



PRESS RELEASE

TORONTO, ONTARIO - March 16, 2019: MUSE ARTS seeks to engage local residents, communities and organizations with immigrant, newcomer and refugee artists to promote love for the arts, inclusion, solidarity and community-building.

HAPPENING Multicultural Festival

May 29th to June 1st, 2019 at **918 Bathurst Centre for Culture Arts Media & Education.**

HAPPENING Multicultural Festival is a four-day multidisciplinary festival that will engage more than 60 artists/performers who have self-identified as people of diverse communities, immigrants, newcomers and refugees. The festival features traditional and contemporary music, dance, visual arts, story-telling, poetry, crafts and food. **HAPPENING** will take place at 918 Bathurst Centre for Culture Arts Media & Education in Toronto.



At Muse Arts, we believe in the importance of fostering and building connections between artists, communities and organizations. We give the spotlight to immigrant, newcomer and refugee artists who come to Canada with a wealth of skills, knowledge and talents often undermined by general stereotypes or assumptions of “what they need”.

We are presenting to you: immigrant, refugee and newcomer artists who are also dreamers, creators and givers. We invite everyone to challenge preconceived ideas by giving every individual an opportunity to show who they are, what they may need and also what they can contribute. Recognizing that each individual’s circumstances are different and therefore we all are at different places in our journeys.

HAPPENING is a multicultural celebration, a Festival created to promote inclusion, where the work of diverse, immigrant, newcomer and refugee communities takes centre stage and their contribution to the cultural and artistic fabric of Toronto is embraced and recognized.

In addition to the planned performances and exhibitions during **HAPPENING** Multicultural Festival, we are creating professional development opportunities for artists interested in working with communities, as well as for organizations engaging newcomer communities to network with artists and other organizations.

HAPPENING Multicultural Festival is the result of collaboration, unity and generosity.

Tickets to the performances and different activities are now available at [eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com) or [Muse Arts](mailto:community@musearts.ca) email: community@musearts.ca

Note to media: for additional comments, tickets, photos and interviews with performers or Festival Director Paola Gomez, please contact: communications@musearts.ca

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