

NEW CONNECTIONS

A Resource Guide to the Arts in Toronto for Newcomers



Welcome to Toronto!

Who are we?

[Neighbourhood Arts Network](#) is a free membership network that connects people with the arts happening in communities all across Toronto, and supports and celebrates artists that contribute to making our neighbourhoods more creative and exciting. Our members are different types of artists, arts organizations and community workers who believe that arts enriches the lives of all Torontonians.

What does Neighbourhood Arts Network do for newcomers?

As a newcomer artist, you may be faced with many challenges beyond just learning a new language. This guide hopes to help you learn more about the Toronto art scene, where to go to see different types of art, or even to meet other artists in the city and find work as an artist. We also support all newcomers artists by learning about their needs and offering Newcomer Artist Awards, workshops and sharing Toronto Newcomer Artist Spotlights that tell the stories of artists from all around the world.

How does Neighbourhood Arts Network help artists in Toronto?

We celebrate and support those artists working in community arts in Toronto, we offer:

- Learning opportunities/workshops and training events with local arts organizations and community partners throughout Toronto
- [Online resources](#) to support community engaged artists in their work and highlight their work through our website and social media
- Listings of new calls for applications and events, and promoting work opportunities in the arts
- Deliver [awards](#) (including our RBC Arts Access Fund) to recognize artistic achievement and community contribution of artist, organizations and newcomers working in communities
- Hold key discussions important to Toronto's community engaged arts sector

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How can this guide help me connect with Toronto arts?

This guide is created to connect newcomer artists to different forms of art practices in Toronto, from dance to film, to visual arts and music. To assist you on beginning your new adventure and discovering this [Creative City: Block by Block](#). This guide will introduce you to some of the great arts and culture experiences we have to offer across Toronto.

In this guide you will find:

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Enjoy getting to know Toronto's exciting arts scene!

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TORONTO ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Arts Etobicoke www.artsetobicoke.com

Supports established & aspiring artists of all ages and backgrounds with a broad variety of activities and services, including arts education, advocacy, community space and more.

Artscape - <http://www.torontoartscape.org>

Artscape is a not-for-profit urban development organization that makes space for creativity and transforms communities.

ArtReach Toronto - <https://artreach.org/about/about-artreach-2/>

ArtReach is an organization designed to support community-based arts initiatives that engage youth from underserved populations who have experienced exclusion in Toronto.

East End Arts <http://eastendarts.ca/>

Local Arts Service Organization (LASO) mandated to serve the east end of Toronto, specifically city wards 29, 30, 31 and 32. Its mission is to create and promote diverse, accessible arts activities through initiatives that strengthen and unite communities in East Toronto.

Lakeshore Arts www.lakeshorearts.ca

Lakeshore Arts is committed to improving the availability of arts, cultural and heritage activities within our neighbourhood.

LACAP (Latin American Canadian Art Projects) - <http://lacap.ca/home>

LACAP is a Toronto-based, not-for-profit arts organization dedicated to the implementation of art projects, which promote Latin American art in Canada with an emphasis on artistic excellence, critically engaged artistic practices, and hemispheric networks of exchange.

Neighbourhood Arts Network www.neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org

A project of the Toronto Arts Foundation, The Neighbourhood Arts Network is the place where arts and community engagement meet in Toronto. This Toronto-wide network has over 1500 members (membership is free), including artists, arts organizations, cultural workers and community agencies working throughout the City of Toronto: from North York to the downtown core, from Etobicoke to Scarborough.

North York Arts www.northyorkarts.org

North York Arts (NYA) is currently being incubated by the Toronto Arts Foundation (TAF). Designed to address the needs and interests of artists, arts organizations and residents, North York Arts is working in collaboration with North York City Councillors, the City's Culture Division and TAF's Neighbourhood Arts Network to foster arts programming and engagement in North York. North York Arts will offer marketing and promotion services, networking and community development workshops, programming, and administrative support to the North York arts community.

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Scarborough Arts <http://scarborougharts.com/>

Scarborough Arts develops, delivers and promotes arts programming and cultural initiatives in collaboration and partnership with the community. Services typically provided by a LASO include marketing, promotion, information services, networking, professional development, programming, and provision of administrative support.

Urban Arts <http://www.urbanartstoronto.org/>

Urban Arts Toronto is a youth centre that offers arts programs in the Weston - Mount Denis community.

