



## Toronto Arts Stats **BARRIERS TO ARTS ATTENDANCE**

Nearly **9 in 10** Torontonians see one barrier to attending arts events (88%).

-  **55%** Cost
-  **37%** Don't know what's going on
-  **34%** Too busy
-  **31%** They are too far away from where I live
-  **26%** lack of quality events in my neighbourhood
-  **17%** Poor public transportation
-  **13%** Lack of variety in arts programming or events
-  **7%** Lack of child-friendly events
-  **7%** Don't feel welcome
-  **5%** Venue is not accessible

More information about Arts Stats and Arts Facts can be found at [TorontoArtsFoundation.org/Knowledge](http://TorontoArtsFoundation.org/Knowledge)

# EMERGING JAZZ ARTIST AWARD



**THE TORONTO ARTS FOUNDATION WOULD LIKE TO CONGRATULATE AMANDA TOSOFF, WINNER OF THE 2016 EMERGING JAZZ ARTIST AWARD.**

Amanda Tosoff is a Toronto-based pianist and composer. She has performed with internationally recognized artists like Ingrid Jensen, Emilie-Claire Barlow, Phil Dwyer, Brad Turner, and Kelly Jefferson, and her groups have opened for jazz legends Bobby Hutcherson, Renee Rosnes, Oliver Jones, and Brazilian singer Luciana Souza. Amanda has been awarded such honours as General Motors Grand Prix de Jazz at the 2009 Montréal Jazz Festival, and more recently, a 2014 graduating scholarship from the University of Toronto – an award given out to graduates deemed to have potential to make a contribution to music. On her fifth release,

Words (2016), Amanda took an adventurous leap beyond the confines of conventional jazz. She has taken poems and lyrics that possess a personal resonance for her and framed them in original new compositions that utilize vocals for the first time. The result is an eclectic collection that incorporates elements of art song, classical, folk, and jazz. [amandatosoff.com](http://amandatosoff.com)

The Emerging Jazz Artist Award furthers the career of an outstanding emerging jazz artist and is intended to support the pre-production, production, and/or recording of original music composed by the recipient. The Emerging Jazz Artist Award is a cash award of \$10,000. Finalists receive \$1,000. The award was established in 2014 through the generous donation of Cheryl and Manuel Buchwald, and will be given out annually for at least 10 years.

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Mayor John Tory at the 2016 Mayor's Arts Lunch



East End Arts continues to engage, activate, and support the arts and artists in Toronto's east end. The summer of 2016 will see a wide variety of creative events and partnered opportunities for participatory arts activities.

**My Home Is... at Dawes Crossing** - A free community spoken word and poetry performance on July 9 by local participants of an open-call workshop, led by artist Cathy Petch.

**Community Mural** - East End Arts will work with artist Jim Bravo this summer, who will be painting a community mural on the back wall of the Linsmore Tavern that depicts the past and present streetscape of the site.

**ASL: A Storytelling Language** - A 6-week pilot program in partnership with the Deaf Community Centre and East End Arts to teach American Sign Language (ASL) through rhythm, rhyming, and stories by instructor and storyteller Mario Pizzacalla for parent and child pairs.

**Coxwell Mosaic Mural** will be created throughout August along the Danforth-facing wall of the Coxwell TTC subway station with help by the community, and led by artist Cristina Delago. This remarkable collaboration between East End Arts, TTC, StreetART Toronto, the Toronto Parking Authority, and the City of Toronto will beautify and bring art to this high-traffic and pedestrian-friendly space.

**Art of the Danforth** festival returns from August 20 - 28 to ignite, inspire, and activate the Danforth East community through art. The 2016 theme is "Neighbourhood Tectonics."

In September, the **East End Poetry Festival** will return to the Children's Peace Theatre, in partnership with the City of Toronto and Toronto's Poet Laureate, Anne Michaels. The 4th annual festival will focus on the beauty of poetry and celebration of language.

Visit [eastendarts.ca](http://eastendarts.ca) for updates on these events and more east end happenings.

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## 2016 MAYOR'S ARTS LUNCH

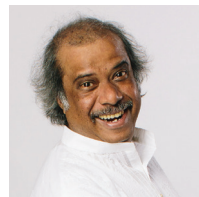
The 11th annual Mayor's Arts Lunch at Arcadian Court was a success! Not only a great party, the Lunch served as an opportunity to celebrate the diversity and achievements of Toronto artists. It was a gathering of leaders of the arts, politicians, businesses, benefactors, and cultural leaders that support creativity in the

city to celebrate the priceless benefits that the artistic community and their many generous benefactors bring to Toronto.

Congratulations to all the awards recipients and nominees for their contributions towards the arts in Toronto.



**David Buchbinder**  
William Kilbourn Award for the Celebration of Toronto's Cultural Life JUNO award-winning trumpeter, composer, cultural inventor, and founding artistic director of the Ashkenaz Festival.



**Ritesh Das**  
The Roy Thomson Hall Award of Recognition Musician, composer, teacher, and founder of the Toronto Tabla Ensemble.

