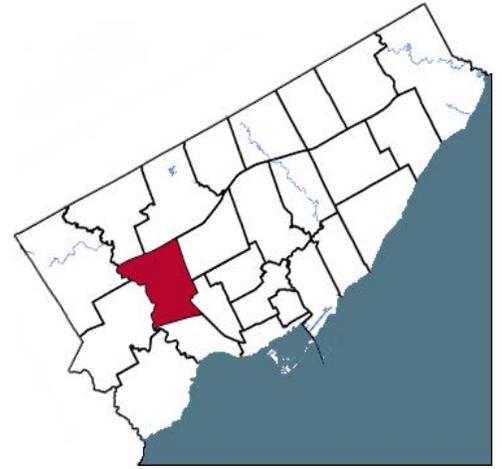
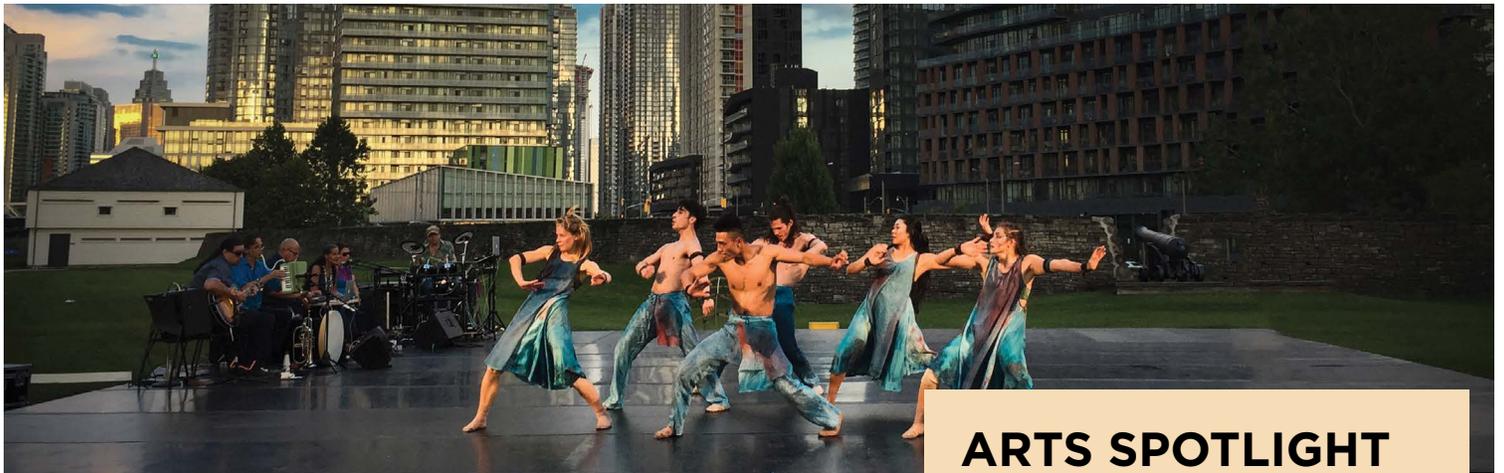


TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



WARD 5: YORK SOUTH WESTON

Approximately 35 arts activities funded in York South Weston in 2017.



