

# 2014 SEASON

## - REVIEW -



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# WE BELIEVE IN THE ESPLANADE BEING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY WHERE ALL PEOPLE SHARING OUR PARK AND OUR STORIES ARE PROUD ESPLANADIANS.

Jamii's programming fosters a sense of pride of and belonging to The Esplanade, offers opportunities for social interaction, encourages people to (re)claim ownership of our public spaces and contributes to empowering Esplanadians.

We initiate and produce arts-based community-engaged projects and events that are free, open to all, and are taking place in or near David Crombie Park.

In 2013, Jamii, in partnership with CORPUS, received a 3-year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation to bring community arts projects to The Esplanade.

Jamii (Swahili for "community") is a not-for-profit organization founded by Isorine Marc in 2011.



# STORIES FROM THE ESPLANADE

A three-part photo installation created by eleven Esplanadians, including Kerry, Margot, Scarlett, Yasmin, Asha, Mio, Toru, Azmara and Mumina, under the artistic leadership of Jacques Fortier, Laura Dittmann and Jim Adams.

Featured in Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival, *Stories from The Esplanade* first opened in Crombie Park in May 2014, with music band Lemon Bucket Orkestra.

The exhibit was then presented in St James Park in June, in Berczy Park in July, in Princess Gardens Park in August.

Viewers: 5000+



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# LIVE MOVIE NIGHT

For two months, 19 Esplanadians rehearsed under the artistic leadership of Anika Johnson and Barbara Johnston to prepare for a movie night with live dancing and singing on June 21st. The evening started with storytelling by Dulce Gomes - Toronto Public Library, St Lawrence Branch.

*Grease* performers: Bana, Clarke, Darren, Georgia, Hafsa, Hodan, Hiba, Jodan, Kadi, Kerry, Manel, Mariusz, Nasir, Robert, Scarlett, Solaman, Tony, Yasmine and Zayna.

Spectators: 200+



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# POP UP GALLERY

On June 21st, five artists from The Esplanade presented their paintings to the rest of the community. A total of 21 pieces were displayed, with technics ranging from digital arts to oil painting, to blindfolded/ oral portraits, to collages comprising acrylic mono-prints and Xerox transfers.

Artists: Kerry Graham, Marina Hanacek, Yasmin Harris, Julian Periquet & Dan Philips.

Gallery visitors: 50



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# BASKETBALL COURT MURAL

A group of sixteen youth from The Esplanade, under the artistic leadership of Shalak Attack and Julian Periquet, studied murals throughout Toronto and around the world, shared their values and ideas, came together with a design, and spray-painted the basketball court wall.

The mural design process started in April and included reaching out to the community and encouraging all neighbours to share their design suggestions. The mural was unveiled on July 19th with performances by *The Fairest and Best*, and *Rated X Dance Crew*.

Youth participants: Afnan, Anthony, Delina, Edan, Farid, Hanna, Jennaiya, Karen, Molly, Mumina, Nada, Noel, Raecheal, Tyson, Yasmin and Yossef.

Artistic support: Bruno Smoky

Attendance at unveiling event: 150+



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# ESPCG'S 5TH ANNUAL 3-ON-3 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Jamii supported the Annual 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament organized by the Esplanade Community Group on August 23rd. The tournament featured a photo component led by Nick Spector, a spoken word performance by David Delisca, and hip hop performance by Gadfly dancers.

Attendance: 150+



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## MOVIE NIGHTS

August 29th:

*L'extravagant voyage du T.S. Spivet*

Harmony courtyard

Attendance: 40 people

Sept 5th:

*Ratatouille*

New Hibret Co-op

Attendance: 40 people

Sept 12th:

*The Illusionist*

TCH Princess St Park

Attendance: 80 people



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# ÉCOUTE POUR VOIR THE ESPLANADE MOVES

For Culture Days weekend (Sept 27th) and Scotiabank Nuit Blanche (Oct 4th), spectators discovered a variety of movement-based solos and duets. An intimately public one-on-one show performed by both professional dancers and Esplanadians.

Based on an original concept by Danse Carpe Diem/Emmanuel Jouthe  
Professional dancers: Michael Caldwell, Indrit Kasapi, Linnea Swan, Laurence Fournier Campeau

Esplanadians: Yasmine, Suzanne, Zoie, Alisson, Rosie, Kerryn, Scarlett, Ingrid, Asha, Lula, Molly, Georgia, Nasir, Jacqueline, Pauline

Attendance - Culture Days: 80+

Attendance - Scotiabank Nuit Blanche: 500+



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# THE ESPLANADE BOOK TRADE

In partnership with the Toronto Public Library St Lawrence Branch, Jamii initiated a book exchange that was traveling to each event organized throughout the summer. Over 150 kids & adults books were traded.



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# SCOTIABANK TORONTO WATERFRONT MARATHON

Jamii curated the arts component of the St Lawrence Market Neighborhood Cheering Section as well as supported the Pairs' Fun Run. The programming featured a "14-musicians marathon of music", a visual art installation, and a dance section.

Musical Director: Robert Graham  
Visual Artist: Kerryn Graham  
Dance Leader: Kaitlin Torrance

Pairs' Fun Run attendance: 40 (all ages)  
Cheering Section attendance: 300+



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*For giving your time, energy and passion to our community, and contributing to Jami's success.*

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