

Where Your Summer Takes Flight

A season of free
play, wild ideas, and
bold beginnings
for all ages. Start
planning your
adventure today!

SUMMER '25

YZD

GARCIA CREATIVE / WEEKENDS AT YZD 2024



GARCIA CREATIVE / WEEKENDS AT YZD 2024, RIGHT: GARCIA CREATIVE / YZD EXPERIENCE CENTRE OPENING 2024

Prepare to Soar Through Summer

After nearly 100 years of restricted public access, we are overjoyed to welcome Toronto back to YZD, transforming a former airport into a new cultural gathering place.



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This Summer, we are throwing our doors wide open with an array of free public programming. From immersive art adventures in old airplane Hangars—to outdoor cinema, music, markets, and movement—each event invites you to discover this historic site in unexpected and exciting ways. Whether you're enjoying the tastes of the YZD Farmers' Market, learning about the lost rivers of Toronto from a rolling canoe, biking down the tarmac at Play on the Runway, or watching a film under the stars at Runway Reels, every experience is designed to be accessible, joyful, and shared.

Our commitment to building community through arts, culture, creativity and play is beginning decades before this 370-acre site is transformed into seven vibrant, connected neighbourhoods, stitched together as part of the new fabric of Toronto. Known as creative placemaking, this approach puts our City's most imaginative citizens at the forefront of defining a place that will be integral to Toronto's future. Through collaboration—with artists, with neighbours and with the land itself—we will collectively build traditions at YZD today that will define it for generations to come.

This guide invites you to come and discover YZD, and we hope it inspires you to join us this summer. YZD is open—no longer to planes, but to people, creativity, play, and possibility.

Join the journey. We'll see you there,

Mitchell Marcus

Executive Director, Site Activation & Programming
YZD by Northcrest Developments



LEFT: THE GATHERING IN PLACE, CATHIE JAMIESON. BOTTOM: GARCIA CREATIVE / SOLAR ECLIPSE AT YZD 2024

The YZD Indigenous Hub

New this year, YZD is home to the YZD Indigenous Hub—a seasonal, pop-up garden.

We invite you to explore this space, learn about Indigenous gardening and agricultural practices, and reflect on the deep relationships between land, people, plants, and place.

These lands are part of the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation, signatories of Treaty 13 and Host First Nation to the former Downsview Airport lands redevelopment.

For thousands of years, it has been the Traditional Territory of many First Nations, including the Huron-Wendat and the Haudenosaunee Peoples.

We are committed to the wise stewardship of these lands and to meaningful engagement and partnership with Indigenous Peoples as we strive to shape communities welcoming to all.



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A New Community. A New Playground.

OUR ONE-OF-A-KIND APPROACH

At YZD, we are turning unused space into something meaningful by inviting people to experience it now.

It starts with play, art and gathering. Every memory you make at YZD today helps shape the community we're creating for tomorrow. All Summer long, we will be programming one-of-a-kind, free experiences, designed to combine community, education and fun.

Come explore, learn and play at YZD.

OMAR HASSAN / PLAY ON THE RUNWAY 2023



Summer Saturdays

→ June 14 – October 11, Every Saturday
→ YZD Experience Centre & Plaza

YZD is the place to be for Summer Saturdays. We know your weekends are a special time for play and exploration, and our programming has something for the whole family to enjoy.



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Every Saturday from 11AM-5PM at the YZD Plaza and Experience Centre, you can enjoy free, family-friendly events, hands-on workshops and interactive pop-ups. Take a bite out of the YZD Farmers' Market, enjoy live music, discover immersive playscapes and experience our rotating programming that brings the spirit of YZD to life.



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YZD Farmers' Market

→ June 14 – October 11, Every Saturday
→ YZD Plaza

Eat Local, Share Community

The YZD Farmers' Market invites you to experience the best of local food and community.

