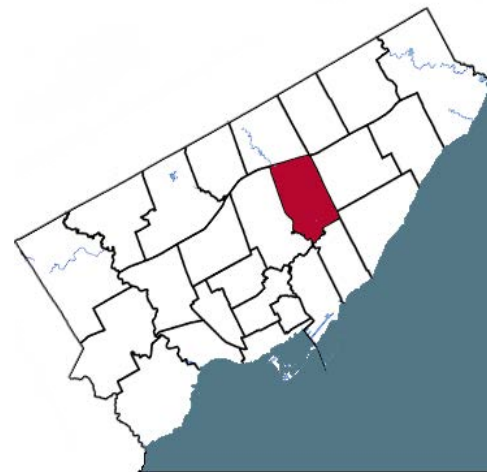


TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



WARD 16: DON VALLEY EAST

Approximately 30 arts activities funded in Don Valley East in 2017.



ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Ward: Don Valley East
Organization: Nagata Shachu
Japanese Taiko and Music Group
TAC Grant: Animating Toronto
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nagatashachu.com

Formed in 1998, Nagata Shachu Japanese Taiko and Music Group is a professional, non-profit Japanese taiko drumming and music group based in Toronto. In 2017, Nagata Shachu collaborated with Ensemble Jeng Yi, Toronto Tabla Ensemble, DRUMHAND, and TorQ, to present a series of afternoon concerts featuring drumming and percussive performances and interactive workshops. Concerts took place in parks across the city, including Flemingdon Park (Don Valley East). Through its accessible concerts and workshops, Nagata Shachu is rejuvenating the ancient art form of taiko drumming, while creating new collaborative opportunities with local and international artists.

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 **30** activities in ward 16, Don Valley East

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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