PROFESSIONAL ARTS:

FESTIVALS

Harbourfront Centre - <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/festivals/>

Harbourfront Centre has always been a bold and innovative force in Canada's cultural scene, introducing audiences to brilliant new artists and art forms from around the world. Our diverse and dynamic winter and summer festival programming brings an eclectic selection of sights, sounds and flavours to our 10-acre site.

Manifesto <http://ckc.torontofoundation.ca/org/manifesto-community-projects>

Manifesto is a non-profit, youth-powered platform that puts local artists on the map and unites, inspires and empowers young people through arts & culture.

Harbourfront Centre, on Toronto's waterfront, is an innovative not-for-profit cultural organization that creates events and activities of excellence that enliven, educate and entertain a diverse public.

Persian Festival <http://www.tirgan.ca/>

Tirgan refers to an ancient festival traditionally held in the month of July (the month of 'Tir' in Persian Calendar), inspiring what is currently world's largest celebration of Iranian arts and culture, taking place biennially at the Harbourfront Centre in Toronto, Canada. Having attracted over 130,000 visitors in 2013, upwards of 150,000 visitors attended the Tirgan Festival in 2015.

Queen Street Art Crawl <http://www.queenwestartcrawl.jfolio.net>

The Queen West Art Crawl (QWAC) is a charitable organization that features a three-day weekend long festival of creativity and community. It's designed to celebrate and promote the art, culture and diversity of Queen West in Toronto.

Riverdale Art Walk <http://www.artistsnetwork.ca/see-art-buy-art/riverdale-art-walk>

Riverdale Art Walk is a two-day, public fine art exhibition showcasing established and emerging artists in retail spaces and Jimmie Simpson Park in Toronto's flourishing Queen East

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arts district. The first outdoor art show of Toronto's season, participating artists are selected through an anonymous jury process, allowing for an opportunity to participate in one of the most affordable shows in the outdoor art festival circuit.

DANCE

Dance Ontario www.danceontario.ca

Dance Ontario has developed into a dynamic cross-section of all areas of the dance sector from internationally renowned companies to local dance clubs, technicians and agents. Dance Ontario is key to Ontario's dance milieu and central to the diverse sector's communications and networking, providing management training, advice and industry information.

Dance Umbrella of Ontario <http://danceumbrella.net/about-us/>

The Dance Umbrella of Ontario (DUO) is a non-membership, client-based organization that provides quality management and administrative support to professional dance artists in Ontario and actively works to facilitate their success. DUO fosters a healthy dance community by promoting communication and interaction between and among dance artists, dance organizations, dance presenters, funders and the public.

Dancer Transition Resource Centre www.dtrc.ca

Dancer Transition Resource Centre (DTRC) is a national, charitable organization dedicated to helping dancers make necessary transitions into, within, and from professional performing careers. We also operate as a resource centre for the dance community and general public and support activities that improve the socioeconomic conditions of artists across the country.

FILM

Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists (ACTRA) www.actra.ca

ACTRA (Alliance of Canadian Cinema, Television and Radio Artists) is the union of more than 22,000 professional performers working in English-language recorded media in Canada including TV, film, radio and digital media.

Canadian Filmmakers Distribution Centre www.cfmdc.org

Canada's foremost non-commercial distributor and resource for independently produced film, representing approximately 550 filmmakers worldwide and 2600 film titles, including some of Canada's most original and well-respected works of art.

Canadian Film Centre www.cfccreates.com

The Canadian Film Centre (CFC) is a charitable organization whose mission is to invest in and inspire the next generation of world-class Canadian content creators and entrepreneurs in the screen-based entertainment industry. A significant economic and cultural driver in Canada and beyond, CFC delivers a range of multi-disciplinary programs and initiatives in film, television,

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music, screen acting, and digital media, which provides industry collaborations, strategic partnerships, and business and marketplace opportunities for talent and participants.

Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto www.lift.ca

The Liaison of Independent Filmmakers of Toronto (LIFT) is an artist-run charitable organization dedicated to facilitating excellence in the moving image through media arts education and production resources. LIFT exists to provide support and encouragement for independent filmmakers and artists through affordable access to production, post-production and exhibition equipment; professional and creative development; workshops and courses; commissioning and exhibitions; artist-residencies; and a variety of other services.