GARCIA CREATIVE / YZD FARMERS' MARKET 2025



Discover fresh farm produce, artisanal goods, honey from our on-site hives, local brews, and ready-made meals—with the backdrop of live acoustic performances in the YZD Plaza. It's more than just your average market—you can explore interactive art projects that celebrate the rich history of YZD, and engage in nature-themed workshops like beekeeping, Indigenous gardening, and planting activities, both indoors and outdoors.

Come for the local flavours, stay for the community connection.

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JUNE 14 – OCTOBER 11

Runway Rivers

Every Saturday | → YZD Indigenous Hub



History Beneath. Adventure Ahead.

This Summer, you'll get the chance to embark on Runway Rivers, an interactive art installation—brought to life by artist John Notten—that lets you canoe across The Runway of YZD, exploring Toronto's lost rivers in a completely unique way.

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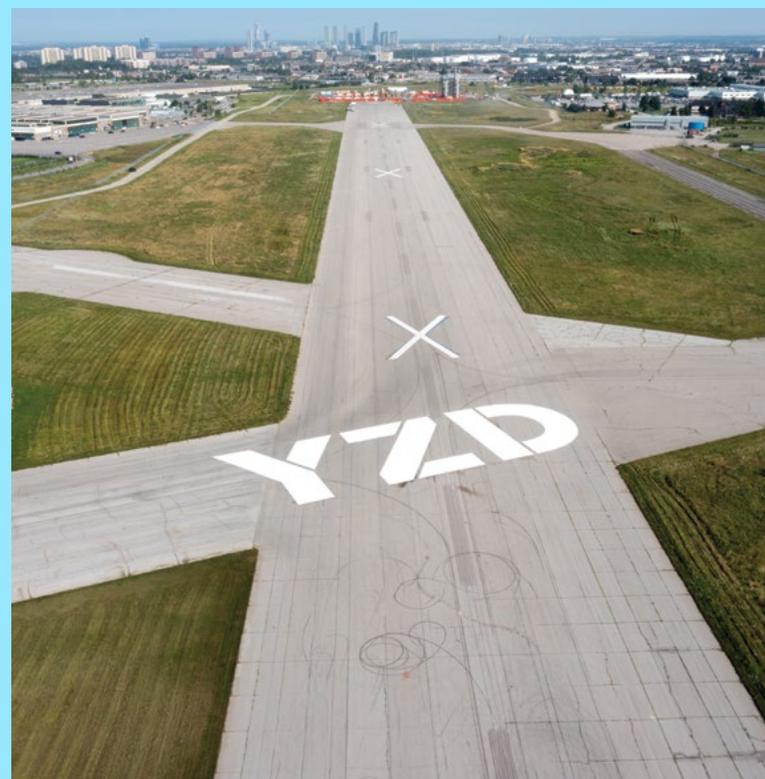
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Inspired by the ancient waterways that once shaped the City, this immersive experience blends history, geography, and art, for a playful yet powerful journey.

Part of Luminato Festival's 2025 season, Runway Rivers invites you to physically engage with a part of Toronto's environmental history while enjoying the thrill of navigating painted pathways on the tarmac.



KADENCE WORLD / HANGAR JAM 2025. RIGHT: CURTIA WRIGHT

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JULY 19 - 20

Hangar Jam

→ Hangar 5 at YZD

Graffiti Meets Grit. Music Meets Motion.

This July, Hangar Jam lands at YZD—transforming the Hangars into a high-energy hub for street art, skateboarding, and breaking.



Powered by One Day Creates and Kadence World, this two-day event brings together globally renowned street artists, skaters, and breakers for a first-of-its-kind experience in Toronto. Expect live street art, skate sessions and competitions, break battles, interactive zones, artist talks, a custom-built skate park, food trucks, DJs and more. Whether you're here to paint, skate, dance, or just take it all in, this is where movement and creativity collide.



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AUGUST 9-10

Play on the Runway

→ YZD Runway



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CINEMATOSCAPE / PLAY ON THE RUNWAY 2022, RIGHT: GARCIA CREATIVE / POTR 2023

Adventure Awaits on The Runway!

