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YEAR-ROUND PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN ARTISTS + LOCAL BUSINESSES COMING TO THE JUNCTION, OPENING CEREMONY DURING STREET FESTIVAL ON JUNE 23

The Junction has long been known as an artist enclave in Toronto, a place with lower rent and larger studio spaces that draws an eclectic collection of businesses and residents. With rental rates skyrocketing across the city, many artists have needed to leave the area - a loss acutely felt by local businesses. Banding together, with help from The Junction Business Improvement Area, Art In The Junction was born. This local community project brings art to the walls of restaurants, stores, galleries, bars and offices throughout the neighbourhood; provides a centralized source for listings; and helps businesses find artists interested in displaying their work. This month, 11 independent businesses are hosting exhibitions. Art in The Junction officially launches during the Junction Summer Solstice Festival on June 23.

Toronto, ON - June 15, 2018 - The Junction returns to its artistic roots, with 11 independent businesses hosting exhibitions in storefronts and gallery spaces along Dundas St West during the month of June. An inspiring new local initiative, exhibition listings are gathered online at TorontoJunction.ca/ART as part of *Art in The Junction*. This will remain a permanent part of the Toronto Junction website, directing art lovers to the many businesses and art venues throughout the Junction that program exhibitions year-round.

Current *Art in The Junction* listings, for June 1 to 30, 2018

- ★ **3030** (3030 Dundas St West)
Tosh Jeffrey
- ★ **ARTiculations Art Supply** (2928 Dundas St West)
Michelle Peraza *2018 Thesis Award Show*
- ★ **High Park Early Years Centre** (2918 Dundas St W)
Jenine Paul
- ★ **Latitude 44 Gallery Framing Decor** (2900 Dundas St W)
Andrea Lambert and Leeay Aikawa
- ★ **Opticianado** (2919 Dundas St W)
Rachel Burns
- ★ **Stadt Cafe** (3011 Dundas St W)
Katrina Jurjens
- ★ **Take Note** (2993 Dundas St W)
Wojtek Biczysko - *Family Tree*

- ★ **UB Social Cafe & General Store** (3015 Dundas St W)
Oliver Stockley - *Forests of the Night*
- ★ **Vesuvio Pizzeria & Spaghetti House** (3010 Dundas St W)
Janice Ykema
- ★ **West Toronto Paint & Wallpaper** (2975 Dundas St W)
Leah Shostak - *Dwell*
- ★ **Zalucky Contemporary** (3044 Dundas St W)
Joani Tremblay - *The Space in Between*



SPECIAL FOR SUMMER SOLSTICE FESTIVAL

Cinq a Sept Artist Reception 5 - 7 PM, Saturday June 23, 2018

Artists will be in attendance at their exhibition venue

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Bookmark this link and check back regularly

torontojunction.ca/art

Artists - apply to the year round call launching in September 2018. Members of The Junction BIA Art Selection Committee will review submissions and forward recommendations to businesses looking to host artists in their space.

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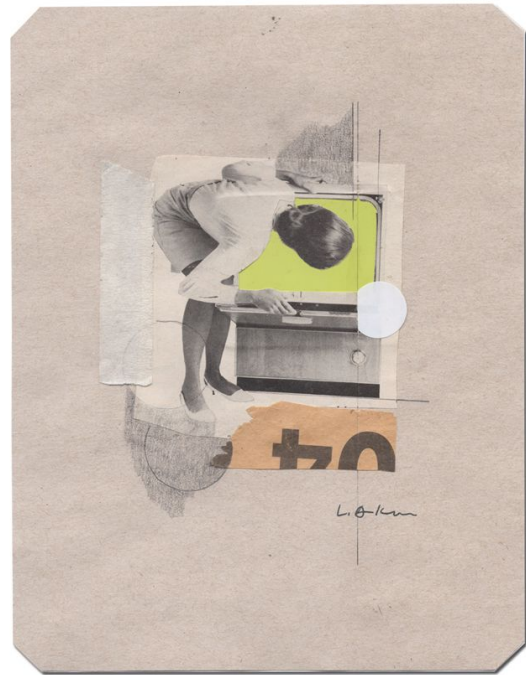
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Art In The Junction - selected images



We've reached a time of stillness (and I'm happy), Katrina Jurjens, exhibiting at Stadt Cafe



Greenblock I, Leeay Aikawa, exhibiting at Latitude 44 Gallery Framing Decor

About the Junction BIA

The Junction Business Improvement Area is located on Dundas Street West between Indian Grove and Quebec Avenue. The Junction is celebrated among residents and visitors as a wonderful place to explore and discover. This unique Toronto neighbourhood feels like a small town in the big city with cozy restaurants, vintage furniture shops, one-of-a-kind retail destinations, supportive health and wellness practitioners, thriving artistic community and a welcoming nightlife.

Come see us where the rails meet!