

TORONTO LOVES FILM



WE COMMIT TO GETTING BIGGER AND BETTER

Over the past year, extraordinary screen projects came to life in Toronto and we are ready for more. Our cohesive screen industry is growing fast to better serve you as we strive to become one of your preferred filming jurisdictions for both service production and post-production, as well as co-productions with Canada.

We are in the process of expanding our studio space and workforce while continuing to provide outstanding customer service to productions of all sizes. Last fall, Mayor John Tory began his second four-year-term and reaffirmed his commitment to working closely with the Toronto screen industry, other levels of government and residents to ensure our film, television and digital media industry continues to meet the high standards you seek and deliver creative excellence with you.

- Toronto is among the best screen jurisdictions in the world.
- A centre of excellence in production, post-production and creative talent.
- A broad screen industry ecosystem helps bring projects to the next level in this golden age of content creation.

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01/ STUDIO SPACE EXPANSION

Studio owners and operators are rapidly building more production space to respond to the high market demand.

Announced studio expansions will bring 500,000 square feet (sq ft) of new production space to the City by 2021 and even more is in the works for Toronto and its neighbouring regions.

02/ WORKFORCE & DIVERSITY DEVELOPMENT

Our screen industry workforce is larger than ever.

In three years, our unions and guilds have increased memberships by an average of 21% and bolstered training to match the upward market demand. This past year alone, they offered more than 100 unique training courses for over 4,000 participants to meet highest standards on set.

Through partnerships with academic institutions and community groups, private companies and the unions and guilds are creating placements and mentorship to foster top new local talent to enter the workforce in all areas of the industry, including production, VFX and animation.

ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) now offers a searchable database of Diverse Talent allowing you to cast the world right here in Toronto.

Through the xoTO Screen Industry Pathway programs, we are building and investing in our future by engaging 40 diverse youth, aged 16-29, per year to enter the workforce.

Toronto is home to the most diverse population in the world and we want this reality to be reflected in the screen industry workforce.

03/ ENHANCING CUSTOMER SERVICE

Further to our xoTO Schools program, which provides greater access to schools throughout Toronto for the screen industry, we are working on getting you access to additional desirable locations our city has to offer.

Our xoTO Neighbourhood Givebacks program is making Toronto even more film-friendly. We help productions determine the most impactful ways to give back to the communities in which they film, and we amplify this to residents.

Film-friendly principles are being embedded into City Planning's design guidelines for new neighbourhoods and developments.