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“Cities around the world are reinventing themselves as ‘people places’. More than just places to work, but as highly desirable places to live. Toronto is doing that better than most, and the revitalization of Regent Park is leading the way.

At the heart of this amazing transformation is the new arts and cultural centre. A place to learn and be inspired by music, dance, film, theatre and visual art. A place to experience and celebrate the diversity of our incredible city. A place to connect and collaborate, with kids from the neighbourhood, and artists from Toronto and around the world.

Add your voice. Lend your hand. Help us create a very special ‘place’ in our city.”

Mitchell Cohen, President, The Daniels Corporation

THE REGENT PARK ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE
is one of the most important building blocks of the revitalization of the Regent Park neighbourhood. Dedicated to experience, learning and innovation, the Centre is poised to become the artistic, cultural and social core of the new neighbourhood.

Located on Dundas Street East between Sumach and Sackville Streets, this 60,000 square foot, multi-tenant facility is slated to open in Fall 2012.

Its three floors will include a large performance venue, space for arts organizations, youth-oriented arts programs and the Centre for Social Innovation.

Artscape is partnering with Toronto Community Housing, The Daniels Corporation and a locally based Steering Committee to develop the facility.

The leadership, will and initial investment to jump-start this initiative have been mobilized.

The Federal and Provincial Governments have contributed $24 million through Infrastructure Stimulus Funding. A Capital Campaign will raise the balance of funds required to bring this remarkable project to fruition. The opportunity is NOW to become part of the history of our city.
THE REGENT PARK ARTS & CULTURAL CENTRE is located in the heart of the renewed Regent Park. Manifesting a community vision to create a lasting space to celebrate and support the area’s rich and diverse cultural heritage and outstanding creative talent, it is one of the most important building blocks of a $1 billion project to revitalize the Regent Park neighbourhood for its residents and the city at large.

The Regent Park Revitalization will be completed in 6 phases spanning from Parliament, Dundas, Gerrard and River Streets. When complete, The Regent Park Revitalization will have renewed and restored 69 acres of Toronto’s Downtown East neighbourhood. In Phase 1 alone, over 40,000 sq. ft. of new retail space will be introduced to the Regent Park neighbourhood.

With Phases 1 and 2 currently underway, almost 50% of the total revitalization is either complete, under construction or undergoing demolition.

ONE COLE CONDOS
Phase 1 of the Regent Park Revitalization is well underway with the One Cole condominiums successfully sold out and with residents already calling this new landmark home.

NEW 6 ACRE PARK
Located in the centre of the Revitalization and directly across from the Regent Park Arts & Cultural Centre, construction will begin in spring 2011 on the new 6 acre community park.

PARK ENTRYWAY
The entryway to the 6 acre park will be a central gathering place, perfect for markets, performances and celebrations.

PEDESTRIAN FRIENDLY MEWS
Coming soon, a pedestrian friendly walkway featuring ground level retail, cafés and markets will bring a European flare to Regent Park.

AQUATIC CENTRE
An Aquatic Centre will feature several swimming pools and water slides making it a destination for lessons, recreation and old-fashioned family fun.

NEW COMMUNITY CENTRE
The new Community Centre will be the hub of activity, games and recreation in the new Downtown East.
A CENTRE DEDICATED TO:
EXPERIENCE

Ground Floor

Regent Park is one of the most dynamic cultural neighbourhoods in Toronto, but historically has lacked the facilities to showcase its talent. The ground floor of the Regent Park Arts & Cultural Centre will be dedicated to experience and will include a 400 seat performance venue, a large outdoor performance court and two creation/performance studios operated by COBA Collective of Black Artists and Native Earth Performing Arts. Imagine music, dance and theatre performances, film screenings, cultural festivals, community events and dialogue on building great neighbourhoods and cities around shared experiences.

COBA
Collective of Black Artists

“Celebrating its eighteenth year of existence, COBA Collective of Black Artists has a profound appreciation for the blessing of a home in the Regent Park Arts & Cultural Centre...to have a vision, and then have it realized by a gesture of this magnitude is nothing short of a miracle that speaks volumes to the power of spirit and perseverance.”

BaKari Segun Lindsay
Artistic Director
COBA Collective of Black Artists

www.cobainc.com
Native Earth Performing Arts

“Having a place to call home after so many years is gratifying...sharing space in a community like Regent Park with our sister companies Cahoots Theatre, fu-Gen Asian Canadian Theatre and Kaha:wi Dance makes it truly feel like home.”