Women in Film and Television Toronto www.wift.com

WIFT-T is a member-based organization of women and men working in screen-based media that supports the development and advancement of women in the industry. Membership in WIFT-T enables women to be capable, confident, connected and successful in their careers in screen-based media.

Writers' Guild of Canada www.writersguildofcanada.com

The Writers Guild of Canada (WGC) represents more than 2,000 professional English-language screenwriters in Canada.

LITERARY

League of Canadian Poets www.poets.ca

The League of Canadian Poets is the professional organization for established and emerging Canadian poets. Founded in 1966 to nurture the advancement of poetry in Canada, and the promotion of the interests of poets, it now comprises some 700 members. The League serves the poetry community and promotes a high level of professional achievement through events, networking, projects, publications, mentoring and awards.

Word on the Street www.thewordonthestreet.ca/wots/toronto

Each year, The Word On The Street provides 20 literacy organizations with free exhibit space in the Marketplace. Make sure to visit Literacy Lane this year to visit with the many different and wonderful literacy organizations that Toronto is home to, and learn how you can support their work.

Writers' Union www.writersunion.ca

The Writers' Union of Canada is the national organization of professional writers of books.

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MUSIC

Canadian Independent Recording artist's Assoc (CIRAA) www.ciraa.ca The Canadian Independent Recording Artists' Association (CIRAA) is Canada's only national non-profit organization dedicated exclusively to Canadian independent recording artists. With over 4,000 members across Canada, our mandate is focused on advocacy, education and member services.

Canadian League of Composers <http://composition.org/clc-lcc/content/index.php/en/>
The Canadian League of Composers (CLC) serves the interests of Canada's art music composers. Through advocacy, communication and partnerships, the CLC upholds and nurtures a favourable artistic, social, political and economic environment for its members and their work.

Canadian Music Centre <http://www.musiccentre.ca/home.cfm>
The Canadian Music Centre holds Canada's largest collection of Canadian concert music. The Centre makes available on loan over 20,000 scores and works of Canadian contemporary composers through its lending library. The Centre also offers an on-demand publishing service, music repertoire consultations, and is easily accessible through five regional centres across Canada, as well as through its website.

Folk Music Ontario Arts Council www.folkmusicontario.ca
Folk Music Ontario supports the growth and development of folk music in Ontario by supporting the growth and development of presenters and performers.

Lulu lounge www.lula.ca
Lula hosts the best local and international salsa, jazz and world music every week of the year. Weekends are always Latin but on a weeknight you might hear rock, blues, African, South Asian or reggae. Regardless of the genre, Lula is about fantastic live music and the things that go with that - great food, drinks and dancing.

Orchestras Canada <http://orchestrascanada.org/>
Orchestras Canada is a national organization that contributes to the work of Canadian orchestras through programs and services in both official languages. The organization's website includes a job board, information about networking and learning opportunities and other resources.

Society of Composers, Authors and Music Publishers of Canada (SOCAN) www.socan.ca

SOCAN is a not-for-profit organization that represents the Canadian performing rights of millions of Canadian and international music creators and publishers.

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Songwriters Association of Canada www.songwriters.ca

The Songwriters Association of Canada exists to nurture, develop and protect the creative, business, and legal interests of music creators in Canada and around the world.

Toronto Musicians' Association <http://www.torontomusicians.org>

The Toronto Musicians' Association, Local 149 of the American Federation of Musicians of the United States and Canada (AFM) is the Professional Association for musicians in the greater Toronto Area. A member driven association of 3,500 members, the Toronto Musicians' Association represents professional musicians in all facets of music in the greater Toronto area.

THEATRE

Canadian Actors' Equity Association www.caea.com

Canadian Actors' Equity Association represents professional artists including performers (actors, singers, dancers), directors, choreographers, fight directors and stage managers, engaged in theatre, opera and dance in English Canada. Equity supports the creative efforts of its members by seeking to improve their working conditions and opportunities.

Indigenous Performing Arts Alliance – www.ipaa.ca

Connect Indigenous performing artists, opportunities, communities through a collective voice, generosity, inclusion.

Playwrights Guild of Canada www.playwrightsguild.ca

Playwrights Guild of Canada is a registered national arts service association mandated to advance the creative rights and interests of professional Canadian playwrights, promote Canadian plays nationally and internationally, and foster an active, evolving community of writers for the stage.

