Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue)

Free

Light refreshments will be served



ART STARTS' STREET FESTIVAL

The Art Starts' Street Festival creatively animates Eglinton Avenue near Oakwood Avenue through a full day of free performances, art exhibits and hands-on collaborative art making. Over 15 local professional artists inject colour, music and free creative art-making across different artistic disciplines. Enjoy mural-making, ukulele sessions, puppet-making, bellydancing, interactive stand-up comedy and much more!

When: July 27, TBC

Where: Glenholme Avenue between Eglinton West and Lanark Avenue

Free

About Art Starts

Art Starts creates vibrant Toronto neighbourhoods through community building arts initiatives by inspiring change in Toronto's underserved neighbourhoods. Art Starts uses the arts to engage residents, empower youth, nurture resiliency and inspire personal growth. Their programs help end the negative cycles associated with marginalization and poverty by facilitating opportunities for local residents of all ages to contribute creatively to their communities. Art Starts nurtures local talent, mentors emerging artists and offers networking, training and employment opportunities to vulnerable youth.

artstartsto.com



ART TOGETHER

Art TOgether showcases the talents of emerging young artists from the Weston-Mount Dennis and north Etobicoke neighbourhoods. VIBE Arts offers four, eight-week arts programs for children and youth ages 8 to 16 years. In the workshops, participants are guided through a series of artistic mediums including painting, sculpting, photography, mixed media and textiles. Each workshop is curated by a local artist with the goal of contributing to a large-scale, collaborative piece. The finished piece, as well as the individual works created by participants, are publicly exhibited from July to late August.

Art TOgether Graffiti Program (Ages 13 – 18)

When: Wednesdays, May 1 to June 19, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Albion Boys and Girls Club, 21 Panorama Crt.

Free

Art TOgether Mixed Media Program (Ages 6 – 12)

When: Thursdays, May 2 to June 20, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Boys and Girls Club of Weston-Mount Dennis,
121 Humber Blvd.

Free

Art TOgether Painting Program (Ages 13 – 19)

When: Thursdays, May 2 to June 20, 4 – 6 p.m.

Where: Albion Library, 1515 Albion Rd.

Free

Art TOgether Photography Program (Ages 9 – 13)

When: Fridays, May 3 to June 21, 4 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Mount Dennis Library, 1123 Weston Rd.

Free

Art TOgether Exhibition and Community Celebration

When: Aug. 23, 10 a.m. – noon

Where: Albion Library, 1515 Albion Rd.

Free

About VIBE Arts

VIBE Arts is a unique, award-winning charity that cultivates youth creativity through accessible arts education. VIBE is proud to direct its work toward underrepresented communities and spaces of Toronto and beyond, engaging with individuals ages 3 to 29 who might identify as disempowered. VIBE's two-pronged holistic approach to arts education programming has evolved over the course of 20 years. Since 1995, VIBE Arts has provided arts education opportunities at no cost to young people. Their work lives in all kinds of spaces including schools, community centres, public housing, hospitals, libraries, parks, detention centres, shelters and shopping malls. **vibearts.ca**



FIND YOUR ELEMENT

Find Your Element invites the community to explore our physical world through an arts-based lens. Through various creative mediums, participants reflect on what nature means, brainstorm creative pathways to sustainability, and as a result, use art as a tool to increase awareness of, and engagement in the environment we live. The elements of water, fire, earth and air are explored through a pre-selected art medium and shaped into a performance and an art piece that represents the voice of the community and its vision for the local environment, culminating with a mural at West Park Health Centre.

Workshops, Exhibition, Mural Unveiling

When: TBC

Where: TBC

Free

About UrbanArts

UrbanArts is a progressive, not-for-profit Community Arts Council (CAC)/Local Arts Service Organization (LASO) providing opportunities for diverse cultural expression, artistic development, training and employment to members of urban communities with a focus on youth in central west Toronto (York South-Weston). UrbanArts focuses on engaging community through the arts and is an incubator for local arts, with a range of programs led by professional artists in visual, digital, culinary and media arts, theatre, dance and music. UrbanArts is committed to building inclusive, engaged communities by enriching peoples' lives through the arts, culture and heritage, with programs, services and resources, maintaining its vision of enhancing neighbourhoods by engaging and building community through the arts; beginning with a focus on youth, UrbanArts provides the thread that weaves together generations. **urbanartstoronto.org**







SPARK PROJECTS

Through seed funding and partnerships, SPARK projects promote emerging artists from diverse communities – boosting artistic talents that light up the Hotspot, promoting local organizations and bringing guests into the neighbourhood.



