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## STAFF NEWS



### WELCOME TO OUR SUMMER PRODUCTION ASSISTANT

Please join us in welcoming Rysia Andrade to the Mural Routes team. Rysia joins us this summer as an emerging arts administrator in the position of Production Assistant. She is passionate about heritage, community storytelling and place-making. With a background in Canadian Theatre and Literature, Rysia's artistic practice revolves around design, storytelling and animating space.

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## EVENTS

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## THE MURAL MAP OF CANADA LAUNCH / EDIT-A-THON

Mural Routes is thrilled to announce the launch of the new and improved Mural Map of Canada.

On Wednesday, May 8, 2019, Mural Routes hosted a Mural Map of Canada Launch and Edit-a-thon. Thank you to all who attended the event at the Toronto Media Arts Centre and added your murals to the map!

**New features of the Mural Map of Canada include:** search by keyword, style, organisation, Mural Routes member; and the ability to get directions to a mural. Mural Routes members' murals will appear on a smaller map generated on their member profile pages.

We've created [this handy video](#) that goes through the steps to adding your mural to the map.

*Mural Routes would like to thank our funders who made the creation of the Mural Map of Canada possible:*



*The Mural Map of Canada was updated in 2019 with additional support of the Toronto Arts Council through the TAC-FCAD Digital Solutions Incubator grant.*

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# EDUCATION



## CURRENT & UPCOMING PROGRAMMING

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

### **MURAL ART CAREER DEVELOPMENT**

This 60-hour certificate program is currently underway (from May 7 - July 2) at Story Arts Centre, Centennial College.

Students recently participated in a mural tour of Chinatown in Toronto, where they learned about site assessment and specific challenges of working on public streets - [view photos here](#).

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### **INTRODUCTION TO MURAL ART**

#### **The Beaches Library (April 1 - May 13)**

Participants learned basic art, design, and mural-making skills from professional artists, gaining the skills and confidence to give input for the local Beaches Foodland Mural upcoming this summer 2019.

You can check out the photos of the final class on our [Facebook page](#).

#### **North Etobicoke at Humber College (May 6 - June 17)**

As part of the community engagement and training for the upcoming Augmented Representations: North Etobicoke Mural Project,

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Mural Routes has been running an Introduction to Mural Art program in North Etobicoke at Humber College north campus through Community Partnerships. Artists Moises Frank and Rob Matejka will be listening to participants mural design feedback for the upcoming Community Collaborations mural, where participants will have a chance to take their training onto the wall and paint!

*This program is 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.*

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## **WALL ART LEARNING SERIES WORKSHOPS**

### **Health & Safety: June 11 & 26**

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

Both workshops are offered free of cost. Registration for these workshops is required. The workshops are free, with priority going to those who live in the North Etobicoke community, and/or those are working on the mural project. Please email [programs@muralroutes.ca](mailto:programs@muralroutes.ca) to register.

### **Community Safety Audit Tour - Training for the North Etobicoke Mural Project**

Led by Metrac

July 2, time TBC

Albion Library, 1515 Albion Road, Toronto, ON M9V 1B2

**About the workshop:** Metrac will facilitate a

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walking tour with conversations around community members experiences of safety near in the neighbourhoods of North Etobicoke surrounding the mural site. The group will collect their knowledge and create safety plans.

### **Health & Safety for Muralists**

Led by Michael Brown

June 26, 5-8pm

Albion Library, Teen Zone, 1515 Albion Road,  
Toronto, ON M9V 1B2

**About the workshop:** Participants will learn about the health and safety risks associated with mural making in public spaces. They will learn about materials safety (WHIMS), on site preparations, ladders and working at heights safety and requirements, and physical well-being while working outdoors and steps for what to do if any injury or emergency arises while on site. Participants will practice scenarios that outline a variety of common health and safety situations on mural sites.

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### **Working at Heights Certification: June 14 & 22** **(June 14 workshop is sold out)**

In partnership with StreetARToronto, Mural Routes is offering two separate sessions of subsidized Working at Heights training for mural artists.

