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MUSEUM OF TORONTO LAUNCHES UNTOLD TORONTO, A NEW DIGITAL PROJECT FEATURING FOUR ORIGINAL PROJECTS BY BLACK TORONTO ARTISTS

The free online experience, in both official languages, brings together film, audio, interviews, and mixed-media storytelling exploring Black identity and life in Toronto

Toronto, ON — September 16, 2026 — Museum of Toronto has launched Untold Toronto, a new digital project bringing together four original projects by Black Toronto artists exploring identity, culture, community, and lived experience in the city.

The free digital project uses film, audio, interviews, and mixed media to share stories that have often been overlooked or underrepresented in traditional museum spaces. Together, the projects offer distinct perspectives on Black life, identity, culture, and community in Toronto.

Untold Toronto reflects the Museum of Toronto's role as Toronto's city museum and its commitment to telling the city's stories through the voices of the people who shape it. The Museum co-creates exhibitions and experiences with communities, artists, historians, and civic storytellers, with work built through dialogue and collaboration.

"Untold Toronto is a very special artist commission bringing together four artists, each telling their story differently. Together, they present the complexity of Black life in our city with depth, beauty, warmth, and humour," said Heidi Reitmaier, CEO, Museum of Toronto. Told through film, interviews, and the written word, this digital project offers access to our city's history unbound by geography- archiving overlooked histories and revealing the diversity and complexity of the people who shape this city."

Four Mixed Media Projects, Four Distinct Perspectives

Black Girl Magic, a 16mm film by Toronto-based director and artistic producer Teaunna Gray, brings together Black women and girls across generations to share what it means to be a Black Canadian, a woman, and a Black woman today. The film brings participants' own stories to the forefront, celebrating the beauty, complexity, and diversity of contemporary Black womanhood.

See Me Yah!, a mixed-media archive by Courtnay McFarlane, focuses on five members of Toronto's Black LGBTQ+ community. Through personal stories and reflections, the project explores what it has meant, what it means, and what it may come to mean to be Black and queer in Canada, while recognizing the individuals and communities working toward a better future.

Variety B Podcasts, an audio series by multidisciplinary artists Brendan Phillip and Matthew Progress, draws from recorded conversations among a group of Black Torontonians. Across

nine personal, candid, and often humorous episodes, the project explores friendship, vulnerability, masculinity, relationships, and the everyday experiences that shape their lives.

Differently, Styll is a love letter to Toronto's Black vernacular. The project explores the origins, meanings, and cultural significance of Toronto slang, examining how language can express identity, community, and belonging.

"It's so wonderful to see this project finally being prepared for release to the world and our Black queer and trans stories sharing space with other Black Toronto stories," said Courtnay McFarlane, creator of Untold Toronto. "I can't wait to share it with the participants in the project and beyond."

Each project takes its own form, allowing audiences to experience storytelling through film, personal conversation, oral history, interviews, and digital archives. The different formats reflect the range of stories, perspectives, and experiences represented across the project

Untold Toronto invites audiences to learn more about Toronto's Black communities, histories, artists, and contemporary experiences, while encouraging greater curiosity and understanding.

Untold Toronto was developed with the support of Digital Museums Canada, an investment program managed by the Canadian Museum of History.

The project's curatorial leads are Joshua Dyer and Byron Kent Wong. Additional project collaborators include Somewhereelse, Pear Interactive, and Say Yeah!

Museum of Toronto is made possible through the generous support of **Diane Blake and Stephen Smith**.

Explore Untold Toronto

Untold Toronto is free and available online now in both official languages. Audiences are invited to explore the platform and watch or listen to the four projects at: **untoldtoronto.com/en**

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About Museum of Toronto

Museum of Toronto is Toronto's city museum, connecting Torontonians to the city and to each other. For over a decade, Museum of Toronto has helped Toronto communities tell, share, and learn about the city's unique and ever-evolving story, through both its histories and aspirations for the future.

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