



YANNIS LOBAINA

Art in the Heart of Communities

10 Years of Spreading Joy and Inspiration Through Creative Engagements 

Community Art Engagements: Spreading Joy and Inspiration

Over the past 10 years, I have had the privilege of conducting more than 100 community art engagements in various locations and communities. This initiative has allowed me to connect with diverse, multilingual families, fostering a sense of community and spreading hope, joy, happiness, and inspiration through visual storytelling and multilingual creative writing. My programs encourage innovation, experimentation, and alternative ways of thinking.

Programs Offered

Creative Writing and Visual Storytelling

These programs focus on nurturing creativity through the written word and visual arts. Participants are encouraged to express their stories and experiences in a way that is both personal and universal, breaking down language barriers and fostering understanding.

Mindful Photo-Poetry Walks

One of my favorite offerings, these walks combine photography and poetry, allowing participants to engage with their surroundings mindfully. They are designed to inspire reflection and creativity, promoting mental well-being.

Focus on Eglinton-Lawrence Neighborhood

The Eglinton-Lawrence neighborhood holds a special place in my heart. It is home to many immigrant families and racially diverse communities. As an immigrant myself—an artist and a mother—I feel a deep commitment to fostering hope, empowerment, and a strong sense of community through my art programs.

Collaborations with Toronto Libraries

I have had the privilege of sharing my programs at several public libraries in Toronto, including:

- Forest Hill Library
- Maria A. Shchuka Branch
- Mount Dennis Library

- Fort York Library

These libraries serve as vital community hubs, and it is an honor to contribute to their cultural offerings.

Culture Days Celebrations



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BEST DIGITAL PROGRAM WINNER

Yannis Lobaina: Let's honour our mother tongue!

Toronto, ON

To explore Spanish heritage, award-winning writer, emerging filmmaker and photographer Yannis Lobaina led participants through bilingual (Spanish and English) creative writing exercises and mixed media collages. This online workshop explored how Latin-Hispanics and other communities can honour the Latin-Hispanic heritage and their mother tongue.



Each year, I actively participate in Culture Days celebrations. I organize a variety of art activities and bring my community art programs to various locations across Toronto, including:

- Public libraries
- Schools
- Community centers
- The Remote Gallery
- Private schools

New Offerings since 2024



LET'S WALK TOGETHER: A MINDFUL PHOTO POETRY WALK WITH ARTIST YANNIS LOBAINA

Yannis Lobaina

Kay Gardiner Beltline Trail Toronto, ON

Oct 4, 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

CULTURE DAYS

In 2024, I started a new offering and hosted mindful photography, eco-meditative poetry walks along the Kay Gardner Beltline Trail. These walks invite participants to celebrate culture and connect with nature through the lens of a camera, fostering a deeper appreciation for the world around us.

Join me in these cultural celebrations and stay updated on upcoming programs by following me on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/yannis-lobaina-17119986860>. Let's continue to spread joy and inspiration through art!