



JAMII 2018
SEASON REVIEW



One Season
30 Artists
24 Workshops
6 Projects and 300+ Participants
14 Events and 1200+ Audience members

Jamii 2018 highlights

Recording
**FILMING
IN PROGRESS**
A local Production
by & for locals ♥
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Spring-Summer 2018

At Heart, Citizens of The Esplanade

More than 150 people co-created together a 30-min docu/film that shines a light on our community.

Through a series of workshops in the Spring and Summer, Esplanadians of all ages took part in the making of a docu/film from the initial ideas right through to the final production. Through this project, participants and artists invited people to reflect on the values that drive community development and city planning.

Producer: Isorine Marc

Film directors: Ayelen Liberona & Joseph Johnson Camí



August 2018

At Heart, Citizens of The Esplanade Screening of the “Behind the Scenes” documentary

Featured artists: Spirit Wind; Candy Apple Jazz Band

Photos: Laura Dittmann

Attendance: 100+



November 2018

At Heart, Citizens of The Esplanade Sold-out premiere at the Berkeley Street Theatre Second screening at Performing Arts Lodge

In 2019, the docu/film will be screened in our community as well as submitted to various short-film and documentary festivals in Canada and abroad.

Attendance to both events: 150+

Photographer: Gilliann Mapp

With the support of Toronto Arts Council, Ontario Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts



May 2018

2018 Photo Project

Exhibit unveiling at Crombie Park Basketball Court

Photos by: Afnan Yakot, Emily Moses, Hanna Yusuf, Ilwad Abdulle, Nada Yakot, Noshin Hussain, Pushpa Saha, Tsnat Milkyas Kelemework

Photos taken at: 2017 ESP Youth 5-on-5 Basketball Tournament & 2017 Blacktop Classic Tournament

Lead Artist: Andre Dee



Summer-Fall 2018

2019 Photo Project: I am me (Girl, I got you)

Giving a platform to young voices

Through a series of workshops and photoshoots, emerging photographers co-created this photo exhibit to be displayed in Crombie Park in May 2019 as part of CONTACT Festival of Photography. Together, this group of young women is pushing beyond the confines of society's image of women and are inviting the audience to reimagine what being a "woman" can mean.

Emerging photographers: Alina Khurram, Amni Hantash, Gennavive Marshall, Helena Maragos, Inara Ibrahim, Mysha Khurram, Nadia Ibrahim, Nadifa Daud Mohamed, Pauline Williams, Zoë Campbell

Lead artist: Brianna Roye



April 2018

Toronto Public Library - St Lawrence Branch Exhibition and screening of **FEETPRINT**

Attendance at screening: 60+

Exhibit viewers: 300+



August 2018

Family Day with Canadian Stage **Site-activation with FEETPRINT - shoe design**

Animated by: Nadifa Daud Mohamed, Isorine Marc

Participants: 30+



November 2018

Canadian Stage Working Committee Sharing local input on artistic programming

Project lead: Autumn Smith, Canadian Stage

Working committee: Ashlynn Hubschmann, Bana Stegy, Declan Sol, Gabrielle Franke, Karen Lam, Marica, Rasheeda Forbes-Riley, Shaaron Lewis, Tanjin Ashraf



April 2018

21st Canadian Arts Summit in Banff, AB

Representing Jamii and The Esplanade community

With the support of Canada Council for the Arts



Oct-Nov 2018

Crombie Park Revitalization - Stage 1

Supporting community engagement & outreach

Lead: The Planning Partnership

Jamii's support: Facilitation of discussions with youth from the St Lawrence Daycare, seniors, teenagers, and young adults

Stage 2: A Discussion of Revitalization Design Concept Options will take place in the Winter of 2019.



October 2018

Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon Family Fun Run & Best Cheering Section

Participants to the Family Fun Run: 50+

St Lawrence Market Cheering Section won 1st Prize

With the support of the Canada Running Series Foundation



Aug-Nov 2018

Intra-provincial journey through Ontario **Connecting with Pikangikum First Nation**

Project: The Jamii team visited Pikangikum First Nation, Wawa, Michicipoten First Nation and Wolfe Island in the Fall of 2018. With each community, our intent was to connect local community arts organizations, artists and social change makers, leaders, teachers, ect, to listen and share our journey and potentially create something wonderful together in the near future.



Aug-Nov 2018

Intra-provincial journey through Ontario

Connecting with Wawa & Michipicoten First Nation

Project: Why these communities? Because three Esplanadians have strong ties in each of them: Darren Marshall is from Wawa, Asmita Pal taught in Pikangikum and Kerryyn Graham lived with her family on Wolfe Island. All three are our ambassadors on this project and act as connectors between all our people to create genuine dialogue. Indigenous spoken word artist Mahlikah Awe:ri Enml'ga't Saqama'sgw accompanied Isorine Marc, along with the ambassadors on each of the visits to these communities.



