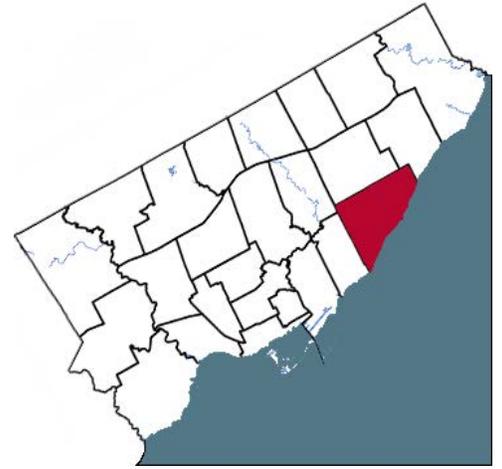
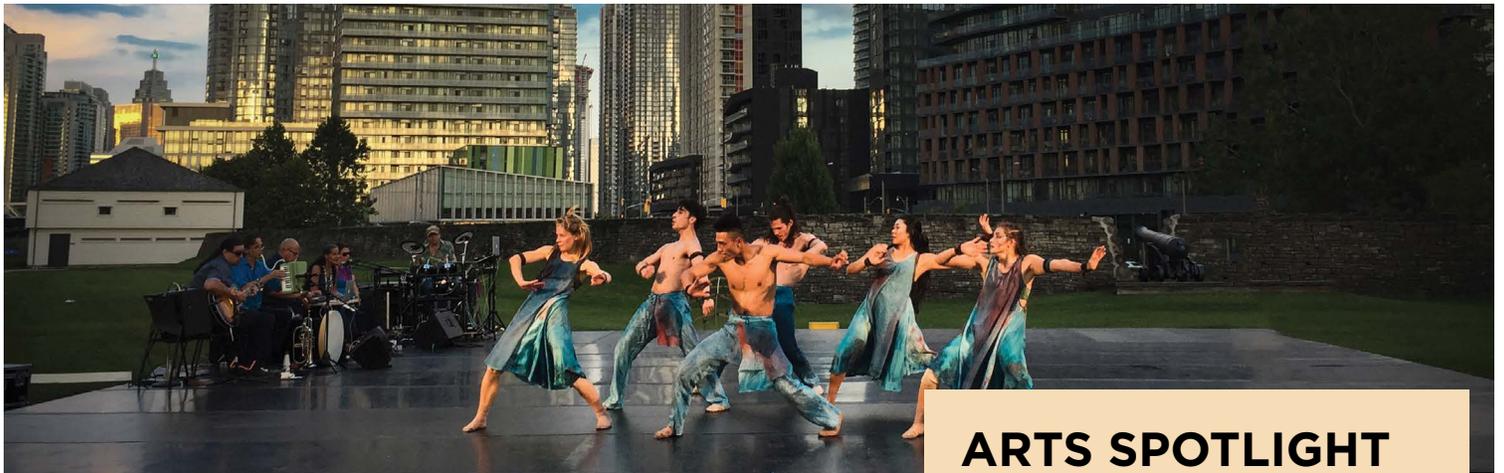


# TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



## WARD 20: SCARBOROUGH SOUTHWEST

Approximately 25 arts activities funded in Scarborough Southwest in 2017.



## ARTS SPOTLIGHT

**Ward:** Scarborough Southwest  
**Organization:** Mural Routes  
**TAC Grant:** Community Arts  
[muralroutes.ca](http://muralroutes.ca)

Mural Routes is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to the creation, development and promotion of public wall art. Since 1990, Mural Routes has worked with communities and artists to create over 50 murals across Toronto. Some of the first commissioned works by Mural Routes were a part of the Heritage Trail in the Cliffside area on Kingston Road (Scarborough Southwest). In 2017, two murals belonging to the Heritage Trail were restored by Blinc Studios: *Spooner's Garage* originally by Phillip Woolf, and *H.M. Schooner, Onondaga 1793* originally by Jeff Jackson. Both murals commemorate a specific moment in Scarborough's unique history. Through extraordinary wall art, Mural Routes is helping to create accessible outdoor art, while enhancing the aesthetic and community connection to neighbourhoods throughout Toronto.

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.

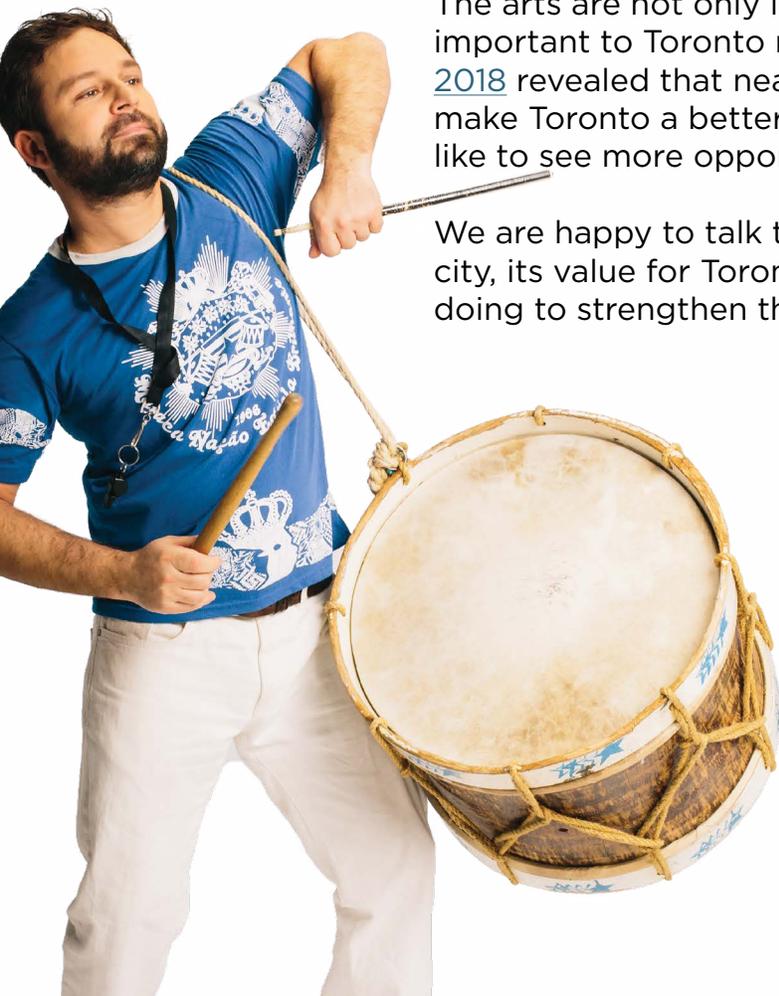
In 2017, TAC:

- ▶ Distributed over **\$18 million** in grants
- ▶ Supported **537** arts organizations and collectives and **492** professional artists
- ▶ Funded approximately **25** activities in ward 20, Scarborough Southwest

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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