

News Release

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Nuit Blanche Toronto unveils full program of more than 75 art projects in Scarborough and downtown

On September 29 at 7 p.m., the 13th annual Nuit Blanche Toronto will fill the city's streets with more than 75 contemporary art projects created by over 300 local, national and international artists. Three City of Toronto-produced curated exhibitions, one in Scarborough, one downtown and a third bridging the two neighbourhoods will be presented under the event-wide theme, "You Are Here." Details about the full program are available at <http://www.nbto.com> or via the event backgrounder at <https://bit.ly/2wgmseD>.

"As a completely free event, Nuit Blanche has balanced public accessibility with a commitment to present artistic excellence," said Mayor John Tory. "The presentation of curated exhibitions in public space at Nuit Blanche offers a unique level of social engagement with contemporary art – it breaks down barriers and is a unifying force among residents and visitors from all walks of life. I am so proud we are expanding Nuit Blanche to Scarborough this year so that even more people will be able to take part in this great event."

This year's Nuit Blanche Toronto program responds to one event-wide curatorial theme of "You Are Here," focusing on Toronto as a city of change and a city in progress, where artists and curators invite the public to see Toronto through new eyes. The evolving and storied landscape continues to challenge our thinking of what Toronto is, provoking the following questions: What does difference mean when we are all different? Can our differences bind us together even as they set us apart? How do we rethink concepts of minorities and majorities? As relationships of power and privilege shift, how do we redefine the status quo and reconsider what it means to be together?

City-produced exhibitions

Twenty-seven commissioned art projects will be presented as part of these three City-produced exhibitions:

- "STYLL" curated by Alyssa Fearon (Canada), located at Scarborough Civic Centre and Scarborough Town Centre;
- "Dream Time: We All Have Stories" curated by Karen Alexander (United Kingdom) located at Nathan Phillips Square/Toronto City Hall, Church of the Holy Trinity and Toronto Coach Terminal.
- "The things they carried" curated by Tairone Bastien (Canada), located at Yonge Dundas Square, Bay Street between Queen Street West and Wellington Street West, James Street, Line 3 Scarborough stations, and Scarborough Civic Centre.

Partner-produced and special projects

The self-funded, partner-produced Independent Projects, which celebrate the diversity of Toronto's art communities, support the City-produced commissioned projects. Created by cultural and educational institutions, individual artists, producers and organizations, the partner-produced Independent Projects portion of the event features more than 35 projects celebrating the diversity of Toronto's art communities.

For its third year, Nuit Blanche Toronto will continue its successful Major Institutions program. Twelve institutions across the city will feature art projects and exhibitions free of charge throughout the night of Nuit Blanche. These institutions include 401 Richmond, Aga Khan Museum and Ismaili Centre Toronto, Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO), Artscape Youngplace, Bata Shoe Museum, Drake Commissary and Drake One Fifty, Museum of Contemporary Art Toronto (MOCA), OCAD University and Onsite Gallery, Ontario Science Centre and Royal Ontario Museum (ROM).

Projects supported by sponsors Scarborough Town Centre, Shiseido, Cadillac Fairview, Vistaprint and Powerline Plus will allow artists to showcase their work during the event.

Navigating the art by neighbourhood

New for this year, all Nuit Blanche Toronto art projects will be clustered into six easy-to-navigate neighbourhoods making exploring the event even more efficient. The six Nuit Neighbourhoods are listed here:

- Scarborough – 29 projects will be on display at Scarborough Civic Centre, Scarborough Town Centre and the surrounding area, with five projects along the Line 3 Scarborough (SRT) station platforms.
- Don Mills – free shuttles will connect Line 3 Scarborough (SRT) to the Aga Khan Museum and the Ontario Science Centre for a total of five projects.
- Bloor-Yorkville – 11 projects plotted north and south of the Bloor Street West corridor from the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) to the Bata Show Museum, and north of Spadina Museum: Historic House and Gardens.
- Downtown – 31 projects concentrated in and around Nathan Phillips Square/Toronto City Hall expanding outwards to Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto Coach Terminal to Yonge Dundas Square and down Bay Street. The area is anchored by 11 artworks from the exhibitions "Dream Time: We All Have Stories" and "The things they carried."
- Sterling Road – featuring three projects at the newly opened Museum of Contemporary Art (MOCA) and at the Drake Commissary, this west-end neighbourhood is a short walk from Lansdowne or Dundas West station.
- West Queen West – Artscape Youngplace is the heart of the West Queen West Nuit Blanche Toronto experience, with four projects situated at Shaw Street and Sudbury Street.

Getting around

In addition to the regular all-night Blue Night Network service, the TTC will be extending all-night subway service on Line 1 Yonge-University and Line 2 Bloor-Danforth. To help

facilitate exploration of the artworks at Scarborough Civic Centre, Scarborough Town Centre and five SRT stations, Line 3 Scarborough (SRT) will run all night. Free entrance will be granted at fare gates at Kennedy station (accessible), Lawrence East station, Ellesmere station, Midland station, Scarborough Centre station (accessible) and McCowan station.

Nuit Blanche Toronto news releases are available on the City's Media Room at <https://bit.ly/2viP5XP>. High resolution renderings of exhibition projects and images from previous editions of Nuit Blanche Toronto are available at <https://bit.ly/2ntEgyN>.

About Nuit Blanche Toronto

Nuit Blanche Toronto is the city's annual all-night celebration of contemporary art, produced by the City of Toronto in collaboration with Toronto's arts community and funded by the Government of Ontario and Tourism Toronto. Since 2006, this award-winning event has featured almost 1,490 art installations by approximately 5,200 artists and has generated over \$355 million in economic impact for Toronto. Information and updates are available at <http://www.nbto.com>, on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/nuitblancheTO>, on Twitter at <http://www.twitter.com/nuitblancheTO>, on Instagram at <http://www.instagram.com/nuitblancheTO>. The event hashtag is #nbTO18.

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