Professional Association of Canadian Theatres (PACT) – www.pact.ca

PACT is the collective voice of professional Canadian theatres, a leader in the national performing arts community, and a devoted advocate for the value of live performance. Since 1979 PACT has focused on providing a community where theatre practitioners (both artistic and administrative) can come together to discuss important issues of the day and work together to create innovative solutions.

STAF <http://stafto.org>

STAF is transforming into a mentoring, teaching, and innovation incubator that empowers independent artists, producers and leaders.

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Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts www.tapa.ca

TAPA is the voice of theatre, dance and opera in Toronto. It exists to nurture an environment in which theatre, dance and opera may flourish and play a leadership role in the vitality of the City of Toronto.

Theatre Ontario www.theatreontario.org

A not-for-profit association of professional, community, and educational theatre organizations and artists offering programs and online resources.

VISUAL ARTS

Art Starts <http://www.artstarts.net/our-manifesto/>

Art Starts inspires and cultivates social change by bringing professional artists and Toronto residents together to create community-building art projects in all artistic disciplines.

Artists' Network <http://www.artistsnetwork.ca/>

Artists' Network is a not-for-profit arts organization based in downtown Toronto with a membership base of over 175 artists. It organizes the Riverdale Art Walk, operates Hangman Gallery and co-ordinates the Little Art Show.

Association of Francophone Visual Arts Groups www.agavf.ca/english.html

AGAVF is a national arts service organisation that represents visual arts groups active in Francophone communities outside the province of Quebec.

Canada Arts Connect <http://CanadaArtsConnect.com>

This website offers resources for artists across Canada including job listings, information about auditions and calls for submissions.

Canadian Museums Association www.museums.ca

The Canadian Museums Association (CMA) is the national organization for the advancement of the Canadian museum sector, representing Canadian museum professionals both within Canada and internationally. The CMA works for the recognition, growth, and stability of the sector.

Emerging Artist Professional Network <http://www.eapnetwork.ca/>

An online career resource and community network of over 3,000 arts administrators, managers and artists who are at the start of their careers and looking for opportunities to gain valuable access to online mentors and insight into the possible directions in which to forward their careers.

Independent Media Arts Alliance www.imaa.ca

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The Independent Media Arts Alliance is a non-profit national arts service organization that promotes and advances the interests of a vibrant media arts community. Representing over 80 independent film, video, and new media production, distribution, and exhibition organizations in all parts of Canada, the IMAA serves over 12,000 independent media artists and cultural workers.

Ontario Crafts Council www.craft.on.ca

As a dynamic, member-based, not-for-profit arts service organization, the OCC exists to grow recognition and appreciation of craft and craftspeople by building a strong, talented, distinct craft community.

Ontario Association of Art Galleries <http://oaag.org>

OAAG's membership consists of over 200 art museums, public art galleries, artist-run centres, visual arts organizations, professional colleagues, and friends across Ontario.

Ontario Museums Association www.museumsontario.ca

The Ontario Museum Association is the leading cultural organization ensuring a relevant and sustainable museum sector in the province for the benefit of Ontario residents and our global community.

Royal Canadian Academy of Arts www.rca-arc.ca

The Royal Canadian Academy is composed of over 700 established professionals working across Canada in 20 visual arts disciplines; from painting and sculpture to architecture, design, fine craft, photography and filmmaking. Members are elected to the Academy in mid-career by a jury of their peers.

The Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition <http://torontooutdoorart.org/>

Toronto's first, largest, and longest running outdoor art fair – providing fresh art, fresh faces, in the fresh air since 1961. Attracting an audience of over 100,000 people annually, and showcasing the work of over 350 artists, the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition prides itself on creating an environment which gives artists the chance to interact directly with the public in an informal setting – removing the barriers to access, and dispelling the formality of a traditional gallery or art fair experience.

Visual Arts Alliance www.visualartsalliance.org

Visual Arts Alliance (VAA), founded in 1981, is a non-profit, educational organization for serious practitioners of the visual arts and interested members of the general public. At the Visual Arts Alliance monthly meetings, guest speakers and workshops are presented to give a broader understanding of the many aspects of the art world. Not only are new techniques demonstrated, but an effort is made to help members with the business side of their craft.

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ONTARIO ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

CARFAC Ontario <http://www.carfaontario.ca/>

Canadian Artists' Representation/Le Front des Artistes Canadiens Ontario develops policies, publications and services that assist artists, galleries, curators, art patrons, and other stakeholders in creating an economic climate that benefits all visual artists.

