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Artscape comprises Toronto Artscape Inc., Artscape Non-Profit Homes Inc. and Artscape Foundation. BC Artscape is an independent affiliate.

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Every day, Artscape spaces come alive with the ideas and passion of the organizations and people who work and/or live within its portfolio of buildings. Over 40 public venues pulse with the energy of hundreds of thousands of people who take part in exhibitions and performances annually, and the thousands more who participate in Artscape programs, tenant-driven activities and city-wide events. Every year, Artscape delivers a wide range of benefits, including:



- \$3.6 million in savings passed on to artists and organizations on commercial and residential occupancy costs*
- Rental rates for artists and not-for-profit organizations 56% lower on average than rates from comparable commercial spaces in downtown and midtown Toronto*
- Nearly \$800,000 in total subsidies provided to not-for-profit organizations and grassroots groups through sliding-scale accessible rates to Artscape performance and event venue space*

Artscape's success is driven by its ability to work effectively across disciplines to align values, leadership, investment and public policy. The organization works to constantly expand its portfolio and advance the field through sharing its knowledge with other creative placemakers.

* Figures from 2015; latest available