

YZD's Biggest Year Yet



2025 was a landmark year for YZD, welcoming nearly one million visitors to celebrate, explore, and connect across the 370-acre site. From marquee events like Play on the Runway, Wonderverse, and Runway Reels to the opening of the YZD Plaza and the Indigenous Hub, YZD was transformed into a vibrant hub for creativity, connection, and joy.

The year also saw YZD host a diverse slate of large-scale experiences — including the inaugural concert season at Rogers Stadium and international artist Fred again.. performing in the Hangars — alongside cultural events such as Dandiya Dhoom, Taste of Ghana, and Raptors for Research, as well as immersive exhibitions like Bubble Planet and Titanic at Exhibition Hub. Together, these moments drew new audiences and expanded how people experience the site.

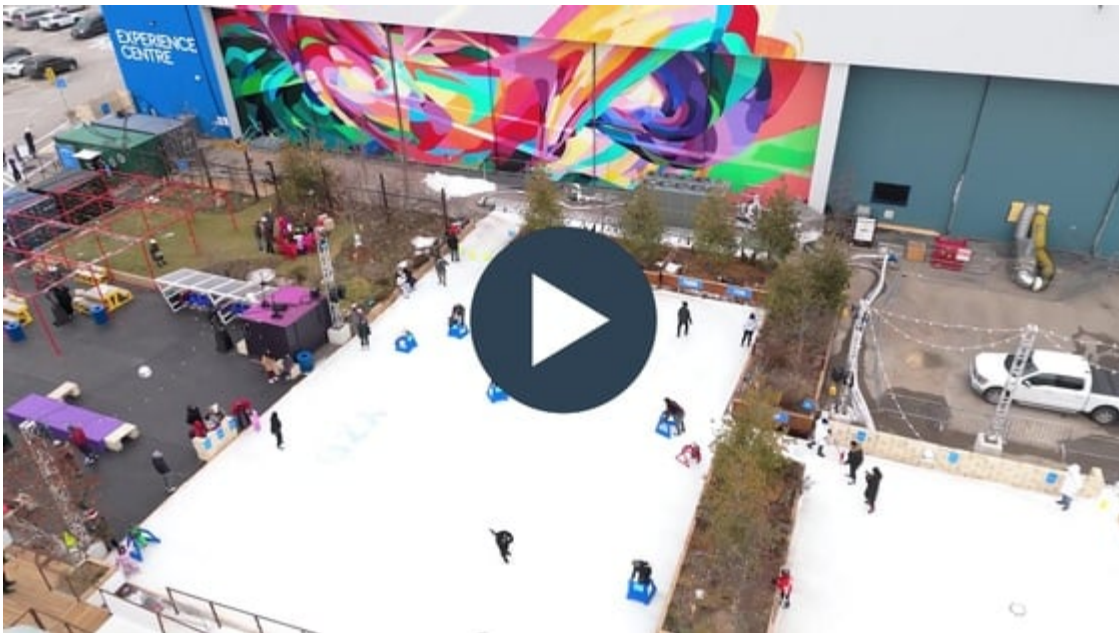
True to the spirit of YZD, this work goes beyond buildings. It's about bringing people together now, fostering a sense of belonging, and offering a glimpse of the future community — experienced, imagined, and lived today.

Glide into Hangar Skate this Winter

After an action-packed two weeks of daily skating, Hangar Skate is back for weekend sessions. From now through Family Day weekend, Hangar Skate transforms the YZD Plaza into a winter playground, complete with snow play zones, a cozy outdoor fire pit, and engaging art installations.

Skate to the beat at our Friday DJ Skate Nights, or build confidence on the ice with our complimentary Learn to Skate sessions on Saturday and Sunday afternoons. When you're ready to warm up, head inside the YZD Experience Centre for rotating indoor arts workshops. From board game sessions hosted by Snakes & Lattes on Friday nights to hands-on art classes with VIBE Arts and Big River Bindery on Saturday and Sunday, our indoor programming always brings the heat.

Complimentary programming. Registration required.



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This holiday season, Northcrest was proud to sponsor the Big Christmas Give for the fourth year—a festive toy and food drive supporting families across Toronto. Alongside the Rhema Foundation, Toronto Police Service, Second Harvest Food Bank, and community partners, we helped provide more than 2,000 toys and 750 food hampers, reaching nearly 1,000 families in need.



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YZD was recently featured in Newsweek, exploring how the former Downsview Airport is being reimagined as a \$30 billion, future-ready city. The article highlights how Northcrest is transforming the 370-acre site into a climate-resilient, mixed-use community; one that honours its aviation legacy while advancing a new model for sustainable urban development.

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