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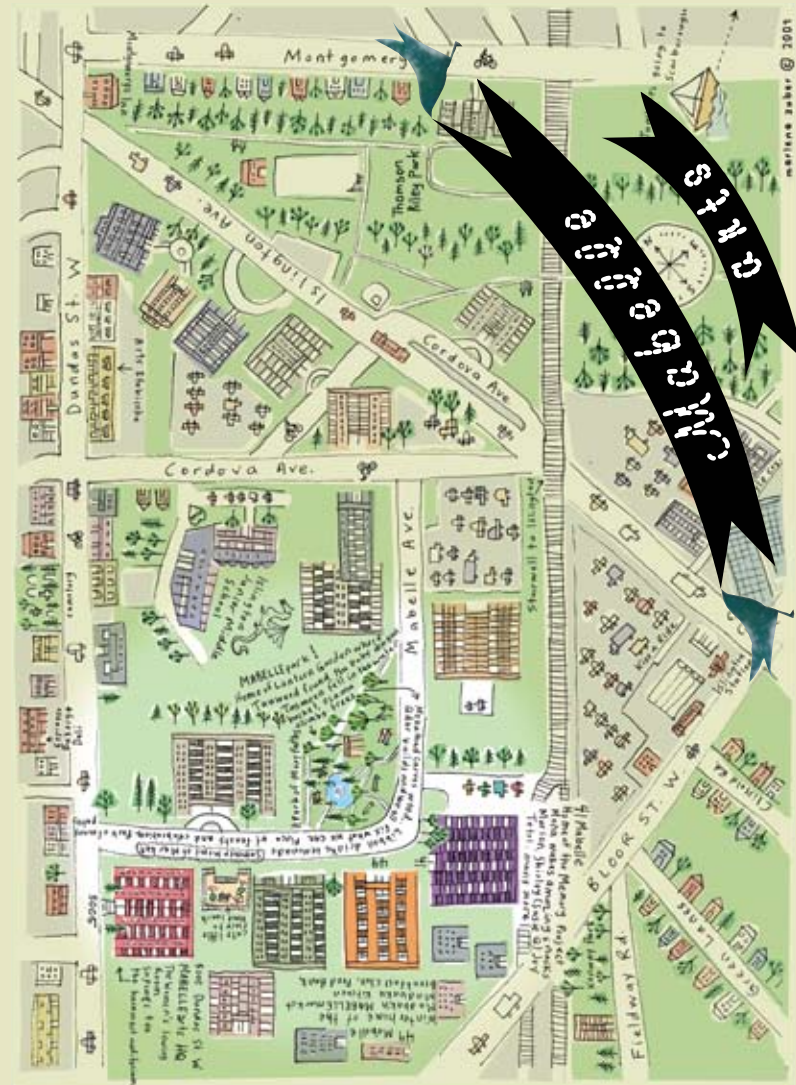
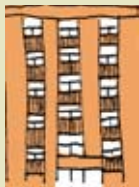
MABELLEarts employs many artists, community members and other professionals.
 For a complete list check out mabellearts.ca

Artistic and Organizational Partners (past and present):

Toronto Community Housing Corporation, Jumblies Theatre, Arts4All, Making Room, Arts Etobicoke, Public Displays of Affection, Madbakh Women's Initiative, Stonegate Community Health Centre, FoodShare, the Neighbourhood Arts Network and Montgomery's Inn.

Funding Partners (past and present):

Ontario Trillium Foundation, Ontario Arts Council, Toronto Arts Council, Human Resources Social Development Canada, New Horizons for Seniors, Social Investment Fund (Toronto Community Housing Corporation), the City of Toronto Culture Division, The Lawrence Family Foundation, The Catherine Donnelly Foundation and other private foundations and donors.



MABELLEarts brings together people of all ages, backgrounds and abilities to make art, tell stories and creatively transform the place that is Mabelle – a Toronto Community Housing complex in Etobicoke.

For us, community arts is a collaborative process of creating culture with the hands, voices and dreams of everyday people. Together we talk, work, play, plant, tell, build, remember, think, sew, eat, celebrate and mourn, transforming indoor and outdoor, personal and collective spaces in and around Mabelle.

Everyone is welcome

We reside in the Mabelle neighbourhood and work in partnership with local organizations to:

- Produce new works of art and transform Mabelle's public spaces.
- Uncover and present the stories, themes and imagery of Mabelle, inspired by the people and cultures found there.
- Bring together artists, elders, writers, designers, meal-makers, seed planters, architects, performers, carpenters and others from Mabelle and other places.
- Create opportunities for people from Mabelle and beyond to explore and develop their creativity and civic engagement through ongoing workshops, events and paid employment.
- Welcome those who are most likely to be left out by offering free activities, food, childcare, transportation and translation.
- Offer professional artists and others to explore and develop their chosen practice in a community context under the guidance of skilled artists.
- Inspire a sense of connection to our creativity, each other, and the places we call home, through the creation of artwork, ceremonies and celebrations that revel in the beauty of the everyday.

Ongoing Projects

A Park of Many Paths

This multi-year project brings together Mabelle residents with artists, architects, designers and other professionals to re-imagine and completely transform the park at Mabelle.

Lantern Garden

Every summer, **MABELLEartists**, youth, kids and families dig, paint, hammer, make music, play and invent, share food and stories as we repair and beautify the park at Mabelle.

The Women's Sewing Room

Each week, women come together to sip and stitch, teach and learn sewing skills, and make textile art for gift and sale, all the while sharing cultural traditions through textiles, food and drink.

A Light In Mid Winter

This winter parade and community festival brings together **Mabelle** residents with community artists and participants from across the GTA to create spectacle-based art and performance celebrating the winter.

MABELLEartSCHOOL

The **MABELLEartSchool** offers Mabelle adults free art instruction in a range of disciplines led by a variety of professional artists.

To find out more about our ongoing projects at Mabelle, or to lend a hand, please call us: 416-239-4900 or email: mabelle.arts@gmail.com.

The Road Is Made By Walking

This internship program offers Mabelle community members paid work and learning opportunities.

Project History

MABELLEarts developed out of a highly successful three-year residency by the award-winning **Jumblies Theatre**. **MABELLEarts** remains part of the **Jumblies** family of projects and a proud member of the **Jumblies Studio**. For more information about **Jumblies** and **Jumblies** related projects, go to: www.jumbliestheatre.org.

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