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**Benjamin Kamino**  
Emerging Artist Award Dancer, choreographer and curator.

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**Young People's Theatre Arts for Youth Award**  
Celebrating 50 seasons of wonder-filled professional, high quality theatre specifically designed for young people.

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**Bridgewater Family Wealth Services**  
Toronto Arts and Business Award Nominated by Studio 180 for their exceptional commitment to arts enrichment and education.

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"The 2016 nominees show such diversity - among them musicians and dancers, a DJ, a poet and leading arts organizations - with a deep commitment to the arts. It's an honour to pay tribute to them."

**-Claire Hopkinson, Director & CEO**



Lua Shayenne and Company,  
Photo by Ken Ewen

## FREE EVENTS AT A PARK NEAR YOU

Toronto has become an international hotspot as our city buzzes with energy and culture during those blissful summer days and nights. This summer, Toronto will be coming alive as never before - think music, theatre and dance, think film, arts installations and performance - everywhere throughout the city from Etobicoke to Scarborough and North York to the downtown core, all completely family-friendly and free! Join us for the biggest, most inclusive arts initiative that Toronto has ever seen.

### Volunteer Opportunity

Are you passionate about your neighbourhood, being outside, arts and culture, or any combination of the above? Join Toronto Arts Foundation's team of over 250 volunteers to support Arts in the Parks events. Spend your summer outdoors with us as we connect this creative city, block by block.

Visit [artsintheparksTO.org](http://artsintheparksTO.org) for full events listings and to become a volunteer.

## FEATURED EVENTS

### JULY:

**DJAA (La Secheresse | The Drought)**  
by Lua Shayenne

July 16-17, 5 PM at Flemington Park  
(150 Grenoble Dr)

A showcase of the richness of traditional West African dance through an explosive traditional dance, song and drum performance.

### AUGUST:

**Fables for the Future**  
by Clay & Paper Theatre

August 24-28, 7 PM at Wincott Park  
(86 Northcrest Rd)

Giant puppets, mask, dance, live music, satire and wit gone awry, drives this exciting new play.

### SEPTEMBER:

**Wilket Creek Festival**  
by Community Canoe Collective

September 10 at Edithvale Park  
(136 Holcolm Rd)

A canoe planting ceremony with an arts festival including parades, honey tasting, butterfly arts and crafts, food tent, live music, dance, puppetry performances, tours, workshops and more.

For full schedule and list go to:  
[artsintheparksto.org](http://artsintheparksto.org)



## CULTURA FESTIVAL



NORTH YORK ARTS

The anticipation is finally over! Cultura Festival is back for its 7th year with another set of incredible programs. This free outdoor festival will feature four jam-packed evenings of dance, music, film, and food, bringing the city together in celebration of North York.

This year, you can expect a wide variety of programming for the whole family. Taking place July 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 6 PM – 11 PM at Mel Lastman Square (5100 Yonge St.), you'll find eclectic bands, fantastic buskers, exciting kids activities, popular films, and international cuisine.

"I'm thrilled at the overwhelming success of the Cultura Festival in bringing together the Willowdale community for a great collective experience of music, dance, film and food from around the world." says John Filion, City Councillor of Ward 23.

Presented by Councillor John Filion in partnership with North York Arts and Toronto Arts Foundation, Cultura serves to benefit the local community, with proceeds of busker performances donated to support local charities including the Sanfilippo Children's Research Facility, North York Harvest Food Bank and North Yorkers for the Disabled.

Visit [culturafestival.ca](http://culturafestival.ca) for full event listings.

# Neighbourhood Arts Network



We are gearing up for an exciting summer at Neighbourhood Arts Network, and are once again collaborating with a variety of community partners to bring responsive and engaging city-wide programming.

Neighbourhood Arts Network and North York Arts, will launch a new program in collaboration with The Legacy Collective, a group of 40 senior community artists. Our support is vital for the continued growth of The Legacy Collective by significant contributions of space, a coordinator salary, guest artist fees and transportation costs. Through the power of the arts, these immigrant and newcomer members use art as a tool to combat sadness, depression, loneliness, illness, and anxiety that comes with living in a new country.

My Art, My New Land is a spark project for this year's Cultural Hotspot in partnership with Airsa Art and Thought Association, City of Toronto, Neighbourhood Arts Network and North York Arts. This free improvisation

workshop series which has been created to help newcomer artists face and overcome challenges in a new culture and society, by providing an opportunity to develop communication skills in authentic and dynamic situations.

In these workshops, four guest facilitators will tackle a variety of topics with participants, including networking and effective communication, collaboration and, adaptiveness and marketing & branding.

Neighbourhood Arts Network is also busy working on a creative video series showcasing the Five Arts & Equity Principles from our toolkit. The videos are being produced to make it seamless to incorporate these principles into arts practices and arts organizations. Stay tuned for more information! #arts&equityinmotion

For a full listing of Neighbourhood Arts Network's upcoming events, please visit [neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org](http://neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org).

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