

Aga Khan Boulevard Community Welcome Celebration

October 6, 2022, 8:00 p.m. | Aga Khan Park, 77 Wynford Drive, Toronto



Artist Javid Jah

 ISMAILI CENTRE  AGA KHAN MUSEUM  AGA KHAN PARK

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Welcome!

As part of the Mayor's Year of Public Art, the City of Toronto, Aga Khan Foundation, Ismaili Centre of Toronto, Aga Khan Park and the Aga Khan Museum are collaborating on a number of enhancements along Wynford Drive, which has recently received the ceremonial re-naming: Aga Khan Boulevard.

Tonight, we invite the community to celebrate new and upcoming public art enhancements along Aga Khan Boulevard. This event, curated by Elder Whabagoon and featuring Indigenous, Ismaili, and Japanese Artists, reflects His Highness the Aga Khan's commitment, through the works of the Aga Khan Foundation Canada, Ismaili Centre Toronto, Aga Khan Park and Aga Khan Museum, to advance a global understanding of pluralism, breaking the cycle of poverty, and building healthy and inclusive communities where everyone has the opportunity to reach their full potential.

The event is meant to signal that all are welcome on Aga Khan Boulevard, and to celebrate art by Javid Jah, whose integrated design concept was selected by an Advisory Committee for art on banners, crosswalks and traffic signal boxes along Aga Khan Boulevard. A mural projection wall sharing the vision and meanings behind Javid's concept will be 'revealed' as the finale of this Community Welcome Celebration.

Light refreshment will be available following the celebration.

PROGRAM

Land Rights Acknowledgement

Welcome from the City of Toronto

Introduction of Elder Whabagoon

Welcome Celebration curated by Elder Whabagoon,
co-curated by Cat Curran

Thank you remarks

Dr. Sascha Priewe

Director, Collections and Public Programs
Aga Khan Museum

Introduction of Artist Javid Jah

Kiran Hayat, Chairman, Southwest Region,
Ismaili Council, Ontario

Remarks by Javid Jah, Artist & Designer
Aga Khan Boulevard Art Enhancements

Mural Projection Wall

Reception

MEET THE ARTISTS

In order of appearance

Elder Whabagoon, Ojibway, Obishikokang - Lac Seul First Nation, Elder,
Senior Curator and Narrator

Cat Curran, Ojibwe, Co-Curator

Honouring the Eastern Direction: Manitou Nemeen - Que Rock,
Anishinaabe/Odawa, Nipissing First Nation, Grass Dancer

Honouring the Southern Direction: Nichole Leveck, Wyandot, Fancy
Shawl Dancer; Nazarene Pope, Wyandot/Trinidadian, Jingle Dress
Dancer; Ava-Lyn Jones, Ojibwa/Cree, Jingle Dress Dancer;
Isaiah Cada, Ojibway, Drummer and Singer

Honouring the Western Direction: Nagata Shachu Taiko Drum Ensemble,
founder Kyoshi Nagata, Naoya Kobayashi, Atsushi Kato, Nicholas Shao

Honouring the Northern Direction: Carl Douglas Kern,
Whirling Dervish, Sufi Ceremony

Closing Song: Neyan Shawn Felipe Pitawanakwat,
Ojibway/Mapuche, Drummer and Singer

Javid Jah, Artist & Designer

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