

# TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



## WARD 21: SCARBOROUGH CENTRE



Shadowland Theatre, *Dearly Departed*. Funded by TAC's Creative Communities Multi-Year Operating program. Photo by Avery Schellenberg (2021).

### ARTS SPOTLIGHT

**Ward 21:** Scarborough Centre  
**Organization:** Scarborough Youth United  
**TAC Grant, 2021:** \$9,900  
[scarboroughyouthunited.org](http://scarboroughyouthunited.org)  
[artreach.org/about](http://artreach.org/about)

Scarborough Youth United created Paint Your Story, a program offering poetry, spoken word, and mural making to explore mental health among marginalized and racialized youth in Scarborough Centre. This youth-led program explored a range of topics including painting techniques, mural creation, and writing workshops with professional artists. Scarborough Youth United received support through Artreach – a TAC funded program designed to support young artists while also offering capacity-building programs including grant-writing workshops and mentorship for funded groups.

For details of all 950 TAC grants for 2021, [click here](#).

**Toronto Arts Council (TAC)** is the City of Toronto's funding body for artists and arts organizations. TAC grants support an average of 950 organizations and individual artists every year.

**Toronto Arts Foundation** is a charitable organization that offers initiatives and programs throughout the year for artists, arts organizations and residents.

As affiliate organizations, we work together to build and support Toronto's vibrant cultural sector.



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## THE ARTS MAKE OUR CITY BETTER

The arts, in all its forms, unite, engage, offer beauty and inspire dialogue. They bring great opportunities for economic growth, prosperity, fulfillment and belonging. Residents agree: 90% of Torontonians believe that the arts make Toronto a better place to live.

Strong support for Toronto's art and artists is crucial to talent retention, maintaining the health of the arts sector and is the fastest route to growth and revitalization.

- ▶ Toronto City Council currently spends just **0.5%** of Toronto's total operating budget on arts and culture.
- ▶ Every **\$1** invested by Toronto City Council in Toronto's arts organizations leverages an additional **\$15** income from donations and ticket sales.
- ▶ Prior to the pandemic, Toronto ticket sales generated **\$230 million** in the non-profit sector alone, in addition to the economic benefits for sectors like restaurants and transportation.
- ▶ Arts programming is a magnet for international travellers and an anchor for local audiences, with **30 million** people attending city funded programs in 2019.

Toronto Arts Council plays a key role. In 2022 TAC will:

- ▶ Distribute **\$23+ million** in grants
- ▶ Support **950** arts organizations, collectives and professional artists

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 and contribute to our economic recovery.

## THE ARTS MATTER – VOICE YOUR SUPPORT IN THE LEAD UP TO TORONTO'S 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION.