



SYMPOSIUM



19th NATIONAL MURAL SYMPOSIUM

November 2, 2019

This symposium's theme, **EXCHANGE**, will highlight and celebrate murals as a tool for exchange and creative gateway for public dialogue. Presenters will share local and international projects and ideas to illustrate how the value of a mural lies not only in the art left behind, but in the process of exchanging skills, perspectives, stories and experiences.

We are excited to announce that **PA System** will be giving the keynote address.

To view a full list of speakers, schedule and for registration, please visit our website:
muralroutes.ca/registration-symposium19/

Take advantage of the early-bird registration fees by registering before October 14.

REGISTER NOW



We had a very busy spring and summer 2019 with a number of Mural Art Learning Institute programs.

MURAL ART CAREER DEVELOPMENT 2019

This 60-hour certificate program ran from May 7 - July 2, at Story Arts Centre, Centennial College. Congratulations to our 19 graduates! The 2019 MACD graduation event was held July 23rd from 6-8pm at Centennial College. **We are excited to watch the projects, the continued growth, and the impact of our graduates!**

WALL ART LEARNING SERIES WORKSHOPS

Working at Heights Certification

In partnership with StreetARToronto, Mural Routes offered six separate sessions of subsidized Working at Heights training for mural artists this summer.

This is a full day course, at the end of which participants received Ministry of Labour-approved Working at Heights Certification, valid for three years.

Safety Training - North Etobicoke

Mural Routes offered 2 workshops at Albion Library this summer, on the theme of Safety and Mural Making, leading up to **Augmented Representations: The North Etobicoke Mural Project**.

Both workshops were offered free of cost.

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Participants were led on a walking tour with conversations around community members experiences of safety in the neighbourhoods of North Etobicoke surrounding the mural site.



2) Health & Safety for Muralists, led by Michael Brown

Participants learned about the health and safety risks associated with mural making in public spaces.

These workshops are part of Augmented Representations: The North Etobicoke Mural Project, a Signature project of the Cultural Hotspot produced in partnership with the City of Toronto, produced and created in partnership with the City of Toronto, StreetARToronto (StART), and supported by Toronto Pearson International Airport.

MURAL PROJECTS



THE NORTH ETOBICOKE MURAL PROJECT

Together with our partners [Arts Etobicoke](#), [The STEPS Initiative](#) and [Womxn Paint](#), this project was unveiled and celebrated on Sunday, July 28. Over a hundred community members, partners, artists, and funders of the project joined to celebrate the success of a major partnership

Volunteers and community members helped paint our section of the North Etobicoke Mural Project, titled 'Community Collaborations' led by local Rexdale-based artist Moises Frank and Rob Matejka.



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Photo (left) by: May Shi

INTEROH GALE

This monumental Underpass mural came to life this summer in Malvern, north Scarborough (Morningside and Finch), designed and created by MEDIAH with assistance from Nazli Nahidi.

INTEROH GALE combines to mean "a gateway to a sustainable future by using renewable resources, such as wind." The mural artwork's theme addresses sustainability and the complicated relationship between the environment, nature, urban industry, and ever-expanding city infrastructure.

Join us for the INTEROH GALE Mural Unveiling event

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This unveiling is in conjunction with the Malvern Harvest Festival

Speeches at 4pm.

Walking tours to the mural at 4:30pm (with official ribbon cutting) and again at 5:30pm.



Image courtesy of the artist.



This project was being produced and created in partnership with the City of Toronto, StreetARToronto (StART).

BEACHES FOODLAND MURAL

Mural Routes and Foodland partnered this summer to produce a new mural in the Beaches neighbourhood of Toronto. A selection committee of representatives from both organizations, The Beach Village BIA, and the Foodland store chose local artist **John Kuna** to design and paint the new mural.

A final design for the mural was chosen after a community consultation and public survey were completed.

Beaches Foodland Mural Unveiling - stay tuned!

The mural production and unveiling have been postponed due to some weather delays, but stay tuned for an announcement soon.

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The Beaches Foodland Mural in progress.



MEMBERSHIP



FEATURED MEMBER ARTIST

Fats Patrol

Mural Routes' Website & Communications Assistant (summer), Reia Tariq recently interviewed Fats about her work - you can read the interview on our [website](#):

Mural image (left) taken by Jo Askew, Dubai

Fats Patrol (Fathima) is an Indian-Canadian artist born and raised in the Middle East. Her work is a study of symbols and semiotics and our drive to make sense of the world through mythology, folklore and storytelling. A 3rd culture kid who has spent most of her life torn between religious and cultural value systems and boxes, Fats looks to story-telling for universal messages that resonate across borders and

Fats' style of drawing takes inspiration from illustration and comic books her and her brother (who is a cartoonist) grew up with. Her style also resonates of Indian block printed fabrics, Arabic calligraphy and ethnic patterns along with many other visual influences. Her art isn't so much about a particular culture but rather a fusion of several that all seek to tell the same stories and connect people.

Immigrating to Canada when she was 17, Fats completed a BA in Art and Culture at U of T and later an MA in sociology in the UK. Through her study she has developed a love for art with purpose, in particularly public art and outreach and travels to work with challenged communities most recently in India and Jordan.

In 2010 she was awarded the Sheikha Manal Young Artist Award in Dubai. And in 2011 she founded The Domino, a small business and platform that has helped pave the way for Dubai's artist community and grass roots movement.

Fats currently splits her time between Dubai and Toronto.

Read our interview with Fats on our website at:

muralroutes.ca/member-interviews-fatspatrol

You can view Fat's member profile on our website at:

muralroutes.ca/member/fathima-mohiuddin/

Member highlights and interviews are intended to promote you as Mural Routes Members and allow you the space to share your practice, career progress and recent projects. Highlights may be featured on our website, newsletter, and various social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Interested in being featured? Fill out the form [here!](#)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Mural Routes members are encourage to attend

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2019 from 5pm-7pm. Refreshments will be provided.

Please RSVP by September 20th to info@muralroutes.ca.



BECOME A MEMBER

Not yet a member of Mural Routes? Visit our [Membership Page](#) and [join](#) to gain perks like Membership Highlights, job calls, and more.

"Because of you, I've learned so much and have connected with many others in the mural world." - Mural Routes Member Pam Lostracco

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As a leader in the field of public wall art, Mural Routes is dedicated to the creation, development and promotion of public wall art. Our vision is to inspire the creation of extraordinary public wall

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Our mission drives us every day to continue our work and discover new ways to serve the rest of the field. Watch your support help us expand to new initiatives to come!

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OUR OFFICE



CANADA SUMMER JOBS

As summer comes to an end, so do the contracts for our three hard-working Canada Summer Jobs employees. We would like to send out great big thanks to:

- **Rysia Andrade - Production Assistant**
Rysia helped with our projects production and materials this summer; she took on the challenge of organizing our paint and materials, researched and created health and safety training packages, and supported our artists on site, particularly the Community Collaborations and WomxnPaint murals as part of The North Etobicoke Mural Project. We wish you all the best as you continue to add your skills and passion to the arts and culture sector, Rysia!

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Reia helped to outreach to artists and organizations across Canada to help update and promote our Mural Map of Canada, used her photography skills to snap shots of our murals and at our summer events, and helped keep our website and social media updated. Reia, we wish you all the best on your future supporting and contributing to the creative scene!

- **Nazli Nahidi - Program Assistant**

Since July 2018, Nazli has been a major support to our small (3 person!) staff team, with a focus on supporting our education and training programs. She helped to coordinate and support our Introduction to Mural Art programs at East End Arts, The Beaches and North Etobicoke, as well as Mural Art Career Development and Working at Heights. As an artist herself, Nazli used her creative background to support Mural Routes with upgrading our social media, designing flyers and posts, aided in researching and re-stocking art materials, updating some of our resources, and most importantly in building relationships with many of our members, artists and participants. Nazli also stretched her communications (and on-screen) skills by creating the how-to video for our updated Mural Map of Canada. We will miss you and the creativity you brought to you work, Nazli, but we cannot wait to watch you continue your art (and now mural) practice, wherever your career and projects take you!

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For any questions or inquiries related to membership and the Mural Map of Canada contact Jackie Santos, Membership, at membership@muralroutes.ca

For general inquiries, you can drop us a line at info@muralroutes.ca

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Individuals: \$50 (1 year) or \$90 (2 years)

Corporate/Government: \$185

Charitable/non-profit groups: \$75

Students (full-time w/ID): \$25

[Visit our website](#) for details and to join.

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