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

Working at Heights Certification is in-demand and

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we are planning an additional workshop. **Please email [programs@muralroutes.ca](mailto:programs@muralroutes.ca) if you wish to join the wait list.**

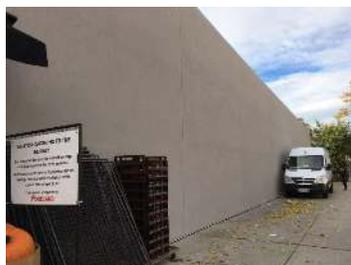
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## **NATIONAL MURAL SYMPOSIUM**

*Save the date!* The **19th National Mural Symposium** will be held in Toronto on November 2, 2019. Look for full details and registration - coming soon.

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# MURAL PROJECTS



## **UPCOMING MURALS**

### **Beaches Foodland Mural**

Mural Routes and Foodland are partnering on plans to produce a new mural in The Beaches, to be completed and celebrated at The Beaches Jazz Festival on July 27, 2019.

A selection committee of representatives from both organizations, The Beach Village BIA, and the Foodland store have chosen local artist John Kuna to design and create the new mural.

Our Introduction to Mural Art program at the Beaches Library wrapped up on May 13 with a community consultation in which John Kuna presented 3 designs for the neighbourhood to vote for. After the May 20 deadline, a final design has been chosen and John Kuna will begin painting this month.

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Find out more about the project [HERE](#).



### **Augmented Representations: The North Etobicoke Mural Project**

Arts Etobicoke, Mural Routes, the STEPS Initiative, and Womxn Paint present Augmented Representations: The North Etobicoke Mural Project. The project is a series of mural training and art workshops in May and June that lead to a month-long, collaborative mural project in North Etobicoke this July.

The mural series will blend together current and historic narratives to embody the voices of community members. The project will be a chance for neighbours to get know each other, gather with friends and family, share their stories, while learning the art of mural-making!

Find out more about the project [HERE](#).



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### **INTEROH GALE**

Mural Routes is partnering with artist MEDIAH to transform the Finch Ave East and Morningside Ave bridge underpass into a beautiful piece of public artwork for Malvern in north Scarborough.

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The highly visible mural artwork will beautify and revitalize this area by transforming a seemingly ordinary bridge underpass into an awe-inspiring and visionary landmark that will bring pride to members of the surrounding community.

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

A local youth engagement Graffiti Art Workshop was held on May 23 at Malvern Community Recreation Centre. Community members are invited to hear more about the project at 1LoveMalvern event at Malvern Family Resource Centre on June 18 from 6-8pm, where they can meet the artist and learn more about the project plans.

Find more about the project [HERE](#).



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## FEATURED MEMBER ARTIST



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## Marg Cresswell

*Mural Routes' Program Assistant, Nazli Nahidi recently interviewed Marg about her work - you can read the interview on our [website](#):*

Marg is an award-winning muralist who graduated from the Ontario College of Art in 1994 and worked as a muralist for several art studios in Toronto, including for muralist Frank Stella. Over the last 24 years she has painted numerous public and private commissions. In 2017 she was awarded a Certificate of Recognition from the House of Commons for her mural in Richmond Hill as part of Canada's 150th Anniversary. Today she continues to paint commissions that inspire the viewers in homes, businesses and communities throughout the GTA.

**Read our interview with Marg on our website at:**  
[muralroutes.ca/member-interviews-marg-cresswell](https://muralroutes.ca/member-interviews-marg-cresswell).

**You can view Marg's member profile on our website at:**  
[muralroutes.ca/member/margaret-cresswell/](https://muralroutes.ca/member/margaret-cresswell/)

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## **MAKE A DONATION TO MURAL ROUTES**

As a leader in the field of public wall art, Mural Routes pilots new ways of working with artists, partners and communities to use murals as a catalyst for community building. When we see a need or barrier, we aim to develop programs and resources to address it.

Our mission drives us every day to push further 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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## **CONTACT US**



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For general inquiries, you can drop us a line at [info@muralroutes.ca](mailto:info@muralroutes.ca)

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