Aug-Nov 2018

Intra-provincial journey through Ontario

Connecting with Wolfe Island

Project: While on our visits, the idea of an intra-provincial arts project that connects people from each of these communities (including The Esplanade) was reinforced. As a result, in 2019-2020, Jamii is spearheading the co-creation of a collective exhibit, composed of a series of visual, digital and live portraits made by and about people from all of these communities. Each portrait will tell a story that is part of an ensemble, showing that despite the distance, our lives are all interconnected.

With the support of Canada Council for the Arts.



Nov 2018

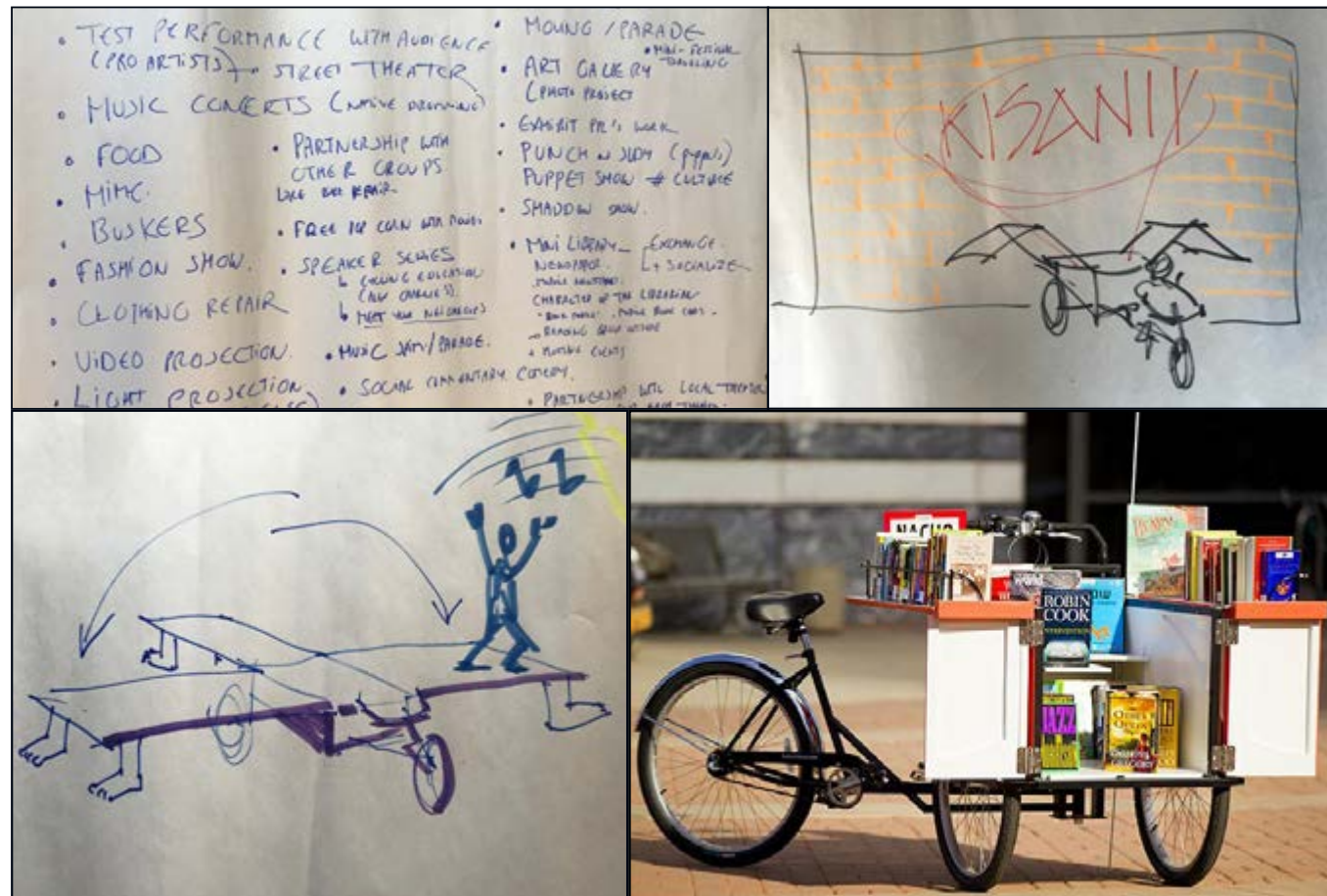
Kisani Hub, an outdoor mobile arts space

Preparing Jamii's 2019 season in Crombie Park

Project: "Kisani" in Swahili means "the one who makes arts".

The Kisani Hub is at once a mobile outdoor presenting venue, a creative lab, and a community hub in Crombie park: a cargo bike customized into a small-scale multi-use outdoor arts space. This is a dream Jamii has carried since 2013 and is now bringing to life. During a brainstorming workshop in November, fellow neighbours shared their visions for the project.

With the support of Canada Council for the Arts, Laneway Project, St Lawrence Neighbourhood Association and St Lawrence Market BIA.



Summer 2018

2018 Summer Student Jobs

Afsheen Chowdhury

Nadifa Daud Mohamed

Mentoring the next generation of leaders

Photographers: Gilliann Mapp & Jae Yang

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