BEATS IN THE STREETS

Beats in the Streets is a weekly Friday evening, summer event that engages the community with talks from several motivational speakers and involves youth with a variety of activities such

as live painting, role playing, cultural performances and fitness activities such as Zumba and Socacize as music is played by various local DJs.

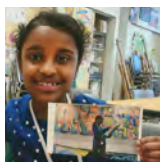
When: July 5, 12, 19, 29; Aug. 9 & 16, TBC

Where: Frontlines, 1844 Weston Rd.

Free

About Frontlines

Frontlines is a youth centre located in York-South Weston. It is the only local child and youth specific centre engaging youth in a variety of activities beyond the arts in Weston. Frontlines mission is to address the pressing needs of children and youth between the ages of 6 and 29, who live in Weston and its surrounding neighbourhoods. Frontlines addresses community needs through diverse programming to support the healthy physical, emotional and mental development of young participants. **frontlines.to**



CAMERAS IN THE LIBRARY

Cameras in the Library is a fun, immersive and experiential exploration of digital photography, the history of photography and an exploration of iconic 20th-century photographers. Over eight

workshops, participants ages 8 to 12 work closely with Diana Nazareth, professional photographer and founder of Project Kids & Cameras, and Kelly Lui, assistant instructor and videographer. Participants explore the people and places in their community, take and print their own photos, and learn how to curate a photo exhibit showcasing their work in the library's gallery space. Integral to this project is Project Kids & Cameras' unique approach to teaching photography, which includes methods that encourage and strengthen creative and critical thinking skills, visual thinking skills, problem-solving, collaboration and community-building.

Workshops

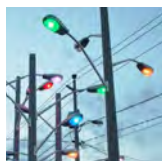
When: May 22, 24, 29, 31; June 5, 12, 15, 19,
4 – 5:30 p.m.

Where: Oakwood Village Library, 341 Oakwood Ave.

Free

About Project Kids & Cameras

Project Kids & Cameras is a social enterprise that empowers young people to explore their voice and the world around them through photography, literacy, visual thinking skills and social action. Their programs are facilitated in schools, community art centres and libraries across the GTA. They are an approved TDSB Educational Partner and a Toronto Library Partner. **projectkidsandcameras.com**



COFFEE CULTURE

Put a little “culture in your coffee”, the monthly Coffee Culture Café Series brings a little culture to the Mount Dennis BIA. To kick off the series (and the summer!), everyone can dance the night away at a Summer Dance Party under the lights of Nyctophilia public art installation with local DJ Cozmic Cat while sipping iced java courtesy of supercoffee. Free coffee will be served at all events.

Summer Dance Party

When: July 5, 7:30 p.m.

Where: Nyctophilia, corner of Weston Road and
Dennis Avenue

Free

Music Series

When: July 25, 7 p.m.

Where: supercoffee,
1148 Weston Rd.

Free

When: Aug. 29, 7 p.m.

Where: Royal Bakery,
1263 Weston Rd.

Free

When: Sept. 26, 7 p.m.

Where: supercoffee,
1148 Weston Rd.

Free

When: Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

Where: Royal Bakery,
1263 Weston Rd.

Free

About Mount Dennis BIA

Established in 1974, the Mount Dennis BIA is located along Weston Road, running north and south of the main intersection at Eglinton Avenue West – from Ray Avenue in the north to Lambton Avenue in the south. The area offers an exotic array of eclectic restaurants, cafes, shopping and services and is easily accessible via 24-hour public transportation.

mountdennisbia.ca



IDENTITY PHOTO PORTRAIT PROJECT

The Identity Photo Portrait Project is a community arts-based workshop series that offers newcomers and their families the opportunity to connect with each other and to examine identity while sharing life experiences. The intergenerational workshops, led by visual artist Catherine Moeller, engage participants in the creation of collage and photographic art pieces that are exhibited in a final showcase for family, friends and the greater community to see.

When: July through Aug., TBC

Where: Learning Enrichment Foundation, 116 Industry St.
Free

About Catherine Moeller

Catherine Moeller is a Toronto photographer and artist who has a passion for bringing the arts to the community and creating community through the arts. She works with an eclectic ever-growing range of mediums. Catherine is excited to be the lead artist for the Identity Photo Portrait Project and to make art with local families, in partnership with the Learning Enrichment Foundation and Art Starts.



LIVING BLACK GENIUS

Living Black Genius is an immersive program that highlights and connects prominent Black Canadian leaders with youth and the larger

community. Weekly guest mentors include artists, journalists/content creators, entrepreneurs and more. The participants nominate, research, interview and film mentors, and the footage is edited and uploaded to YouTube as educational public content. Youth also receive facilitated workshops; trips to shows; and opportunities to be mentored one-on-one with invited facilitators.

