

York Region Arts Council and Downtown Markham Team Up for an Arts After Hours Networking Event

April 13, 2014 Markham, ON - The York Region Arts Council (YRAC) has partnered with Downtown Markham for an exciting event that promotes interaction and awareness of creative individuals, organizations, businesses and happenings in York Region. This social networking event will take place at the award-winning Downtown Markham Presentation Centre in Markham on Thursday May 8 from 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Attendees will also have the opportunity to participate in a reading of an original script by Shadowpath Theatre Production's Alex Karolyi.

"Arts After Hours Networking Events are some of YRAC's most anticipated events because they bring together creatives from all over York Region in an open and engaging environment," explained Samantha Rodin, Associate Director at YRAC. "The Downtown Markham event builds on notions of connectivity and collaboration by exposing attendees to a world of arts and culture opportunities in Markham's new urban core."



"We believe that the world's best cities are not defined by their streets or their buildings, but by the life that happens in between," said Evelyn Ratcliffe, Retail Marketing, The Remington Group. "We are thrilled to host YRAC and their guests as they help breath life in to our community and join in learning about why Downtown Markham is the Place to Be Inspired."

Shadowpath Theatre Productions will facilitate a reading from an original script by Artistic Producer and Founder, Alex Karolyi. Acting

background or not, all attendees are encouraged to participate. Shadowpath identifies as a York Region based professional theatre company and provides a prime example for how artists and organizations can achieve success by playing to the strengths of their environment.

Arts After Hours in Downtown Markham is an opportunity to promote local talent and encourage artistic exchange in York Region. In addition to open networking and an interactive play reading,

attendees will enjoy complimentary hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar and a raffle with generous prizes donated by local businesses and organizations.

Early Bird tickets are free for YRAC members and \$10 (+ applicable fees) for the general public until April 27 at 11:30 pm. Visit www.ArtsAfterHoursNetworking4.eventbrite.ca to learn more and register.

About Downtown Markham

Downtown Markham is the newest downtown in Canada's largest metropolis, the Greater Toronto Area. It is a vibrant, entertaining, culturally infused mixed-used development with unfathomable intensity. Located in Canada's High Tech Capital Downtown Markham is the place to live, work and play. Bubbling with customers who already live and work here, Downtown Markham's amazing retail complex is next to come to life with Marriott Hotels and Cineplex Entertainment at the core of Phase 1. And that's just the beginning. Layer in luxury residences, premium office space, a wide array of dining and retail options, unique and compelling entertainment and beautiful art and culture and you get an urban centre unlike any other. For more information: downtownmarkham.ca

About the York Region Arts Council

Incorporated in 2008, the York Region Arts Council (YRAC) is a nonprofit charitable umbrella organization serving the regional arts and culture community. YRAC is committed to fostering a vibrant regional arts and culture sector and supporting the arts, culture and heritage in York Region in all their forms-literary, visual, performing, media and heritage-in an inclusive manner. As the regional liaison and central information resource for arts, culture and heritage, YRAC delivers value to its stakeholders and the regional arts, culture and heritage community as a whole, through marketing, communication, education, consultation and networking facilitation and coordination. For more information:

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