Get ready for an unforgettable weekend at YZD this August, where the historic 2km Runway transforms into a playground of exhilarating activities and endless fun.

Whether you're biking, roller skating, or simply enjoying the thrill of free play, there's something for everyone.

This is more than an event—it's a chance to have fun, connect with others, and make lasting memories in a space that's been closed off to the public for so long. Bring your loved ones and join us for a weekend of adventure as the Toronto skyline stretches across the horizon.

With support from



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OCTOBER 3-4, 10-11

Runway Reels

→ YZD Runway



A Cinematic Celebration of Culture and Community

Join us for Runway Reels—a free outdoor movie series set against the iconic YZD Hangars. Choose drive-in or lounge-style seating and settle in for a night of connection, culture, and discovery under the stars.

Each evening highlights a new cultural theme with family-friendly pre-show programming, live performances, and food experiences. Through film and storytelling, Runway Reels celebrates the diverse communities that shape our city—offering a cinematic journey through heritage and home.

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MOATH IBRAHIM / COMMUNITY SUNDAYS AT YZD 2025. RIGHT: GARCIA CREATIVE / WEEKENDS AT YZD 2025



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Classes

FUN FOR ALL AGES!

Join in the vibrant spirit of the YZD community every weekend with our packed lineup of fun-filled classes and activities.

We partner with local organizations, artists and cultural leaders to offer these engaging activities designed to spark creativity, connection, and community for visitors of all ages.

Limited availability, sign-up required.

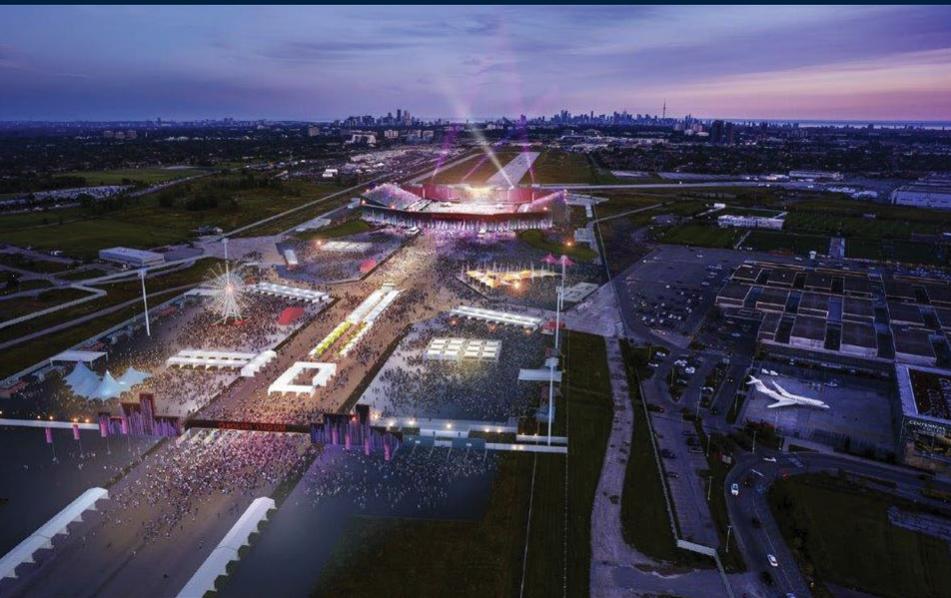
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	SATURDAYS 11AM – 4PM	SUNDAYS 12PM – 5PM
JUNE	Indigenous art workshops Brought to you by Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and The Moccassin Identifier Project	Family-based arts workshops Brought to you by PLAY Forever
JULY	Nature-based art workshops Brought to you by Ecu Collective	Video game design workshops Brought to you by Just BGraphic
AUGUST	Honey-based art workshops Brought to you by Ecu Collective Beekeeping workshops Brought to you by Toronto Bee Rescue	STEM programming workshops Brought to you by Kids Coding School
SEPTEMBER	Nature-based art workshops Brought to you by Ecu Collective	Family-based art workshops With local programmers
OCTOBER	Nature-based art workshops Brought to you by Ecu Collective	Family storytime and play Brought to you by Stories by Dan and North York Arts

Partnered Events

Experience even more excitement at YZD with a lineup of special partnered events lighting up the site all season long, including additional one-off weekend happenings you won't want to miss. For the latest event listings, visit yzd.ca.



