

RED DRESS PRODUCTIONS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH LANARK COUNTY INTERVAL HOUSE AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT AND YOU!

Mississippi Mills Opportunity 2021

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WHAT IS THE PROJECT AND WHY IS THIS AN OPPORTUNITY ?

Through community engagement and collaborative cultural production, the Countdown Public Art Project works to increase the public's understanding of sexual and gender-based violence and offer spaces of remembrance, peace, and hope for those who have been affected.

Currently, there are eight Countdown Public Art pebble mosaic monuments across Ontario:

BRANTFORD: Brantford & District Labour Centre, 2019

CARLETON PLACE: Town Hall Square Park, 2019

PETERBOROUGH-NOGOJIWANONG: Millennium Park, 2019

NORTH BAY, Fisher St. Park, 2019

PIKWÁKANAGÁN FIRST NATION: Pikwákanagán Health Services, 2016

EGANVILLE: Centennial Park, 2016

KILLALOE: Station Park, 2016

PEMBROKE: Women's Sexual Assault Centre of Renfrew County, 2016

We gratefully acknowledge funding from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's support, which makes possible the continuation of the Countdown Project to 2023.

We're looking for civic partners in the Quinte/Rideau/Kingston/Lanark County regions to provide public spaces for 6' in diameter pebble mosaic public artworks.



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HOW DOES IT WORK AND WHAT DO WE NEED FROM EACH OTHER

- **WHAT CAN OUR CIVIC PARTNERS EXPECT FROM US?**
- We build and install stone mosaics with care
- We engage local communities in the creation of the pebble mosaics through a wide range of safe methods that respect current public health realities
- We recognize support with a plaque that includes civic partner logos
- We restore the pebble mosaic in the event it is needed
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- **WHAT DO WE ASK OF OUR CIVIC PARTNERS?**
- A suitable public space for the stone mosaic that is physically accessible
- "Excavation" of the agreed upon site (to a depth of 8" and 6' and 6" in diameter) and safe dig check
- Access to a water supply during installation
- Provision of a 4" concrete base to install onto (if possible)
- Champion the project with your constituents and networks, and recognize Red Dress Productions project Producer
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- **THE COUNTDOWN PUBLIC ART PROJECT**
- reddressproductions.org/countdown-project
- [View Countdown images on Flickr](#)
- [Watch Countdown videos on Vimeo](#)

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WHY NOW AND WHY IN MISSISSIPPI MILLS?

- Lanark County Interval House and Community Support (LCIHCS) has an existing, successful mosaic piece that was done in partnership with our community and it sits visibly behind CP town hall
- Given the current climate, we have been honoured to be asked if we would like to create another mosaic using creative virtual sessions with a build in person and a reveal likely in June 2021
- MM has had it's share of unfortunate events and loss. It would be a lovely tribute to a community that continues to thrive and survive challenge
- MM is an art fusion community and this piece would be an opportunity for positive community engagement
- LCIHCS would like to build relationships and visibility in MM as we have worked with many community members and support a local housing complex in partnership with Carebridge
- Art allows and supports public acknowledgement, recognizes reflection and healing and MM would be a great location to host a mosaic

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WHAT DOES IT TAKE?

- Partnership (LCIHCS/MM and RDP)
- A site that is visible and prepared based on specifications
- A willing community
- A desire to honour survivors and acknowledge that violence in communities is real
- A commitment to participate in online/virtual sessions to create a MM vision
- A commitment to participate in the build and to support the unveiling including local promotion and engagement

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THOUGHTS AND REFLECTIONS?

Things to consider:

- Where?
- When? Feb 2021 with a plan to unveil June 2021
- Cost? Preparation/donation of the space (town of MM)
- Who participates? Anyone who wants to
- Online facilitation? Red Dress Productions will offer the skills
- Experience required? None, just a willingness to engage

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND
CONSIDERATION



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