Cultural Pluralism in the Arts Movement Ontario <https://sites.google.com/site/cppamo/>

Cultural Pluralism in the Arts Movement Ontario (CPAMO) is a movement of Aboriginal and ethno-racial artists working with presenters to empower the performing arts communities of Ontario.

Cultural Careers Council Ontario www.workinculture.ca

The website includes job board, calls for volunteers, information about programs, courses, funding and support.

Crafts Ontario – <http://www.craftontario.com/>

Formerly the Ontario Crafts Council, Craft Ontario is a not-for-profit service organization that works to have craft recognized as a valuable part of life. We promote and celebrate professional craft through providing member opportunities, and advocate for craft practice by educating and empowering diverse audiences.

Festival and Events Ontario <http://www.festivalsandeventsontario.ca>

Festivals & Events Ontario (FEO) has been representing the festivals and events industry in Ontario for over 25 years, making sure communities continue to produce unique, quality festivals in all corners of the province. Providing education, professional development and networking while fostering a community of passionate people invested in the festival and event industry, FEO works hard to deliver membership benefits that help support the growth of the industry.

FUSION: Ontario Clay and Glass Association www.clayandglass.on.ca

Ontario Clay and Glass Association encourage and promote excellence and quality in clay and glass, provide opportunities for fellowship and a sense of community involvement, provide continuing education resources for members and people interested in clay and glass and to reach out, demonstrating tolerance, caring, and acceptance for the diverse aspects of expression in clay and glass.

Ontario Association of Art Galleries <http://oaag.org/>

Serves and represents Ontario's public art galleries as valued, essential, cultural and educational resources.

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Work In Culture <http://www.workinculture.ca/The-Job-Board>

At WorkInCulture Connects, Creates, and Curates training and tools that help arts and culture professionals develop the business skills to match their creative talents:

- Connect employers and job seekers through our popular online Job Board.
- Connect and collaborate with other arts and culture organizations to deliver professional development and business training to the creative community.
- Create original thought provoking research, designed in conjunction with other leaders in the sector covering topics that are important to the community.
- Curate information - research, links, tips, and resources

NATIONAL ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

CARFAC <http://www.carfac.ca/>

Canadian Artists' Representation/Le Front des artistes canadiens (CARFAC) is incorporated federally as a non-profit corporation that is the national voice of Canada's professional visual artists. CARFAC believes that artists, like professionals in other fields, should be paid for

their work and share equitably in profits from their work. As the national voice of Canada's professional visual artists, CARFAC defends artists' economic and legal rights and educates the public on fair dealing with artists.

Cultural Human Resources Council <http://www.culturalhrc.ca/index-e.asp>

CHRC brings together representatives of arts disciplines and cultural industries in the cultural sector to address the training and career development needs of employers and cultural workers including artists, technical staff, managers and all others engaged professionally in the sector. CHRC is supported by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC). The organization's website includes a job board and information about careers in various artistic disciplines.

FUNDING FOR ARTISTS

ArtReach Toronto <http://www.artreachtoronto.ca/about.html>

ArtReach Toronto is a program designed to support arts initiatives that engage youth who have experienced exclusion in under-served areas of Toronto.

Business for the Arts www.businessforthearts.org

Business for the Arts aims to strengthen arts and culture in Canada by connecting arts organizations to business patrons and volunteers.

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Canada Council for the Arts <http://www.canadacouncil.ca/home-e.htm>

The Canada Council for the Arts provides grants and services to professional Canadian artists and arts organizations in: dance, inter-arts, media arts, music, theatre, visual arts, writing and publishing.

Cue Art Projects Canada Council for the Arts <https://cueartprojects.ca/about/> CUE is a radical arts initiative dedicated to supporting new generation artists who live and work on the margins. We recognize that, throughout history, some of the most important artwork was, and still is, created by artists who practice outside of conventional frameworks—underrepresented artists who, by choice or circumstance, do not participate in capitalist culture nor share in its privileges. There are bright lights shining from the cracks and corners.

Enterprise Toronto www.toronto.ca/enterprisetoronto

Enterprise Toronto is a one-stop source to start and grow your small business. Our team of small business advisors can help you make the right decisions during your business start-up and help develop your management capabilities as your business venture grows.