ARTS SPOTLIGHT

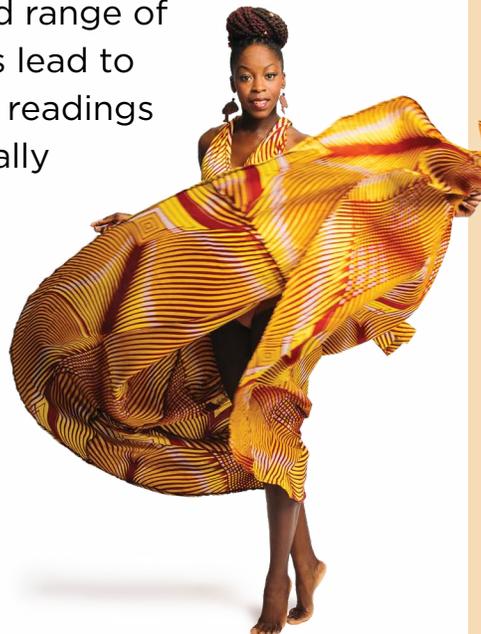
Ward: York South Weston

Organization: Lua Shayenne Dance Company

TAC Grant: Community Arts
lsdc.luashayenne.com

Created in 2011 by choreographer and founder Lua Shayenne, Lua Shayenne Dance Company (LSDC) presents contemporary and neo-traditional African dance works that aim to inspire spiritual progress and challenge stereotypes. In 2017, LSDC continued their community program titled, *The Dancing Rivers of Wellbeing* at York West Active Living Centre (York South Weston). This program engaged participants age 55 years and older through West African dance and drumming. Through the art of dance, Lua Shayenne Dance Company is enabling seniors to explore expressive movements, voice their creativity, and improve their sense of health and well-being.

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.

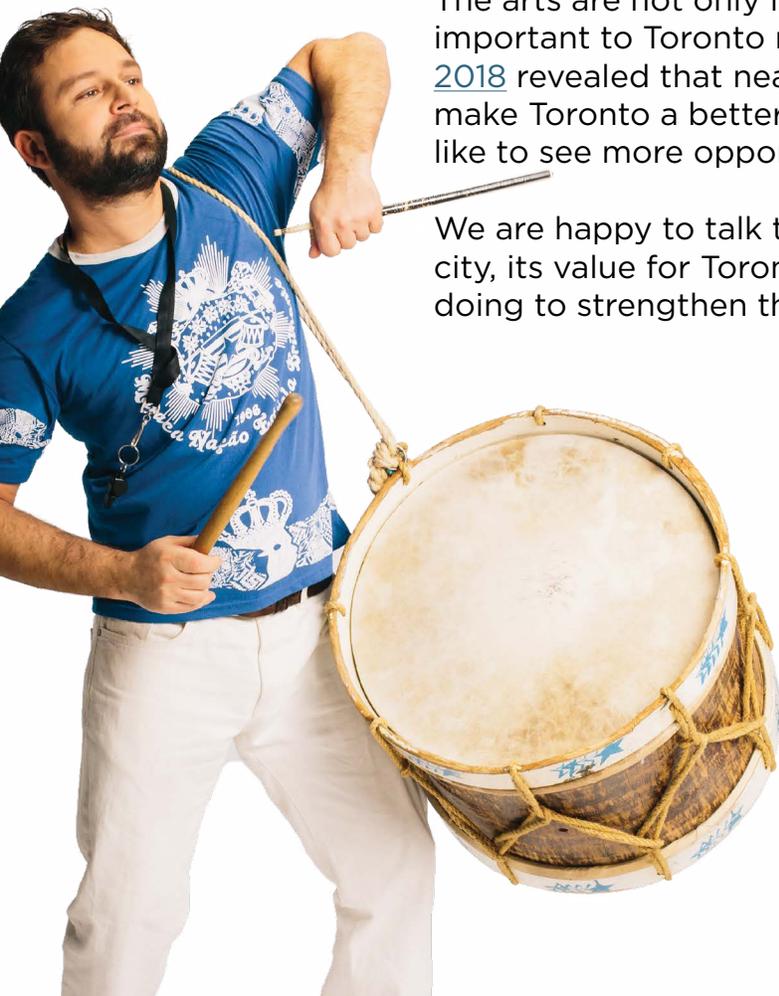
In 2017, TAC:

- ▶ Distributed over **\$18 million** in grants
- ▶ Supported **537** arts organizations and collectives and **492** professional artists
- ▶ Funded approximately **35** activities in ward 5, York South Weston

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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