When: Tuesdays & Fridays, April 30 to June 30,
6 – 8 p.m.

Where: UrbanArts at Artscape Weston Common, 34 John St.
(at Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue)

Free

About PIECE OF MINE Arts

PIECE OF MINE Arts presents multidisciplinary works created by artists of the African Diaspora, as well as youth programming that explores African Canadian narratives. Based in Toronto, the company platforms bold pieces in development as well as complete works from performing and visual/media artists. PEACE OF MINE Arts forms opportunities for the growth and legacy of stories that explore culture. pieceofminearts.com



LOCAL TALES

How many extraordinary stories are hidden in pieces of garments? What we wear can reveal so much about our personality as well as lead to misinterpretation. Local Tales presents a photo blog that collects stories about creative and uniquely-dressed personalities of York and north Etobicoke. Ksenia Khan leads storytelling and photography workshops promoting freedom of expression, while creating and curating a final exhibition.

Street Photography Workshop

When: May 9, 6 – 8 p.m.

Where: UrbanArts at Artscape Weston Common, 34 John St.
(at Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue)

Free

Storytelling Workshops

When: June 8, 2 – 4 p.m.

Where: UrbanArts at Artscape Weston Common,
34 John St.

Free

Mentorship Session for Image Makers

When: TBC

Where: TBC

Mentorship Session for Exhibition Makers

When: July 25, TDB

Where: UrbanArts at Artscape Weston Common,
34 John St.

Free

About Ksenia Khan

Toronto-based arts manager, Ksenia Khan, attended her first art class at the age of seven. She graduated with a MEd in Art Education and BA in Fashion Design and has completed the Arts Management Program at Centennial College. She has worked for various arts organizations as an art educator, curriculum developer, curator and program coordinator. An avid traveller, Ksenia explores the meaning of a safe space, inclusiveness and tolerance in a modern social environment.



OAKWOOD VILLAGE URBAN MARKET

This Oakwood Village Urban Market is a monthly series from July to September. Each event will host a mix of activities for all ages and abilities to participate in or be entertained by. Neighbourhood residents and visitors are invited to Charles Brereton Park for a community inspired program of music, dance, food, arts, and creativity. Participate in a workshop, come out and socialize, or peruse unique finds at the artisan flea market. Look out for fresh Ontario produce market stands, a clothing swap and bike workshop.

When: July 13, Aug. 17, Sept. 14, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

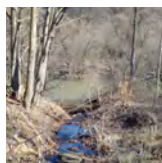
Where: Charles Brereton Park, 306 Oakwood Ave.

Free

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About Oakwood Village BIA

Oakwood Village is a niche community with a quaint and convenient commercial main street that has served the neighbourhood since the 1920s. Just above the Toronto cityscape in the former Township of York, Oakwood Avenue forms part of network of city streets influenced by natural geography, ancient trail routes and urbanization. The mandate of the Oakwood Village BIA is to encourage and support economic activity and development by caring for and activating public spaces, engaging patrons and the community through neighbourhood events and marketing. oakwoodvillage.ca



OUR SPARKLING TREASURES: EXPLORING YORK'S HIDDEN WATERWAY GEMS

Merry Hawk Arts presents a series of three waterside walks celebrating the natural and social heritage of the spectacular Humber River and lower Black Creek estuary and ravines, ponds, pools, footbridges, trails, parklands and other points of interest. Exploration includes the rare Carolinian wildlife and habitat, historic settlements, new public works, murals, the Lambton House museum tea room and Smythe Park. These accessible, all-age walks are animated by experts in local history, conservation, nature and wildlife photography and feature guest performances by York cultural groups. In partnership with Rockcliffe-Smythe Community Association, Heritage York, TRCA, Toronto Field Naturalists and other community organizations.

Smythe Park & Black Creek: Ponds and Pools Walk

When: July 16, 10:30 a.m.

Where: Smythe Park entrance
(at Jane Street and Alliance Avenue)

Free

Upcoming Walks

When: TBC

Where: Various locations, TBC

Free

Merry Hawk Arts

Merry Hawk Arts is a new initiative aiming to promote community wellbeing through innovative cultural programming and collaboration. It seeks to increase public access to cultural learning, sharing and networking, with opportunities for creative expression and appreciation as well as youth media and marketing mentorship.



