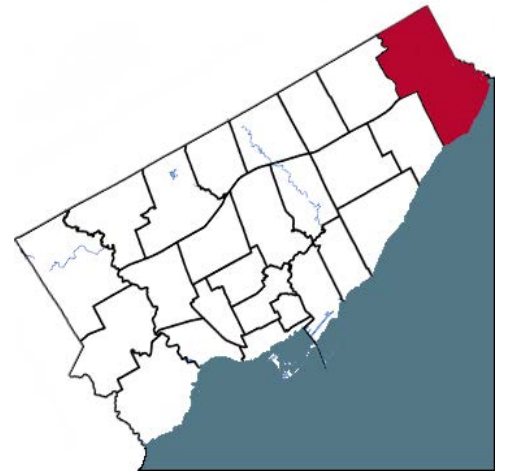


TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



WARD 25: SCARBOROUGH—ROUGE PARK

Approximately 12 arts activities funded in Scarborough—Rouge Park in 2017.



ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Ward: Scarborough—Rouge Park

Organization: Inner City Angels

TAC Grant: Newcomer and Refugee Arts Engagement
innercityangels.ca

Inner City Angels engages young learners in painting, sculpture, dance, music and interdisciplinary arts. Matching professional artists and arts educators, Inner City Angels explores big ideas, including social justice, culture and wellbeing. In 2017, Inner City Angels partnered with seven TDSB Model Schools for Inner Cities with high needs, including William G. Miller Public School (Scarborough-Rouge Park). Inner City Angels worked with newcomer and refugee students through their *NEVER GIVE UP!* program, encouraging students to explore adversity through artistic creation, helping them move past trauma in order to embrace optimism. By offering arts programming that focuses on wellbeing and self-awareness, Inner City Angels is giving youth the skills they need to overcome social challenges and catalyze change.

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 **12** activities in ward 25, Scarborough—Rouge Park

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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