FACTOR www.factor.ca

FACTOR is dedicated to providing assistance toward the growth and development of the Canadian music industry. Support is provided to Canadian recording artists, songwriters, managers, labels, publishers, event producers and distributors through various programs. Whether an artist is looking to record a demo, full length sound recording, market and promote an already existing album or showcase and tour domestically and internationally.

Metcalf Foundation www.metcalffoundation.com

The goal of the George Cedric Metcalf Charitable Foundation is to enhance the effectiveness of people and organizations working together to help Canadians imagine and build a just, healthy, and creative society.

Music Fund http://www.omdc.on.ca/music/the_ontario_music_fund.htm

The Ontario Music Fund (OMF), administered by the Ontario Music Office (OMO), is aimed at strengthening and stimulating growth in Ontario's music companies and supporting this growing sector. The Fund is designed to drive activity and investment and to support Ontario's music companies and organizations in expanding their economic and cultural footprints within Canada and around the world.

Neighbourhood Arts Network <http://www.neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org/Awards>

The Neighbourhood Arts Network offers multiple awards to celebrate the rich artistic talent of local artists, newcomer artists and diverse organizations throughout Toronto. We recognize the importance and value of community-engaged arts throughout our great city.

Ontario Arts Council <http://www.arts.on.ca/site4.aspx/>

OAC offers more than fifty funding programs for Ontario-based artists and arts organizations, with funds from the Ontario government. Grants provide assistance for a specific activity, support for a period of time, or for ongoing operations. OAC also offers awards, prizes and

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scholarships from private funds managed by the Ontario Arts Foundation. OAC's *Access and Career Development* program supports Ontario-based Aboriginal arts professionals and arts professionals of colour. The program will fund professional development and skill-building opportunities that advance the applicants' artistic work and careers.

Platform A - www.platformatoronto.com

Art Starts, Jumblies Theatre, Sketch: Working Arts for Street and Homeless Youth and Vibe Arts. The four organizations work in different areas of the city and have distinct engagement practices. The aim of the Platform A initiative is to fuse the strengths and experiences of the four organizations to support a shared vision of seeding sustainable, high-quality community arts practice, and providing increased opportunities and access to the arts for youth and communities.

Ontario Media Development Corporation www.omdc.on.ca

OMDC is an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport is the central catalyst for the province's cultural media cluster including book publishing, film and television, interactive digital media, magazine publishing and music industries.

Street Art Toronto www.toronto.ca/streetart/

Street art funding – partnership projects, diversion and education programs.

Toronto Arts Council <http://www.torontoartscouncil.org/>

Toronto Arts Council provides grants to outstanding artists and arts organizations that contribute to the cultural life of the City of Toronto. TAC is committed to artistic excellence, innovation, and accessibility, and supports a wide spectrum of artistic endeavour and a range of activity that makes the City of Toronto one of the leading cultural centres in Canada.

Toronto Arts Foundation <http://www.torontoartsfoundation.org/>

The Toronto Arts Foundation is a charitable organization that encourages artistic excellence and access to the arts throughout the city through private sector investment. Toronto Arts Foundation's vision Creative City: Block by Block is to connect every neighbourhood in Toronto with the transformative social and economic benefits of the arts.

Writers Union of Canada – www.writersunion.ca

The Writers' Union of Canada is the national organization of professional writers of books. Now 2,000 members strong, the Union was founded 40 years ago to work with governments, publishers, booksellers, and readers to improve the conditions of Canadian writers.

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COMMUNITY SPACES

401 RICHMOND <http://www.401richmond.net/events/specialEvents.cfm>

Restored, heritage-designated, industrial building in downtown Toronto that is home to over 140 artists, cultural producers, microenterprises, galleries, festivals, and shops. The building is a thriving arts hub that is open to the public.

918 Bathurst <http://918Bathurst.com>

8,000+ square foot, not-for-profit arts centre and special events venue located in the Annex.

Akin Collective <http://www.akincollective.blogspot.ca/>

AKIN Collective is an art studio and shared workspace, with studios in Parkdale and Bloordale Village. They have developed an affordable space that maintains a friendly and inspiring atmosphere suitable for creative endeavours. AKIN builds community through monthly art critiques and open studio events that offer creatives the opportunity to share their projects, network, receive useful feedback and expand the scope of their practice.