PROJECT DISRUPTION

Project Disruption is a disability-centered performing arts program for Deaf, Mad, Chronically ill, Neurodiverse and disabled young people aged 16 to 25. Working in collaboration with practicing disabled artists, young people create and perform new short works that reflect their experiences and invite new visions for the future. Participants work with storytelling, sound, and movement to create an original performance piece. No previous experience with the performing arts is needed and anyone who identifies in some way with being disabled is welcome to apply to participate. Priority is given to disabled young people who identify as Black, Indigenous, Youth of Colour, Queer and Trans youth, and youth who have experienced significant obstacles. To register, email **TheCyborgCircusProject@gmail.com**

Workshops

When: Wednesdays, starting June 12, TBC

Where: Jumbles Theatre, The Ground Floor,
132 Fort York Blvd.

Free

Performance

When: TBC

Where: Artscape Weston Common, 34 John St.
(at Weston Road and Lawrence Avenue)

Free

About The Cyborg Circus Project

The Cyborg Circus Project is an emerging disability-led, disability-justice informed dance and circus company. In

addition to the production and performance of a new repertoire, the Cyborg Circus Project has a mandate to provide community programming in the arts to disabled youth and adults. They believe that disabled artists face too many barriers to becoming professional artists, and seek to provide programming that supports disabled artists in the journey from their first exposure to arts creation through to providing high level professional development opportunities for emerging and established disabled artists.

facebook.com/CyborgCircusProject



SHAKESPEARE IN THE SHELL

Shakespeare in Action's first season of Shakespeare in the Shell, an annual outdoor summer production at Little Avenue Memorial Park, engaging emerging and established actors, while providing youth mentorship opportunities to local artists and technicians to present the funny and whimsical park classic, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. Each night, local talent from northwest Toronto are featured as opening acts. What follows is a 75-minute vibrant, professional, and family-friendly production of Shakespeare's most beloved comedy, filled with fairies, unrequited lovers and...a donkey.

Performances

When: July 16 – 21, 7:15 p.m.; July 23 – 28, 7:15 p.m.

Where: Little Avenue Memorial Park, 22 Little Ave.

Free

About Shakespeare in Action

For 30 years, Shakespeare in Action has made the language and stories of Shakespeare fun, accessible, and relevant to children youth and families across the GTA. Known for their free reader's theatre program for kids at Toronto Public Libraries, and decade old Shakespeare for Kids summer camp, Shakespeare in Action is invested in bringing Shakespeare to life for the next generation. This year, Shakespeare in Action is excited to become north-west Toronto's resident professional

theatre company, programming performances and arts education opportunities out of the new Artscape Weston Common cultural centre in the Weston community.

shakespeareinaction.org



SOUNDS OF EGLINTON

Sounds of Eglinton is a grassroots, neighbourhood showcase of music and culture. It draws on the area's historical connections to music, with the roots of reggae music in Toronto planted since the 1960s. Everyone is invited to participate in activations along the street, including live music, dance and children's activities. Peruse local shops enjoy savory cuisine and relax at our café tables, while listening to live music. Connect with old friends and discover new city nooks. The festival fosters unity through diversity and reinforces Eglinton West's status as the home of culture.

Sounds of Eglinton

When: Aug. 17, noon – 9 p.m.

Where: Reggae Lane Green P parking lot,
1529 Eglinton Ave. W.

Free

About York Eglinton BIA

The York Eglinton BIA supports a vibrant, active commercial district, creating a sustainable economic environment that benefits businesses, residents and all those experiencing York Eglinton. The BIA does this through beautification, marketing and events, and by drawing on community assets. The area's greatest asset is the rich culture and history that has remained as anchors in this ever-changing, diverse area. **yorkbia.ca**



YOUTH RISE

The Weston Mount Dennis Service Providers' Network and local residents host the annual Fall Festival, bringing community members together, highlighting local talent and creating awareness of local resources. A highlight, the YOUTH RISE community stage provides youth an opportunity to be part of the organizing committee and develop and execute a community outreach plan, engage partner agencies, develop marketing materials and encourage their peers to perform and act as presenters and emcees on the YOUTH RISE stage – where the young local performers can develop their performance skills, inspire and entertain their fellow community members.

YOUTH RISE at the Fall Festival

When: Sept. 13, 3 – 7 p.m.

Where: Community Place Hub, 1765 Weston Rd.

Free

About Progress Place

Progress Place collaborates with organizations and residents in order to increase social connections, build community capacity and support health and wellness. Progress Place is the lead agency at the Weston Mount Dennis Community Place Hub, which provides a variety of programs and services to residents through 20 partner organizations, known as the Service Providers' Network which meaningfully connects people to programs and services across organizations.

progressplace.org





COMMUNITY PROJECTS

York is a vibrant eclectic neighbourhood filled with local arts groups, community associations, thriving businesses, restaurants and more. With its rich music history, arts, culture and community flourish here and you will find emerging and professional artists in all artistic disciplines working, performing and exhibiting throughout the area.