(LEFT) LIVE NATION / ROGERS STADIUM; (RIGHT) TOP: BUBBLE PLANET EXPERIENCE. BOTTOM: TITANIC: THE OFFICIAL EXHIBITION

Rogers Stadium

Opening Season: Summer 2025
Brought to you by Live Nation

Be one of the first music lovers to experience Rogers Stadium—the new 50,000-person temporary, seasonal, outdoor concert venue. With a blockbuster summer lineup, Rogers Stadium has something for fans of all ages.



Bubble Planet Experience

Limited engagement at YZD
Brought to you by Exhibition Hub and Fever

Offering tactile play and virtual reality, this experience to dream big has made its Canadian debut in Toronto right here, in your neighbourhood! The multisensory experience is designed to awaken the joy of imagination, play and wonder for children and adults of all ages.

TITANIC: THE OFFICIAL EXHIBITION

Limited engagement at YZD
Brought to you by E/M Group, RMST, Exhibition Hub and Fever

Experience the legendary story of Titanic like never before at TITANIC: THE ARTIFACT EXHIBITION. With over 200 real artifacts from the Ship, life-size reconstructed rooms, 3D views, and cutting-edge technology, this experience offers a fascinating and emotional journey through one of the most iconic tragedies in history. From the grand construction of the ship to its fateful collision with the iceberg, you will be fully immersed in the captivating story of Titanic.



Enter to Win the Ultimate YZD Experience!

Sign up for our mailing list and be entered to win tickets to YZD's latest events, YZD goodies and delicious offerings from the neighbourhoods' hottest eats.

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Explore YZD

Chart your path and plan your journey through YZD with this map.

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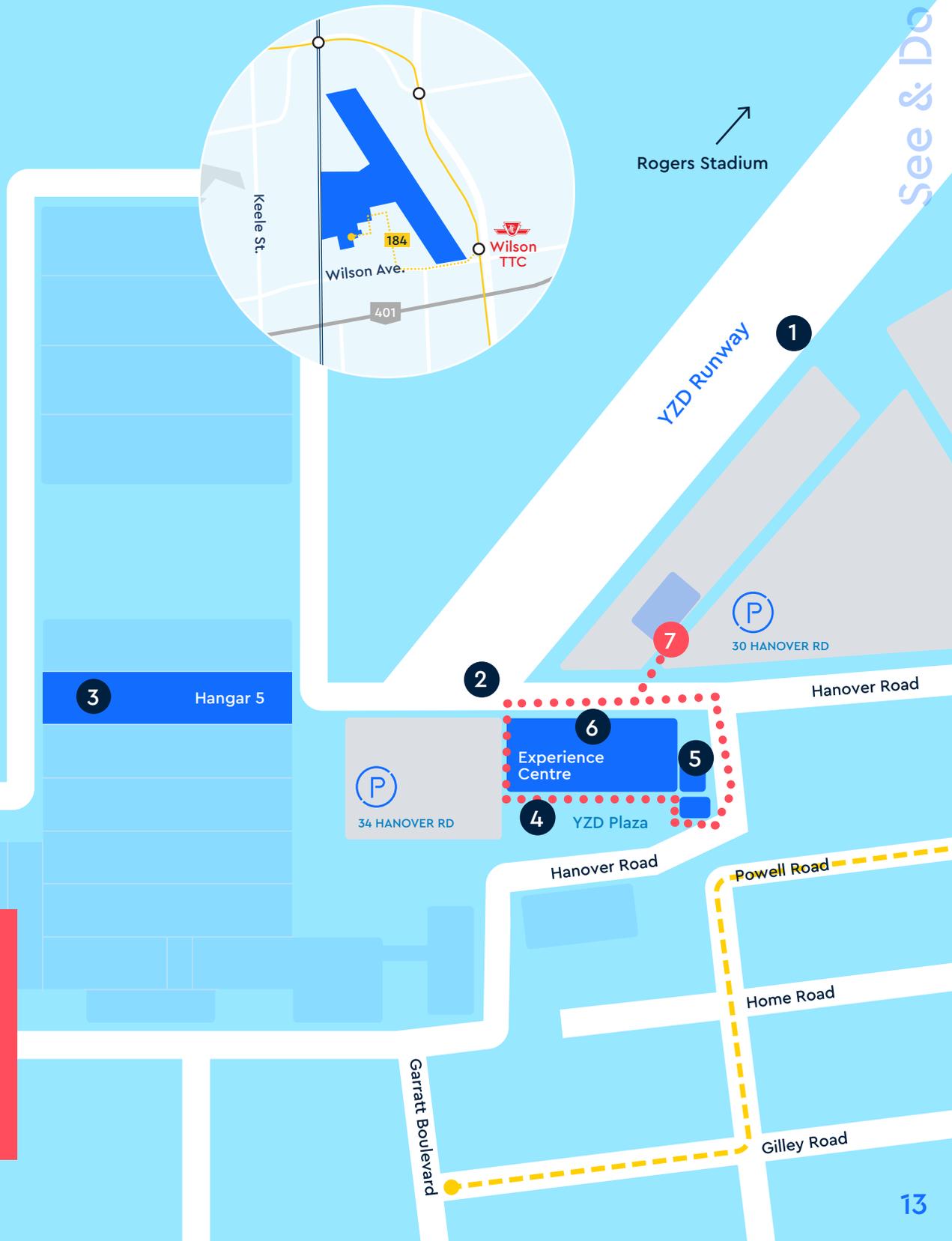
Art Walk

