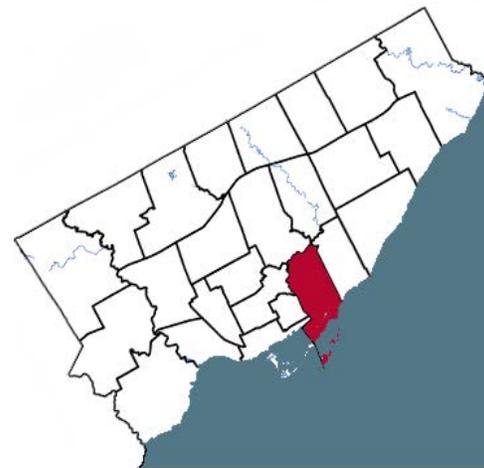
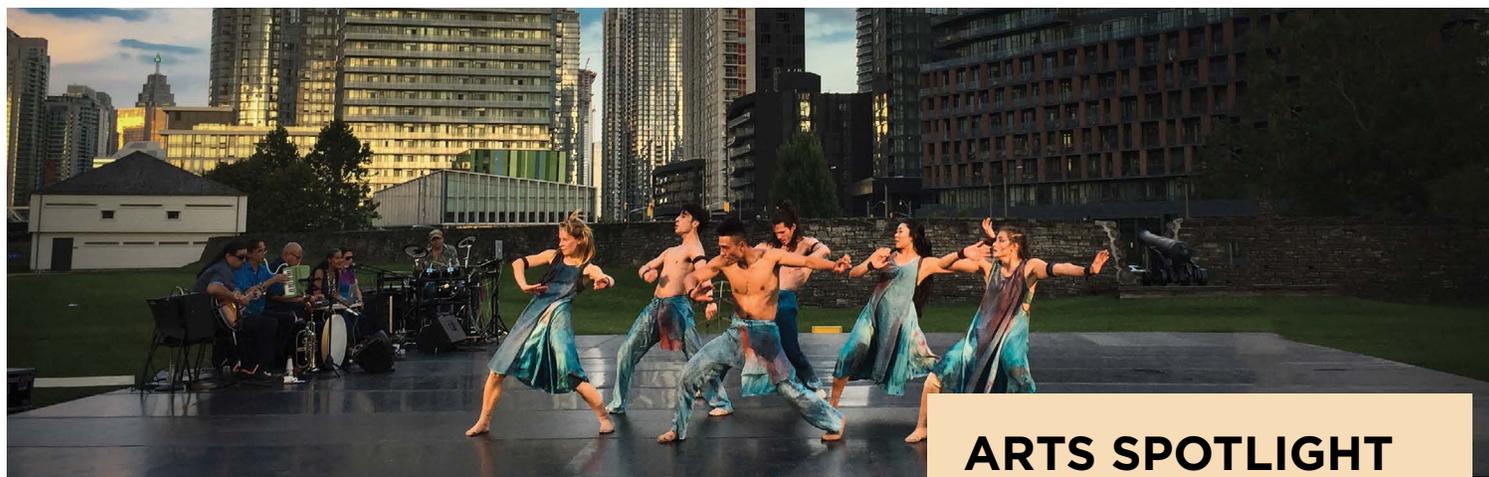


TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



WARD 14: TORONTO—DANFORTH

More than 70 arts activities funded in Toronto—Danforth in 2017.



ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Ward: Toronto—Danforth

Artist: Mike Ford

TAC Grant: Animating Historic Sites
mikeford.ca

Franco-Ontarian singer-songwriter Mike Ford has released 4 acclaimed albums of Canadian history-inspired songs, and has performed at numerous Canadian festivals and schools across Ontario. In 2018, Mike was the Songwriter-in-Residence at Todmorden Mills Heritage Site, where he presented *The Todmorden Mills Song Project*, a 6-month program involving song creation, workshops and concerts. Workshops, also held at Queen Alexandra Middle School and Chester Public School (Toronto-Danforth), encouraged students to create site-themed songs, and to take part in live performances. Through his unique musical explorations, Mike Ford is sharing his enthusiasm and knowledge of Canada's history and heritage with people of all ages.

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.

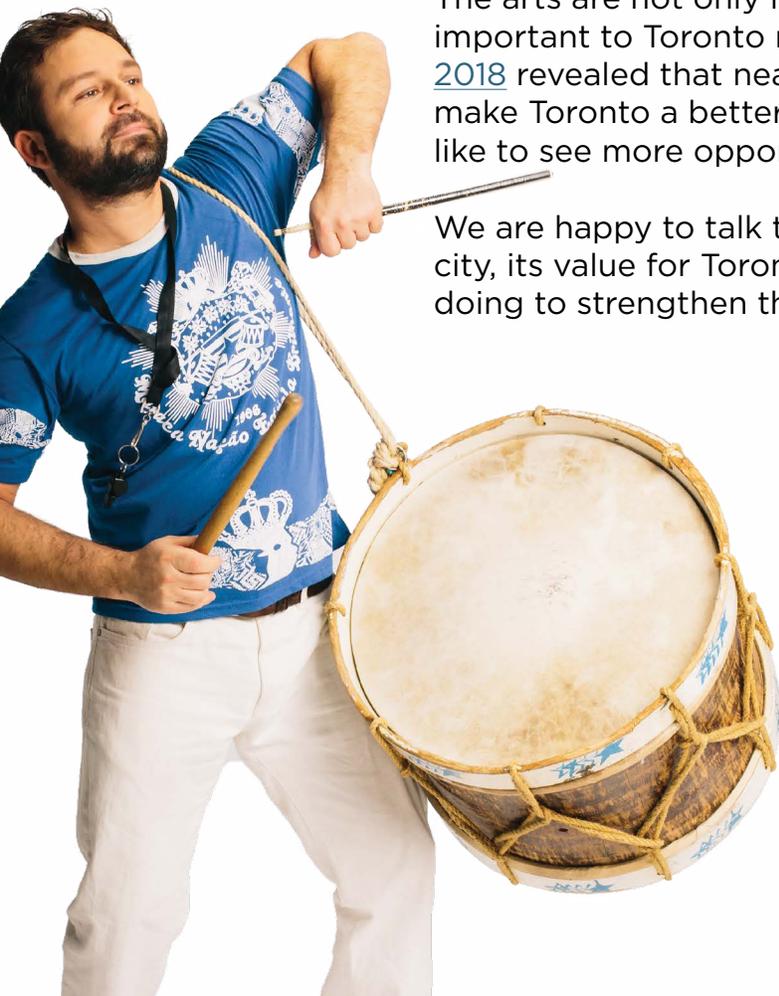
In 2017, TAC:

- ▶ Distributed over **\$18 million** in grants
- ▶ Supported **537** arts organizations and collectives and **492** professional artists
- ▶ Funded more than **70** activities in ward 14, Toronto—Danforth

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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