The Cultural Hotspot connects people, highlighting and celebrating events already happening in the area. What follows is just a snapshot of the many arts, culture and community events happening in these neighbourhoods.

For more detailed information, to see new Community Projects, or to share your own activity, visit us at **toronto.ca/culturalhotspot**.



YOUTH WEEK TORONTO

Youth Week Toronto celebrates youth engagement and showcases the abilities and talents of youth in the area of civic engagement, recreation, arts, employment

and sports in diverse communities throughout Toronto.

Events take place across Toronto, for more information see

toronto.ca/youthweek.

When: May 1 – 7

Where: Various locations

Free

HERITAGE YORK EXHIBITIONS: WHAT'S UP WITH THE HUMBER RIVER? AND THE HUMBER: CANADA'S 26TH HERITAGE RIVER DESIGNATED 1999 - HOW AND WHY



Explore the River's past and present; large-scale environmental degradation started with the milling era and erosion, deforestation and pollution. Citizens' recognize cultural and recreational importance of the Humber

River and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, in partnership with various municipalities, now care for it for us all to enjoy. Opening hours may vary. Please call ahead to inquire 416-767-5472.

When: May to Oct., Sundays, 12:30 – 4 p.m.

Where: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free



13TH ANNUAL JANE'S WALK FESTIVAL

Jane's Walk is a grassroots organization honouring the legacy of community builder Jane Jacobs through citizen-led walking tours that encourage participants to observe, reflect,

share, question, and collectively reimagine the places in which

they live, work and play. Jane's Walk is a project of Tides Canada Initiatives. For details, visit janeswalk.org.

When: May 3 – 5, hours vary by walk

Where: Various locations

Free



JOHN AND JULIE DORSEY PUB NIGHT

The ever-popular John and Julie Dorsey have been entertaining full houses at the Lambton House since pub nights began. John's original songs, along with carefully selected tunes of others, tell stories and share feelings that make us laugh and cry and sometimes want to sing along. Julie's vocal harmonies and flair contribute to a fun and memorable evening. This special duo connects with the audience to create an intimate, inspiring and enjoyable time for all.

When: May 3, 6 – 8 p.m.

Where: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free



JANE'S WALK: THE FRENCH AND BRITISH FORTS OF TORONTO - A BICYCLE TOUR

Heritage York and Fort York National Historic Site offer an exciting way to view Toronto's early history. On this tour, learn about "Teiaiagon," a 17th-century Seneca village and the Le Magasin Royal, circa 1720. Follow the Humber Bicycle Trails south and along the Martin Goodman Trail to where Fort Rouillé, the last French Fort once stood, ending at Fort York, a British fort and the place where urban Toronto (then York) was founded. The bicycle tour includes free admission to Fort York National Historic Site.

When: May 4, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Where: Start at Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free



JANE'S WALK: SOUNDS AND SIGHTINGS

Jane's Walks encourage people to share stories about their neighbourhoods, discover unseen aspects of their communities and connect with their neighbours. As the home of culture, Eglinton West offers these opportunities, showcasing the sights and sounds that are heavily influenced by reggae. Culture resides here and is reflected not only through the music, but the people as well. Admire powerful murals, hear equally powerful stories and experience the infectious, positive spirit of this storied community. The York-Eglinton Business Improvement Area will lead this walk.

When: May 4, 2 – 4 p.m.

Where: Start at York-Eglinton BIA Office,
605 Oakwood Ave.

Free



BATTLE OF THE HUMBER HERITAGE TALK

The story of Canadian Cyclists in the Great War is largely unknown; most of their time was spent digging trenches, patrolling roads, and delivering dispatches. But during the last Hundred Days campaign – at Amiens, Cambrai and especially the Pursuit from the Sensée – Canadian Cyclists finally came into their own. This lecture focuses on the first chapter of Canadian Cyclists' Great War story – basic training at Camp Exhibition in Toronto and Paradise Grove at Niagara-on-the-Lake, fatigue rides out to Cooksville and Hamilton and numerous Battles of the Humber.

When: May 9, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Where: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free



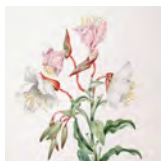
WESTON FARMERS' MARKET

Find farm-fresh produce, pastries and treats from local farmers, artisans and vendors. The Weston Farmers' Market, now in its 40th season, is one of the oldest and highly respected markets in the GTA.

When: Saturdays, May 11 to Oct. 26, 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: Weston Baptist Church, 1871 Weston Rd.

