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THE BENTWAY and NEW MUSEUM present
IDEASCITY TORONTO
Saturday, September 15, 2018
Full Schedule Announced for the Daylong Program
Exploring the Cultural Forces that Connect and Shape Toronto

The Bentway, in collaboration with the **New Museum** (New York City), present **IdeasCity Toronto**, a collaborative, civic platform with cultural innovators, creative practitioners, and other instigators.

IdeasCity, the New Museum's civic platform that explores the future of cities with art and culture as a driving force, initiates a new cycle of programs with IdeasCity Toronto, centered on the theme of Toronto as a "City of Cities." The daylong exploration of strategies, ideas, and propositions will feature panel discussions, keynote lectures, workshops, conversations, and performances.

Free, accessible, and open to the public, IdeasCity Toronto will take place on Saturday, September 15, 2018 on the newly opened Strachan Gate at The Bentway.

The full schedule is as follows:

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| 1:00-1:30pm | The Solution Mat by Vanessa Brazeau |
| 1:30-2:30pm | Opening Remarks by IdeasCity & The Bentway, Land Acknowledgment by Philip Cote and Welcome by Former Mayor David Crombie |
| 2-3pm | City of Cities: A panel discussion on design and identity in the amalgamated city with Simone Brown , Adrienne Clarkson , and Sylvia McAdams Saysewahum , moderated by Mitch McEwan |
| 3-4:30pm | Toronto Workshops: A series of participatory workshops on urban and suburban, long and short-term strategies for the city led by Betty Yu of Chinatown Art Brigade , Bryan C. Lee of Colloqate Design , Nadine Villasin of Myseum of Toronto , and Design Exchange |
| 5-5:30pm | Spoken Word Slam performance curated by R.I.S.E. Edutainment in collaboration with Anne Michaels , Toronto's poet laureate |
| 5:30-6:30pm | Pitches for Toronto: Presentations of six bold visions for the future city by local and international groups and thought leaders, juried by Ken Greenberg , Sara Diamond and Karen Wong |
| 6:30-7:30pm | Keynote Address by Rick Lowe with respondent Sharifa Rhodes-Pitts |
| 7:30-7:45pm | Closing Remarks |
| 8-9pm | The Great T-Dot Hip-Hop Music Video Rap Along: An Interactive film celebrating 20 years of Toronto's music culture, curated by Supafrik and hosted by Master T and Michie Mee |

For more information, please visit TheBentway.ca/ideascityto
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IdeasCity Toronto is presented by Vancity Community Investment Bank, with lead media partner Ideacity, Moses Znaimer's Conference, and Azure, Designlines, The Walrus, and Spacing. The Bentway is supported by the City of Toronto and the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund (an agency of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport).

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About The Bentway

[The Bentway](#) is a unique and innovative public space that transforms 1.75km underneath Toronto's Gardiner Expressway into a new gathering place for our city's growing population.

The Bentway knits together seven local neighbourhoods with over 70,000 residents, becoming a gateway to the waterfront, while providing access to important attractions and destinations – from Fort York National Historic Site, Ontario Place and Exhibition Place to Harbourfront Centre and the CN Tower. The Bentway offers year-round activities and events, including gardens, a skate trail, recreational amenities, public markets, public art, special exhibitions, festivals, theatre and musical performances, and more. The initial phase of The Bentway is open to the public. Stretching from Strachan Avenue in the west to just east of Bathurst Street underneath the Gardiner Expressway, this section of The Bentway is located on the lands of Fort York National Historic Site, recognized by the Government of Canada as a site of national significance.

The Bentway is maintained, operated, and programmed by The Bentway Conservancy. The project was made possible through the collaboration of a range of city-builders and experts, including the [City of Toronto](#), [Waterfront Toronto](#), Judy and Wilmot Matthews, [Ken Greenberg Consultants](#), [PUBLIC WORK](#), [Fort York National Historic Site](#), and [Artscape](#). The Bentway is a proud member of the [High Line Network](#), an international network of projects that transform underutilized infrastructure into new urban landscapes.

The Bentway Skate Trail, the first part of Phase 1 of The Bentway construction, officially launched on Saturday, January 6, 2018. The completion of Phase 1, featuring the opening of the grand Strachan Gate, will take place on Saturday, August 25, 2018.

About IdeasCity

[IdeasCity](#) is a collaborative, civic, and creative platform that starts from the premise that art and culture are essential to the future vitality of cities. This international initiative provides a forum for designers, artists, technologists, and policymakers to exchange ideas, identify challenges, propose solutions, and engage the public's participation. The initiative was cofounded at the New Museum by Lisa Phillips, Toby Devan Lewis Director, and Karen Wong, Deputy Director. Past IdeasCity programs have taken place in New York (2011, 2013, 2015 and 2017), Istanbul (2012), São Paulo (2013), Detroit (2016), Athens (2016), and Arles (2017). For more information, visit ideas-city.org.

About New Museum

The [New Museum](#) is the only museum in New York City exclusively devoted to contemporary art. Founded in 1977, the New Museum is a center for exhibitions, information, and documentation about living artists from around the world. From its beginnings as a one-room space on Hudson Street to the inauguration of its first freestanding building on the Bowery designed by SANAA in 2007, the New Museum continues to be a place of experimentation and a hub of new art and new ideas.

About Fort York National Historic Site

[Fort York National Historic Site](#) is one of 10 Toronto History Museums operated by the City of Toronto. Since 1793, Fort

York has been an important military location and is where Toronto was founded as an urban place. Located in the heart of downtown Toronto, this 43-acre heritage conservation district is home to Canada's largest collection of original War of 1812 buildings. Fort York offers permanent exhibits and immersive multimedia displays at the Visitor Centre, ongoing programming and events, site tours, military displays, historic cooking demonstrations, and the annual Indigenous Arts Festival. Fort York National Historic Site is also home to the first phase of The Bentway. For more information, visit <http://www.toronto.ca/fortyork>.