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RPTV Weekly News Show Episode 42



Welcome to RPTV Weekly News Show Episode 42. In this weekly news show hosted by RPTV reporters Kedar Ahmed, Fred Alvarado, Jabin Haque, and Victoria Nanneti, we present news that impacts on Toronto's Regent Park and the surrounding areas.

Episode 42 features segments on:

- City of Toronto announces the recipients of the 2022 Regent Park SDP Grant and conditionally allocates 2023 funds
- In Memory of Barbara Helen Castledine
- In Memory of Christian Yombo
- Report of Changing Cultures of Regent Park—A multimedia final exhibition
- Healing As One Celebrates the FIFA World Cup Final
- Advocates call for more access to warming centres
- Toronto City Council approves 2023 Housing Action Plan for the 2022-2026 term of Council
- Covid 19 & vaccination updates. City of Toronto extends COVID-19 Vaccine Engagement Teams to March 2023

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the Daniels Spectrum Arts Centre





Daniels Spectrum Arts Centre is a community hub in Toronto's Regent Park neighbourhood. It is located at 585 Dundas Street East. Consisting of three floors, the centre opened to the public in September 2012 and is home to many outstanding arts-based and community-focused organizations and cultural groups. These organizations and groups all contribute to make the Daniels Spectrum a special place to work, play, study and get creative. Within these walls you'll find dancing, art-making, singing, music playing, film making, theatre, learning, socializing, community building, mentoring, collaborating etc. The Daniels Spectrum is animated with the spirit and creativity of the community each and every day.

In collaboration with the users and tenant groups, Artscape and the Daniels Corporation organized a community celebration honoring the 10 year anniversary of the Daniels Spectrum Arts Centre. As well as a community fundraiser, this was an opportunity for many of the groups operating in the centre to showcase and promote their work. The celebration also featured Songs of the Journey, a musical performance about the story of the Regent Park revitalization. In this video we hear what community members have to say about the Daniels Spectrum Arts Centre.

Native Earth celebrates 'Weesageechak Begins to Dance 35'



Native Earth Performing Arts celebrated its 35th edition of Weesageechak Begins to Dance with vibrant, new indigenous theater, dance and multi-disciplinary creations. This year's festival gathered over 15 artists from across Turtle Island to develop and showcase contemporary Indigenous performances at the Aki Studio located at 585 Dundas St East in Regent Park. The event had conversations about artistic process, excerpts from new work in development, musical performances by Lacey Hill and Rebecca Hope, a mini pop-up market, and more. RPTV Reporters Jabin Haque and Victoria Nanneti were at the festival to know more about the importance of this event to the Regent Park Community.

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Radio Regent's presents Al Qawha Ensemble



Al Qawha Ensemble features Maryem Tollar on vocals, riqq (Arabic tambourine) and qanun (Arabic table harp); Ernie Tollar on wind instruments; Demetri Petsalakis on oud and Naghmeh Fahrahmand on percussion. The group name Al Qawha is Arabic for "the coffee house". It was inspired by the coffee house culture in the Middle East where people would go to hear the latest news, music, poetry and stories. The repertoire began with traditional songs from Syria, Egypt and Iraq and then in 2018, the group started adding original repertoire by members of the band.

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