Free



AGGIE'S WILDFLOWER MOTHER'S DAY WALK ALONG THE HUMBER RIVER

Celebrate Mother's Day with a stroll through Magwood Sanctuary and along the Humber River with Madeleine McDowell. Nearby seek out Aggie's wildflowers. Agnes (Aggie) Fitzgibbon Chamberlain illustrated "Canadian Wildflowers" with 10 images drawn from the wildflowers, some still surviving, on the Humber River and Plain. These prepared lithographic stone plates, were hand printed multiples of line drawings and hand-coloured with the aid of her three eldest daughters. Meet at Lambton House and return for tea and talk.

When: May 12, 1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free



FILMS ON SHORTT

May to September, Fairbank Village BIA is offering family-friendly monthly outdoor movie screenings. It's recommended to bring your own blanket or chair, or grab a spot on one of the benches along the sides. Those with blankets can sit closer to the screen. Popcorn is free.

When: May 17, 8:30 p.m.; June 14, 9 p.m.; July 19, 9 p.m.; Aug. 23, 9 p.m.; Sept. 13, 8:30 p.m.

Where: Outdoors on Shortt Street at Eglinton Ave. W.

Free



DOORS OPEN TORONTO

The Doors Open 2019 theme focuses on our past and our future. It is a celebration of the first 20 years of the event's history while looking forward to the next 20 years. In 2019 Doors

Open will explore our past; it is now the time to involve Toronto's indigenous community in a more meaningful and fulsome way and this objective is woven throughout the program. Doors Open will also embrace a youth focus: Millennials, also known as the "next great generation" will lead the process of visioning Toronto's architectural, design and urban planning infrastructure. It is the "20 somethings" who will champion a vision of the urban landscape in 2039. toronto.ca/doorsopen

When: May 25 & 26, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Where: Artscape Weston Common, 34 John St. (York)

Where: Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St.

Where: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free

When: May 25, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Where: Eglinton Maintenance and Storage Facility,
85 Industry St.

Free



SWEET THYME PUB NIGHT @ LAMBTON HOUSE WITH JANE DRAKE AND IAN STARKE

This dynamic duo, play familiar folk and rock tunes with a creative twist. Hear tunes by Tom Petty, Leonard Cohen, Jake Bugg, Elle King, Jann Arden and Dolly Parton, as well as original tunes that you'll fancy at first listen. Stunning vocals and inspired harmonies, percussive guitar and hopeful ukulele, with plenty of opportunity to sing along and stomp your feet.

When: June 7, doors 6 p.m., show 8 – 11 p.m.

Where: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free



HERITAGE TALKS @ LAMBTON HOUSE WITH SUSAN M. HILL

Heritage Talks @ Lambton House bring together people with a growing interest in the cultural and natural heritage of the Lower Humber River and more. The speaker for this event is Susan M. Hill, Director, Centre for Indigenous Studies, and Associate Professor, Indigenous Studies & Department of History at the University of Toronto. Heritage Talks are held on the second Thursday of most months between September and June. No reservations required, but seating is limited.

When: June 13, doors 7 p.m., talk 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Where: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free



FAIRBANK SUMMERFEST

20,000 friends and neighbours come out for this two-day extravaganza that includes food from around the world as well as a sidewalk sale – a modern twist on a summer carnival, where the admission, midway rides and entertainment are free! Family fun also includes: Pet Idol, foosball, live music and cultural performances.

When: June 22, noon to 11 p.m. and June 23, noon to 9 p.m.

Where: Eglinton Avenue West, west of Dufferin Street

Free



DISCOVER HISTORIC LAMBTON PARK: WALK WITH LANCE GLEICH AND MADELEINE MCDOWELL

On the banks of the Humber River, within a 13.5-hectare City park, can be found the “Historic Lambton Park,” west of Scarlett Road on Dundas Street West and steps from Lambton House. Here is a gem of a habitat of Carolinian oak savannah between Old Dundas,

the CPR Main Line and the Humber River. Tour guides lead the group through the park's natural and cultural heritage, with surprising views of the CPR Main Line. Photographs and accounts illustrate the changes over the past century and a half. Meet at Lambton House and return for tea and conversation. Please note that terrain can be uneven.

When: June 22, 1 – 3:30 p.m.

Where: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free



HISTORIC LAMBTON HOUSE: HERITAGE YORK'S ANNUAL CANADA DAY TRADITIONAL BBQ

Along the Pan Am Path the Lower Humber River's unique cultural history is told with plaques and visual art and offers an exciting and free way to celebrate Canada Day. The River is known for its migratory birds, ducks, turtles and fish. Whether friends or family travel by foot, bike or TTC, a special place to visit for refreshment, as was the custom in the 19th century, is the nearby historic Lambton House. Heritage York's Annual Canada Day picnic offers traditional BBQ fare at a reasonable price. Free admission to Lambton House for What's Up With the Humber River exhibit, a tour and area view.