Arts Build <http://www.artsbuildontario.ca/learning/making-spaces-for-art/>

With so many facilities-related projects happening throughout the province, ArtsBuild wanted to be able to highlight the accomplishments of arts organizations in Ontario. Making Spaces for Art is a series of case studies, each telling a story of a facility in Ontario; whether the story features a new build, a future project or an innovative renovation, this series is a look into the sustainable future of many arts organizations.

Dance Studio Rentals in Toronto <http://www.danceontario.ca/rentals-03.php>

Dance Ontario maintains listings of dance studios for rent in Toronto

Ralph Thornton Community Centre www.ralphthornton.org

Auditorium, program space and meeting space are available for use by the community.

Riverdale Hub www.riverdalehub.ca

An innovative and affordable green work environment for progressive organizations and individuals.

Toronto Public Library

<http://www.torontopubliclibrary.ca/programs-and-classes/exhibits/art-exhibit-space.jsp>

The Toronto Public Library is offering free venues to Toronto-based artists and cultural groups wishing to be part of Culture Day.

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ART SUPPLIES

Curry's <https://www.currys.com/default.htm>

Art supply store with locations in Toronto, Markham and Mississauga.

DeSerres <http://www.deserres.ca/en-ca/>

Art supply store with three locations in Toronto.

Gwartzman's <http://www.gwartzmans.com/>

Art supply store in downtown Toronto.

Stevenson <http://www.dlstevenson.ca/index.php>

Professional quality artists' paints for sale at a factory outlet store in Scarborough or through a catalogue.

Sculpture Supply Canada <http://www.sculpturesupply.com/>

Tools, materials, equipment and technical support, based in Etobicoke.

Woolfitt's <http://www.woolfitts.com/fulfill/>

Art supply store in downtown Toronto.

EVENT LISTINGS

NOW magazine - <http://nowmag.ca/>

NOW is a free alternative weekly newspaper, the focuses on lifestyle, art and culture. The publication can be picked up in cafes, variety stores, clothing outlets, restaurants, alternative movie venues and in its green and red newspaper boxes. Now is published every Thursday.

Toronto Arts Online @ Neighbourhood Arts Network

<http://www.neighbourhoodartsnetwork.org/events-by-neighbourhood>

Toronto Arts Online: a free, searchable, events mapping and listing database of Toronto arts events. Toronto Arts Online and the Neighbourhood Arts Network have come together to give you an even wider view of the art event opportunities happening in the City of Toronto. Tailor your search to suit your creative interests!

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ARTIST MENTORSHIP & RESOURCES

Business of Our Arts

<http://www.niacentre.org/business-of-our-art/>

The Business of Our Arts is an 8 week course that will provide youth artist, ages 29 and younger with the basic fundamentals of business such as cash flow management and intellectual property rights.

Career Edge Organization

<https://www.careeredge.ca/en/home>

Connects employers to qualified talent through our three unique programs, Career Edge Organization facilitates the creation of meaningful work experiences to achieve business objectives and launch careers.

FUSION Glass Mentorship Workshop

<http://www.clayandglass.on.ca/Default.aspx?pagelid=1278224>

Created by FUSION (Ontario Clay and Glass Association).

Get Mentored! <http://www.workinculture.ca/media/en/proGetMentored.pdf>

Mentorship guide for independent mentees, created by Cultural Careers Council of Ontario.

Mentorship Strategy for Managers and Administrators of Cultural Organizations

http://www.culturalhrc.ca/research/CMP-Mentorship_Strategy-Mar05-en.pdf

Guide to mentorship for organizations, created by Cultural Human Resources Council.

National Mentoring Initiative

<http://alliescanada.ca/how-we-can-help/mentoring/>

Created by Maytree Foundation.

The Mentoring Project

[http://www.artsetobicoke.com/Learn-\(1\)/The-Mentoring-Project.aspx](http://www.artsetobicoke.com/Learn-(1)/The-Mentoring-Project.aspx)

This project explores mentoring relationships between artists in all mediums and business professionals as a way to support artists' career development; in partnership with *Cultural Careers Council Ontario (CCCO)* and Arts Etobicoke.

Newcomer & Refugee Artist Mentorship Program

<https://torontoartscouncil.org/grant-programs/tac-grants/newcomers-and-refugees/artist-mentorship>

Toronto Arts Council's Newcomer and Refugee Artist Mentorship program was created to:

- provide support for newcomer and refugee artists to develop their artistic practice;
- support the integration and inclusion of newcomer and refugee artists to Toronto

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