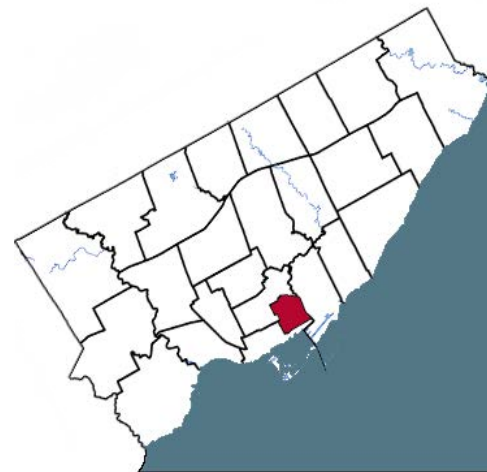


TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



WARD 13: TORONTO CENTRE

Approximately 300 arts activities funded in Toronto Centre in 2017.



ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Ward: Toronto Centre

Organization: Buddies in Bad Times Theatre

TAC Grant: Theatre
buddiesinbadtimes.com

Founded in 1979, Buddies in Bad Times Theatre is an alternative theatre company that develops and presents voices and stories that question sexual and cultural norms; and reflect and advance principles of queer liberation. In 2017, Buddies presented the mainstage production *Black Boys*, an intimate exploration of queer male Blackness, and the annual *Rhubarb Festival*, an experimental new works theatre festival. Buddies in Bad Times Theatre, located in the Church and Wellesley neighbourhood (Toronto Centre), continues to be the premier cultural centre for Toronto's LGBT community, while inspiring constructive dialogue and community collaboration among its artists and audiences.

Toronto Arts Council (TAC) is the City of Toronto's funding body for artists and arts organizations. Since 1974, TAC has played a major role in the city's cultural industries by supporting a very broad range of artistic activity. TAC grants lead to exhibitions, performances, readings and workshops seen annually by over 9.5 million people throughout the City of Toronto and beyond. Through its ongoing funding, TAC cultivates a rich engagement between artists and audiences.



OUR MISSION

Supporting artists and arts organizations with responsive and innovative granting programs.

OUR VISION: CREATIVE CITY, BLOCK BY BLOCK.

Working towards a vibrant and creative city where every neighbourhood is enriched by the transformative benefits of the arts.

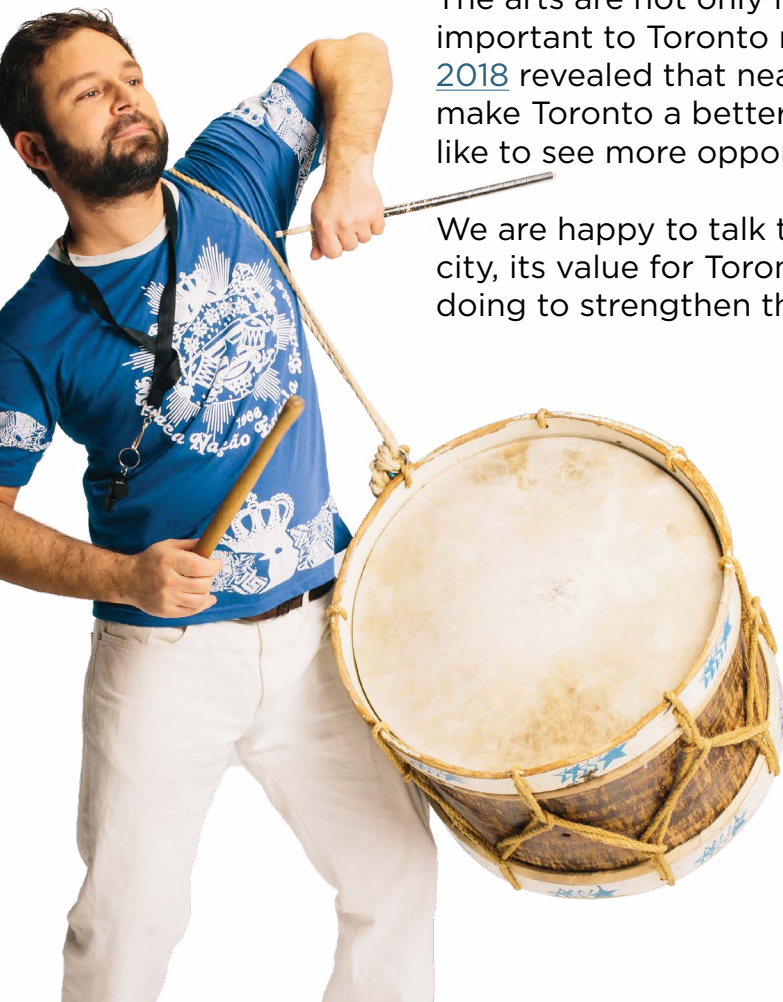
In 2017, TAC:

- ▶ Distributed over **\$18 million** in grants
- ▶ Supported **537** arts organizations and collectives and **492** professional artists
- ▶ Funded approximately **300** activities in ward 13, Toronto Centre

With an application success rate of 43%, TAC funds only a fraction of the artistic activity happening in the city. With more funds, we can invest more in the organizations and artists who are helping to build our vibrant, creative city.

The arts are not only important to Toronto artists, but they are important to Toronto residents. Toronto Arts Foundation's [Arts Stats 2018](#) revealed that nearly **90% of Torontonians** believe that the arts make Toronto a better place to live, and more than **75%** of them would like to see more opportunities to attend the arts in every Toronto ward.

We are happy to talk to you further about the impact of the arts on the city, its value for Toronto residents and what Toronto Arts Council is doing to strengthen the city through the arts.



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