When: July 1, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Where: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free



WESTON BUSKERFEST

Weston Buskerfest is a fun-filled street festival featuring a line-up of top street performers in the world. The event features musical performances, magicians, fire eaters, jugglers, mimes, face painting, balloon artists and more.

When: July 27, noon – 6 p.m.

Where: John Street and Weston Road

Free



EGLINTON WEST: LITTLE JAMAICA

Join Heritage Toronto and the Ontario Black History Society for a trip along Little Jamaica. Explore the neighbourhoods' vibrant businesses, and learn about this cultural hub for Toronto's Caribbean population, which is currently undergoing one of the largest transit construction projects in the country.

When: July 27 and Aug. 8, 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Where: Eglinton West Subway Station (start location),
1300 Eglinton Ave. W.

Free



HERITAGE TALK: THE HUMBER RIVER, ONE OF CANADA'S HERITAGE RIVERS

Learn about the Humber River and its watershed with Gary Wilkins, a Watershed Management Specialist, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (retired) and professor of environmental law, regulation and policy at Seneca College. While with the TRCA, Wilkins worked closely with community-based task forces responsible for helping to protect, restore and celebrate watersheds. Professor Wilkins was in charge of the 1998 final submission to the Canadian Heritage Rivers Board for the Humber River's designation as a Heritage River.

When: Sept. 9, 7:30 – 9 p.m.

Where: Lambton House, 4066 Old Dundas St.

Free



PUMPKIN GIVEAWAY

Stop by Fairbank Village and get a free Pumpkin and enjoy family fun activities like face-painting, trick or treating a participating businesses, goodie bag decorating and a draw for a Halloween prize. Fairbank BIA is providing hotdogs and continuing their trick or treat component for the first 100 kids.

Costumes are welcome, but not required. Everything is while supplies last.

When: Oct. 25, 4 p.m.

Where: Outdoors on Hartley Avenue

Free



TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Toronto's Public Library is one of the world's busiest urban public library systems, with 100 branches across the city. Always "hotspots" for all things arts and culture, Toronto Public Library's York branches feature special programming that celebrate the area's unique contribution to the city's literary and cultural landscape. All programs are FREE and drop-in unless specified.

For more details and the most up to date listings, please visit **torontopubliclibrary.ca/programs-and-classes** or contact the branch directly.



**EVELYN GREGORY, 120 TROWELL AVE.,
416-394-1006**

Family Time, Fridays, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Stories, songs, rhymes and activities for children age 5 and under with their parents or caregivers.



**MARIA A. SHCHUKA,
1745 EGLINTON AVE. W. 416-394-1000**

Finding Adler, June 5, 1 – 2:30 p.m.

Mr. Fang Sheng tells a moving story that took place in the 1940s; Jewish refugee musician

Ferdinand Adler recruited Chinese kids (many of them were orphans) and established a music school to train classical music professionals in China. Mr. Fang Sheng's father and uncle were among the group.

Zalika Reid-Benta: Frying Plantain, June 27, 7 p.m.

Zalika Reid-Benta appears in conversation to discuss her debut book *Frying Plantain*. In this stunning short story collection, Zalika Reid-Benta artfully depicts the tensions between mothers and daughters, second-generation Canadians and first-generation cultural expectations, and Black identity in a predominately white society. This event is part of the TPL eh List series.

Brazilian and Cuban Dance Workshop, July 25, 2 p.m.

Join us as we learn simple dance steps to modern Brazilian/Cuban dancing. All ages are welcome.

Caribbean Dance Workshops with Carnival Spice, July 29, 2 – 3 p.m.

Fusing Soca and Dancehall music through a high-energy, fitness experience that strengthens upper body, lower body and core – all dance and fitness levels are welcome.

Carnival Masquerade Craft, July 30, 2 – 3 p.m.

Join us as we begin the Carnival celebrations at the library. All ages are welcome. Celebrate Carnival season with a mask-making craft and carnival accessories!



**MOUNT DENNIS BRANCH,
1123 WESTON ROAD, 416-394-1008**

**MAP Family Saturday: Toronto History
Museums, May 11, 2 p.m.**

Todmorden Mills presents toys from the past.

**TD Summer Reading Club, Tuesdays, July 2 to Aug. 6,
2 – 3 p.m.**

The TD Summer Reading Club offers a variety of fun reading-related activities for children of all ages and keeps them reading all summer long.

