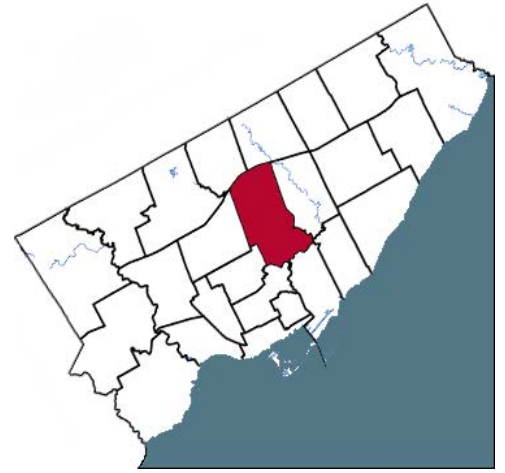


TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



WARD 15: DON VALLEY WEST

Approximately 40 arts activities funded in Don Valley West in 2017.



ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Ward: Don Valley West
Organization: ReelAbilities Film Festival Toronto
TAC Grant: Visual/Media Arts
reelabilities.org/toronto

Founded in New York in 2007, ReelAbilities Film Festival is the largest film festival in North America dedicated to promoting awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories and art of people with disabilities and Deaf people. In 2016, the festival crossed the border into Toronto to offer arts programming and an annual festival. In 2017, ReelAbilities Film Festival Toronto partnered with the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital (Don Valley West) to offer *Family Film and Art Day*, a full-day of programming that included family arts activities, a youth panel and documentary film screenings. Through inclusive artistic programming, ReelAbilities is helping to remove barriers, and spread awareness and compassion.

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.

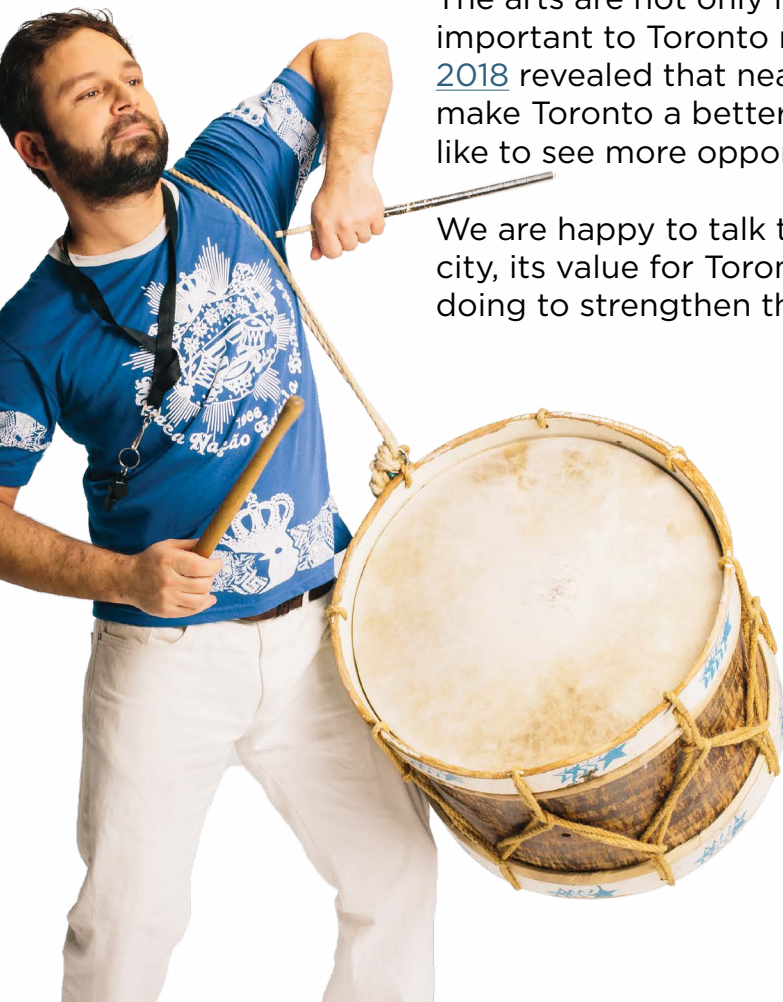
In 2017, TAC:

- ▶ Distributed over **\$18 million** in grants
- ▶ Supported **537** arts organizations and collectives and **492** professional artists
- ▶ Funded approximately **40** activities in ward 15, Don Valley West

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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