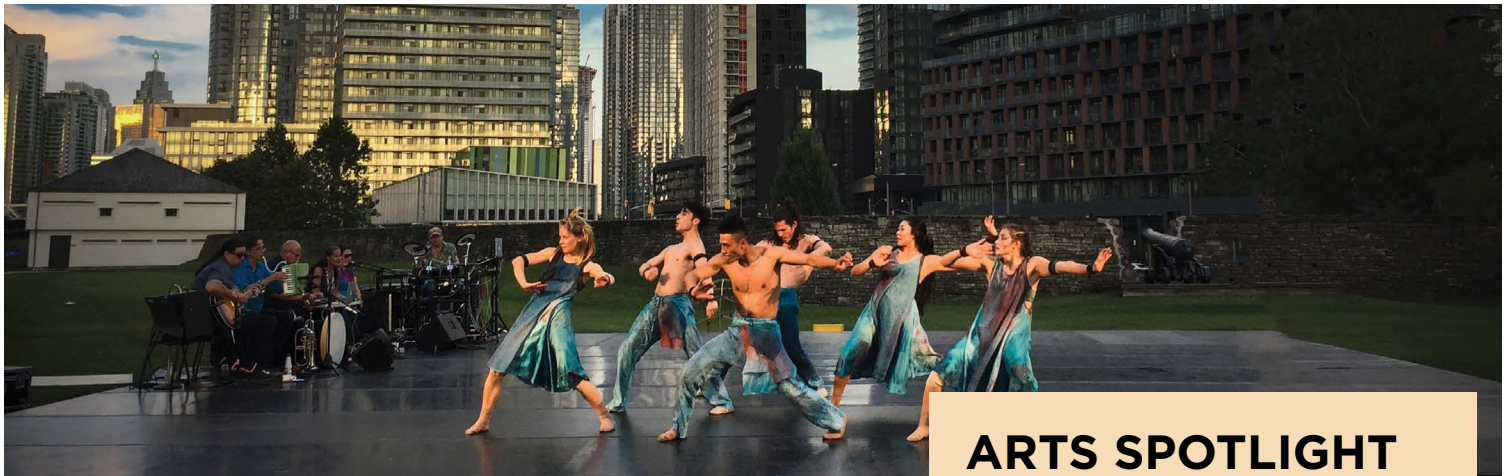
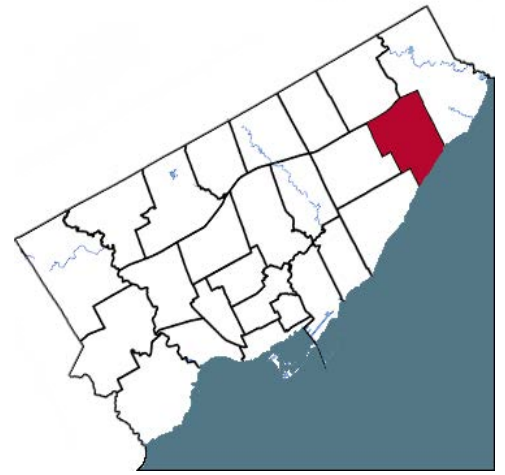


# TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO

## WARD 24: SCARBOROUGH—GUILDWOOD

Approximately 40 arts activities funded in Scarborough—Guildwood in 2017.



### ARTS SPOTLIGHT

**Ward:** Scarborough—Guildwood  
**Organization:** Red Sky Performance  
**TAC Grant:** Dance  
[www.redskyperformance.com](http://www.redskyperformance.com)

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.



Founded in 2000, Red Sky Performance is an Indigenous dance, theatre and music company that creates, produces and tours original work in Toronto and around the world. In 2017, Red Sky presented *Mistah* at the Scarborough Child and Family Life Centre. *Mistah* is a story of reconciliation geared to children aged 6-12. It was created to entertain, educate, raise awareness and understanding of Indigenous peoples, residential schools and strategies for reconciliation. Through projects like *Mistah*, Red Sky Performance is helping to facilitate important conversations and raise awareness of the residential school legacy for children in Toronto.



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Top: *Miigis*, by Red Sky Performance. Photo by Havid Hou.  
Bottom: Esie Mensah; photo by Sean Howard.

## 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 24, Scarborough—Guildwood

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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