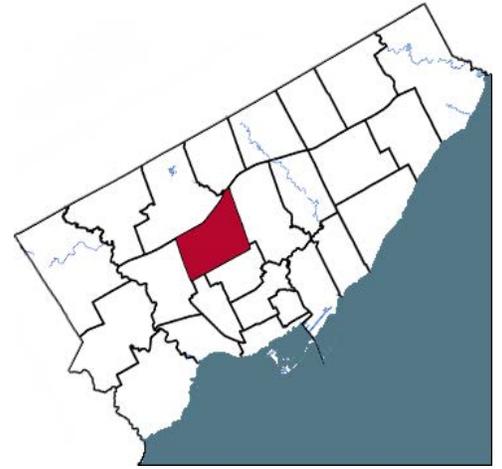
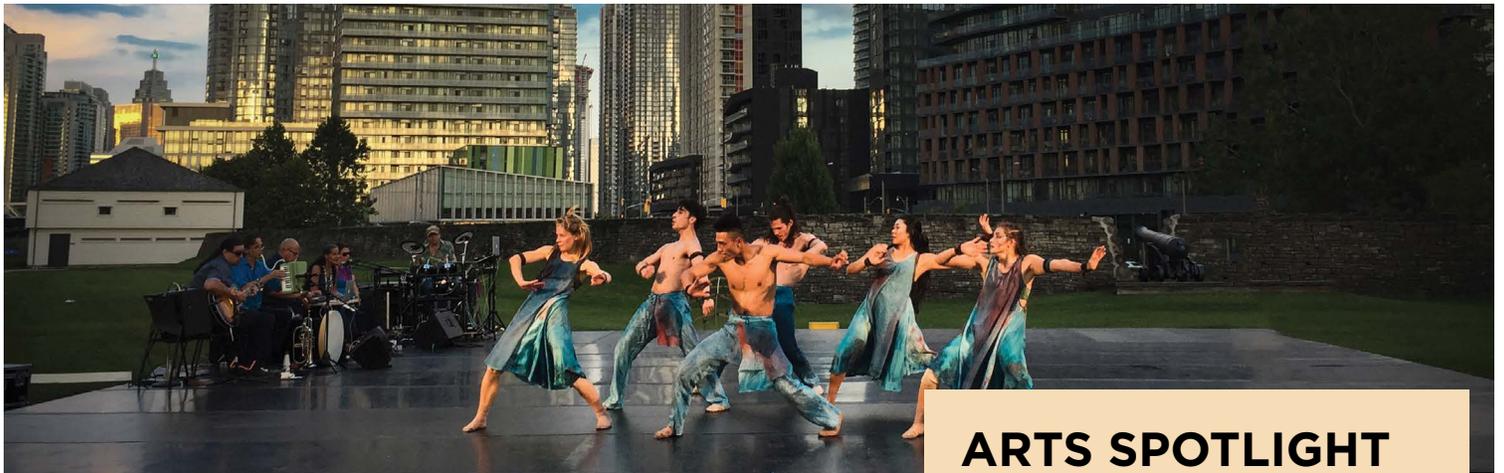


TAC FUNDED ARTS ACROSS TORONTO



WARD 8: EGLINTON—LAWRENCE

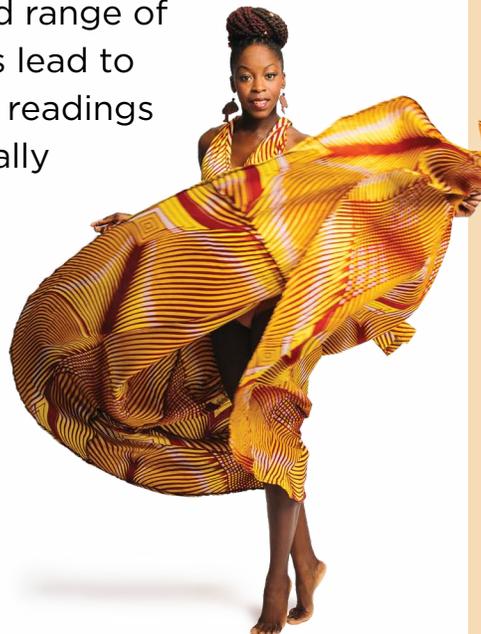
Approximately 30 arts activities funded in Eglinton—Lawrence in 2017.



