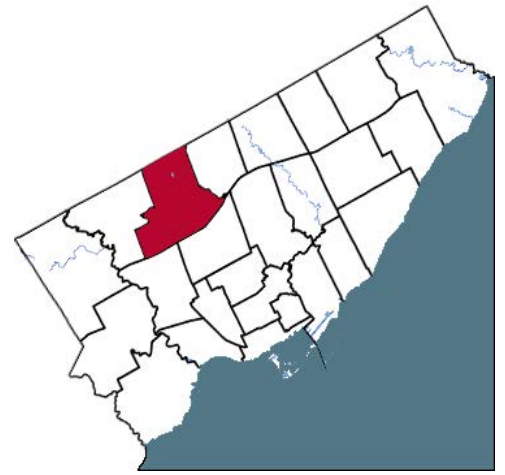


TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



WARD 6: YORK CENTRE

Approximately 20 arts activities funded in York Centre in 2017.



ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Ward: York Centre

Organization: Ensemble Jeng Yi

TAC Grant: Animating Toronto Parks

www.ensemblejengyi.com

Formed in 1998, Ensemble Jeng Yi is a Toronto-based Korean performing arts ensemble that weaves drumming, music and theatre. Their innovative creativity has resulted in the creation of site-specific works, interactive performances, and multi-disciplinary productions. In 2018, Ensemble Jeng Yi presented *The Ironflower Korean Drumming Performance & Workshop* at Earl Bales Park (York Centre). This event featured exciting performances, followed by interactive workshops where audience members learned how to play the drums. Through projects like these, Ensemble Jeng Yi is giving local communities an opportunity to learn the art of Korean drumming and express their creativity through music.

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 **20** activities in ward 6, York Centre

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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