You can take a walk through the past, present and future of YZD in a one-of-a-kind gallery experience. The Art Walk at YZD connects all event spaces and is a free digital experience, guiding you through the murals and art installations splashed across the walls and grounds of this site.

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Experience Centre

Community engagement is at the heart of what we do. Northcrest is committed to ensuring that the development of YZD reflects a shared vision shaped by those who will live, work, and visit the area. Learn more about the project by visiting the YZD Experience Centre.

We've been on this city-building journey since 2018, and we've engaged more than 80,000 people and 180 groups through multiple rounds of public consultation, hosting events and gathering feedback to inform our plans.

Getting Here
YZD Experience Centre
34 Hanover Rd., North York,
Ontario, M3K 1L3

Open to the Public
Wed-Fri: 9AM – 5PM
Saturday: 12PM – 5PM
Sunday: 12PM – 5PM





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You've reached out, saying you want to see, and we've listened:

“ I want this to be a district where people walk around and want to be a part of this energy.

“ It would be great to showcase Downsview's multicultural, up-and-coming talent.

“ I want to see more free events in the city that people from all walks of life can enjoy the intense amount of creativity the city has to offer.

“ Strong support for investing in arts and career development.

“ Local communities [benefitting] from having more recreational spaces.

“ ...affordable spaces for grassroots and small Indigenous organizations.



YZD

YZD celebrates the rich history of the former Downsview Airport lands, while embracing the exciting transformation ahead.

What was once a place known for aerospace innovation will soon see community taking flight.

Over the next 30 years, YZD will become a place 54,000 people call home, where 23,000 jobs will be supported, and where 75 acres of parks and open space will be available for everyone to enjoy—all connected by a reimagined 2-kilometre, pedestrian-friendly Runway.

YZD is Toronto's next big move, shifting the centre of gravity north, creating a new hub of connection.



Your voice matters and we remain dedicated to an open, ongoing dialogue every step of the way.

Sign up for our community newsletter, follow us on social media or visit the YZD Experience Centre to share your voice.



Find Your Runway.



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