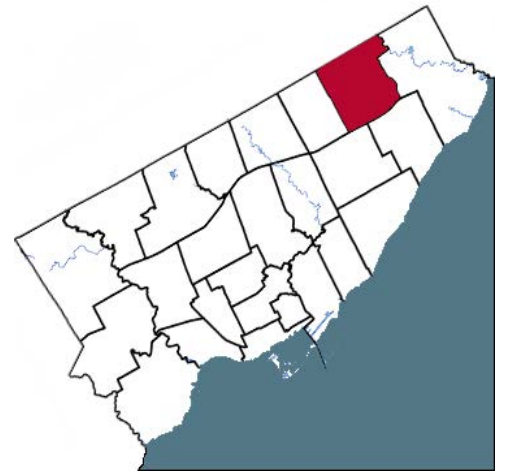
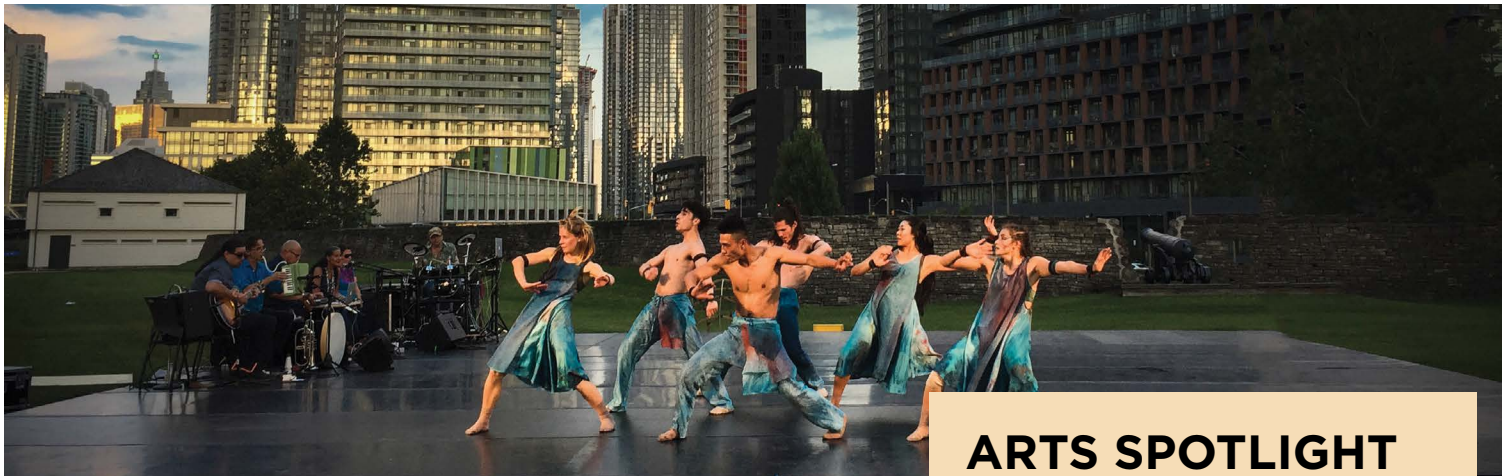


TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



WARD 23: SCARBOROUGH NORTH

Approximately 15 arts activities funded in Scarborough North in 2017.



ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Ward: Scarborough North
Organization: Shadowland Theatre
TAC Grant: Animating Toronto Parks
www.shadowlandtheatre.ca

Founded in 1983, Shadowland Theatre is a community arts theatre and collective that first began creating work on Toronto Islands. They work to create community-based outdoor theatre and performance events with a distinct visual style, using puppetry, mask and animated sculpture. In 2017, Shadowland Theatre conducted a week-long residency in Alexmuir Park (Scarborough North) to celebrate the human and natural history of the park with the local community. Titled *The Spirit of Our Park*, this residency gave community members an opportunity to participate in art-making, performance and Indigenous teachings, culminating in a theatrical finale. By offering outdoor theatrical community events, Shadowland Theatre helps community members connect and invest in their local neighbourhoods.

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 **15** activities in ward 23, Scarborough North

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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