

## NORTH YORK ARTS ANNOUNCES INCORPORATION AND INAUGURAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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NORTH YORK ARTS

On September 13, 2016, North York Arts announced its incorporation and inaugural Board of Directors at our Annual General Meeting. North York Arts celebrates its 5th anniversary of bringing art and community together in North York.

North York Arts was founded as a strategic initiative of the Toronto Arts Foundation in 2011, as part of their vision for a Creative City: Block by Block. North York Arts is one of six Local Arts Service Organizations in the City of Toronto, with an aim to celebrate and foster arts programming outside of the downtown core.

“We are so grateful to the Toronto Arts Foundation for their leadership and support during our incubation phase,” said Lila Karim, Executive Director, North York Arts. “Being a part of the Toronto Arts Foundation allowed us to establish our organization from the ground up, foster new relationships with artists and arts organizations in North York and evolve as a champion and leader in the Toronto arts community.”

“North York Arts’ accomplishments in these five formative years are impressive: strong partnerships, signature events, engagement with a broad spectrum of artists in North York

and now a fully committed Board of Directors. Congratulations! We couldn’t be more proud,” said Claire Hopkinson, Director and CEO, Toronto Arts Foundation. “Kudos to Councillor John Filion who inspired us to launch North York Arts and to the strong team who have flourished under the leadership of Lila Karim.”

“North York Arts has great plans and initiatives for the next phase of growth as an organization. Joining us are new board members that share in our vision for the future of North York Arts, as a place where art and community connect outside the downtown core of Toronto,” said Christine Harris, Chair, Board of Directors. “We look forward to developing more partnerships and opportunities with all of our community stakeholders.”

Let’s celebrate this achievement together! Join us at North York Arts’ 5th Anniversary Event, showcasing local talent in music, dance and film at the Toronto Centre for the Arts, and the public closing event of the City of Toronto’s Cultural Hotspot North.

Toronto Centre for the Arts  
5040 Yonge Street  
October 28, 2016, 4:00-8:00

RSVP to [ely@northyorkarts.org](mailto:ely@northyorkarts.org).

### North York Arts STATS

We’ve enhanced our city by bringing art and community together throughout North York. Since 2011, North York Arts has and continues to achieve the following:

-  **101,021** community members attended and participated in programs and events
-  **89** programs, events and workshops produced
-  **519** volunteers
-  **5,091** volunteer hours
-  **110** partnerships developed
-  **243** local artists and performers engaged



# ARTS IN THE PARKS 2016 REACHES OVER 32,000 PEOPLE

As the summer turns to autumn, we are pleased to share with you the great successes of Arts in the Parks. With over 138 artistic animations of parks through our featured events across the city – from as far north as Rexdale in Etobicoke, to south in the Toronto Music Garden at the waterfront – Arts in the Parks has delighted diverse audiences of all ages in a wide variety of artistic disciplines including visual arts, music concerts, theatre performances, art-making workshops and more.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the many individuals involved in Arts in the Parks: our 2016 team of Arts in the Parks Ambassadors who put in a combined total of over 750 hours of volunteer work in the 33 featured parks, the community organizations that partnered with us throughout the summer to engage local audiences, the artists for their creativity, and our partners on the Arts in the Parks initiative: Toronto Arts Council, City of Toronto and Park People.

A special thank you to the generous sponsors from the Mayor's Evening for the Arts and the devoted Toronto Arts Foundation donors for making this happen! We could not have done it without you.



*Giant puppets, mask, dance, and live music at Wincott Park by Clay and Paper Theatre. Photo by Tamara Romanchuk.*



*Community-concert band at the Applewood House Gardens in Broadacres Park by Etobicoke Community Concert Band. Photo by Sean Howard.*



*A carnival close-up with Calypso and Soca music in Little Roads Park by Cajuca Mas Arts Producers. Photo by Sean Howard.*



*An old-time carnival show, The Cavalcade of Marvels at Panorama Park by Eldritch Theatre. Photo by Sean Howard.*



*A week-long series of workshops in Alexmuir Park by Shadowland Theatre. Photo by Sean Howard.*



East End Arts has enjoyed a busy summer in the community with the Art of the Danforth festival, an ASL Storytelling Language workshop, a Music Grant Info Session with Toronto Arts Council, and a new mural on Linsmore Tavern by artist Jim Bravo.

The Coxwell Laneway Mosaic Mural has been created on the large concrete wall that wraps around the Coxwell TTC Station. This community project, informed by neighbourhood consultations, was designed by lead artist Cristina Delago, and created with the assistance of emerging artist trainees and community

volunteers. The mural celebrates the life and spirit of the community. Partners on this project included StreetART Toronto, TTC, The Toronto Parking Authority, City of Toronto, Councillor Janet Davis and the many donors who contributed generously to the project.

Stay up to date on arts-related and community events and read more at [eastendarts.ca](http://eastendarts.ca).

*Photo: Coxwell Laneway Mural Project in process with the help of generous supporters and volunteers.*

# Neighbourhood Arts Network

## CREATIVE POTLUCK

At Neighbourhood Arts Network, we are providing a fresh new approach to sharing our Arts & Equity Toolkit, with a series of creative, art-based videos being created by artist, Meredith Stapon. The intent of this series is to artistically convey the Five Equity Principles and make them easy to understand and to work towards deeper equity in the community arts sector.

We are also continuing our series, Making a Living Making Art with a workshop in October, that will be geared towards professional development of arts-based organizations. Stay tuned for more exciting news on how Neighbourhood Arts Network will continue to serve the community-engaged arts sector!

Read more at [neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org](http://neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org).

*Photo: Creative Potluck, Music in the East End. Photo by Kat Rizza.*



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Toronto Arts Foundation would like to thank all our wonderful Board Members and volunteers for their support and countless hours of service to our organization. We appreciate all that you do!

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