Yvette Nolan
Artistic Director
Native Earth Performing Arts

Performance Venue
The ground floor of the Regent Park Arts & Cultural Centre will feature a 6,000 sq. ft. flexible performance venue to host performances, community celebrations, festivals, lectures and conferences.

The performance venue is designed to be partitioned into three distinct smaller spaces. It will accommodate up to 400 seats and will be a fully-equipped (sound, lighting, seating and staging) free-span space with an approximate 25 feet floor to ceiling height.

The performance venue will also include an A/V booth and storage spaces, and will be supported by a warming kitchen, green room and dressing rooms.

Outdoor Performance Court
The Outdoor Performance Court is a 4,000 sq. ft. versatile outdoor performance and gathering space that can host a range of events, performances, outdoor films and markets.

The outdoor performance court will act as its own independent programmed space, a spillover space for events inside the indoor performance venue, overflow for activities happening on Street P and a casual pedestrian gathering space where the Regent Park community can relax and enjoy the outdoors.

The raised stage will be a spot for performances or a spot for sitting, depending on the configuration of a given event. The space will be capable of supporting sound and lighting for a variety of performances and uses.

www.nativeearth.ca
A CENTRE DEDICATED TO:

LEARNING

Second Floor

Arts-based learning is a proven way for people to discover themselves, build self-esteem, foster inter-cultural understanding and develop aptitudes that are essential in academic and professional pursuits. The second floor of the Regent Park Arts & Cultural Centre is devoted to developing talent in music, visual arts and film; building a sense of place; and understanding the history of the local neighbourhood. Learning studios operated by ArtHeart Community Art Centre, Regent Park Film Festival and Regent Park School of Music, will ensure that residents in Regent Park and surrounding neighbourhoods have opportunities to expand and nurture their creative potential.
“The Regent Park Film Festival is excited to be in the Regent Park Arts & Cultural Centre because we are finally coming back home!”
Richard Fung
Festival Manager
Regent Park Film Festival

“This initiative is so exciting as a building like the Regent Park Arts & Cultural Centre comes around once every century. I envision the students of the Regent Park School of Music composing future soundtracks for films in the Regent Park Film Festival that feature projects by the Collective of Black Artists! The options are limitless; this Centre will allow the imaginations of the youth in this community to run wild!”
Richard Marsella
Director
Regent Park School of Music

“Being a tenant in this Centre is extremely important for ArtHeart. It will enable us to leverage resources, partner with innovative partners, be part of the exciting future of the Regent Park revitalization, and most importantly ensure that Regent Park residents are able to access and benefit from creative and high quality visual arts programming.”
Adriana Beemans
President of the Board of Directors
ArtHeart Community Art Centre
A CENTRE DEDICATED TO:

INNOVATION

Third Floor

Centre for Social Innovation

The Centre for Social Innovation is a dynamic space in downtown Toronto. Their mission is to spark and support new ideas that are tackling the social, environmental, economic and cultural challenges we face today. They are creating the spaces that social innovation needs to thrive.

The Centre for Social Innovation (CSI) catalyzes and supports new ideas that make positive change in the world. Its flagship project is a 23,000 sq. ft. shared workspace in downtown Toronto that is home to over 200 members who are working to meet the needs of communities across the city and around the world. By providing access to shared amenities, community programming and a positive work atmosphere, CSI enables its members to increase their efficiency and achieve greater social impact.

CSI is opening a 10,000 sq. ft. shared workspace within the Regent Park Arts & Cultural Centre. The new space will be a place where residents, artists, cultural organizations and entrepreneurs come together to share ideas, resources, advice and inspiration. CSI’s vision is a vibrant, dynamic hub that meets the diverse needs of the community while pushing forward the possibilities that can be achieved by working together.

“The Regent Park Arts & Cultural Centre is an incredible opportunity for the Regent Park community and for the city as a whole...even more than creating a much needed arts and cultural facility, this project demonstrates how diverse partners can work together to revitalize a neighbourhood and build a better Toronto. The Centre for Social Innovation is honoured and excited to be part of this important project.”

Eli Malinsky
Director Programs & Partnerships
Centre for Social Innovation

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