ARTS SPOTLIGHT

Ward: Eglinton—Lawrence
Organization: Unity Charity
TAC Grant: Community Arts
unitycharity.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.



Unity Charity is a youth led arts education organization that teaches positive forms of artistic self-expression, and provides leadership training for youth through high school assemblies, artistic development workshops and programs. In 2017, Unity Charity partnered with Art Starts (Eglinton-Lawrence), to deliver community arts programs and after school programs for youth. Programs were offered in the art forms of bboying/bgirling, graffiti art, spoken word poetry, emceeing and beat boxing. By engaging youth participants and community members, Unity Charity is helping youth in Toronto to build confidence, improve skills and abilities and reduce stress and anxiety.

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.

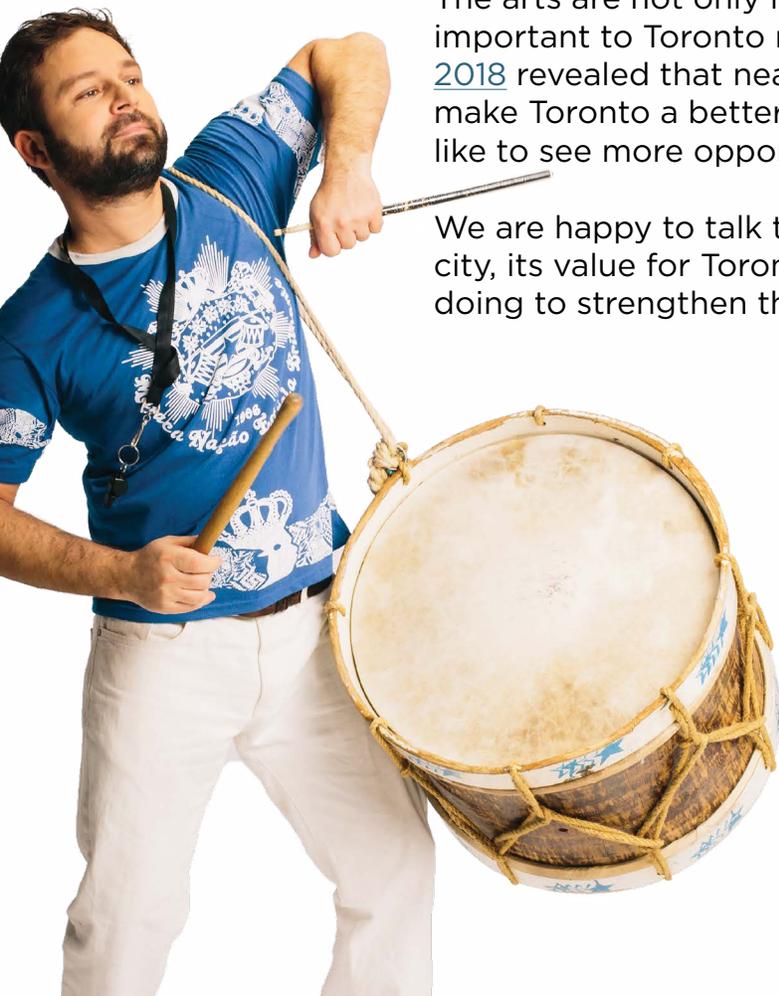
In 2017, TAC:

- ▶ Distributed over **\$18 million** in grants
- ▶ Supported **537** arts organizations and collectives and **492** professional artists
- ▶ Funded approximately **30** activities in ward 8, Eglinton—Lawrence

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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