Sing and Dance with Joseph, July 4, 2 p.m.

Joseph tells a story through music, dance and language. For children of all ages.



**OAKWOOD VILLAGE LIBRARY AND
ARTS CENTRE, 341 OAKWOOD AVE,
416-394-1040**

**Digital Innovation Series – Pop-Up
Learning Lab: iMovie for Beginners, May 8, 4 – 5 p.m.**

An introduction to using iMovie on the Mac. Basic video editing techniques are taught like using transitions and titles, adding audio and a soundtrack, cutting and splicing, and mastering the timeline. Registration required.

**Digital Innovation Series – Pop-Up Learning Lab:
Introduction to 3D Design, May 9, 6 – 7 p.m.**

Learn how to 3D print and design at the library. In this hands-on workshop, participants learn about how 3D designs are made and the different ways they can be created using Sculptris, Tinkercad. Registration required.

Basics of Vegetable Gardening, May 9, 6 – 7 p.m.

Presented by Toronto Master Gardeners. Bring your questions and join the discussion.

Digital Innovation Series – Pop-Up Learning Lab: Arduino for Beginners, May 16, 6 – 7 p.m.

Learn how to use an Arduino micro-controller. This program is for those who know nothing about this open-source electronic prototyping platform or single integrated circuit computers. A laptop and Arduino kit is provided for use during this workshop. Registration required.

Digital Innovation Series – Pop-Up Learning Lab: Photoshop for Beginners, May 23, 6 – 7 p.m.

Learn how to alter and retouch images using Adobe Photoshop CC. In this hands-on class, you learn to work with basic tools to resize, crop, modify colour, filter and add text to an image. Registration required.

Repair Café, June 1, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Don't toss it, fix it at the Repair Café. Those amazing folks at the Repair Café are at Oakwood Village Library to help you with fixing broken items you have at home. Learn a new skill, meet your neighbours, learn more about sharing your skills and volunteering, and save the planet. Bring any small appliances, clothing, jewelry or household items that you can carry to the Repair Café. Registration is first-come, first-served on the day of the event.

Swallowing Clouds Dance and Arts P.A. Day Camp, June 7, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

This workshop offers an introduction into the enriching world of art and creativity. Working with professional dancers, musicians and authors, workshop participants are guided through an inspiring creative journey. For ages 9 to 12. Program takes place in the auditorium. Registration is required.

Rewrite the Timeline with Us!: Artist in the Library, Sept. – Dec.

The Multiversity Our Strength Collective is made up of science fiction creators who want to reimagine Toronto. We are doing a series of politically-engaged science fiction talks, readings, crit sessions and workshops that help members of the public think about possible futures in a critical but playful way. Rewrite the timeline! Made possible with Toronto Arts Council grant.



HOT EATS

HOT Eats is a program that highlights restaurants, cafés and bakeries in Hotspot neighbourhoods through a gift certificate giveaway campaign (in partnership with Star Metroland Media), with an interactive online map and listing of participating restaurants, and with info about each restaurant in the legacy Cultural Loops Guide.

This year, HOT Eats celebrates the eateries in York's communities, featuring some of the most delicious food that Toronto has to offer.

Visit us at **toronto.ca/culturalhotspot/eats** to learn about HOT Eats - and eat more outside the core!

CULTURAL LOOPS

A legacy of the Cultural Hotspot, the Loops Guide features local arts and cultural institutions, green spaces, history, architecture and businesses. This collection of self-guided tours (in print and online) provides residents and visitors continued access to explore and enjoy the Hotspot area.

Cultural Loops Guides from our past Hotspots: Etobicoke (2015), North York (2016), East York/East End (2017) and Scarborough (2018) are available online and can also be found in print at the City Hall brochure rack, the Tourist Information Booth at Union Station, the areas community centres and libraries, and during the summer at the INFOTOGO Tourist information kiosks at Nathan Phillips Square, the Jack Layton Ferry Terminal, and at street festivals and events city-wide.

toronto.ca/culturalhotspot/explore

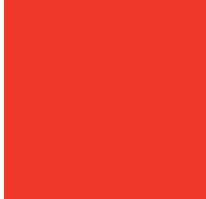


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And most of all, a big thanks to the community for sharing your neighbourhoods, talent, creativity, stories and smiles with us all.

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The 2019 Cultural Hotspot t-shirt was designed by Michael Lopez a designer, illustrator, and owner of an independent design studio in Toronto. This year's shirt concept celebrates the Cultural Hotspot area, highlighting local neighbourhood streets and creating a sense of place.

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