

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

**Toronto, June 17, 2019** 

## Young Artists at the Mall: An exhibition featuring artwork by Thorncliffe Park Public School students

WHAT:

On **Tuesday**, **June 18**, **2019** at **4 PM**, the East York Town Centre will be the site of an art exhibition opening featuring artwork produced by thirty grade-five students from Thorncliffe Park Public School, under the direction of fifteen professional artists.

The multidisciplinary exhibition will showcase artworks created during Koffler Studio Offsite, a new after-school arts program created by Koffler Centre of the Arts with the intention of bringing accessible contemporary arts programming to students living outside of the downtown-core. Koffler Studio Offsite is generously supported by a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

An OTF volunteer will be in attendance at the exhibition to formally present the Koffler Centre of the Arts with a plaque to mark the work done as a result of receiving the grant from the Foundation in late 2018.

Karen Tisch, Executive Director of the Koffler Centre of the Arts; Dainesha Nugent-Palache, Project Coordinator; Patricia Ritacca, Koffler Gallery Public Engagement Coordinator; Khadejah Shaikh & Maliha Frui Twala, Thorncliffe Grade 5 student & Koffler Studio Offsite participant will speak about Koffler Studio Offsite and the impact that the program has had on the students involved.

WHO: Kathleen Wynne, MPP for Don Valley West

Rachel Chernos Lin, School Trustee for TDSB Ward 11

TBA, Ontario Trillium Foundation, Grant Review Team Volunteer

Karen Tisch, Executive Director, Koffler Centre of the Arts

Dainesha Nugent-Palache, Koffler Studio-Offsite Program Coordinator Patricia Ritacca, Public Engagement Coordinator Koffler Gallery

Khadejah Shaikh, Thorncliffe Grade 5 student & Koffler Studio Offsite participant Maliha Frui Twala, Thorncliffe Grade 5 student & Koffler Studio Offsite participant

WHEN: Tuesday, June 18, 2019.

4-7 PM (Remarks begin at 4:35 PM)

WHERE: East York Town Centre

45 Overlea Blvd (Entrance 6)

Toronto, Ontario

## PHOTO & INTERVIEW OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

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