

Porch View Dances Toronto!

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WHAT MAKES IT MEANINGFUL

Porch View Dances (PVD) brings dance into everyday neighbourhoods—front porches, lawns, and streets—celebrating real people as dancers. It fosters inclusion, community connection, creativity, and shared wonder under the theme “The Surprise of the Unknown”

TIME

- ~60 minutes of guided site-specific dance
- Plus 30–45 minutes early arrival/prep

MATERIALS

- Folding stool, blanket, or cushion (seating is general)
- Water bottle, sun protection, bug spray
- Layers for cooler evening air
- Sensory items: ear protection, sunglasses
- Phone flashlight (for dusk)
- Optional: snacks but no large picnic setup



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INSTRUCTIONS

1. Pre-arrival
 - a. View the brochure or map to know the route
 - b. Preview with a visual guide or social story
2. Arrival (~30–45 min before)
 - a. Head to London Street start location
 - b. Spread out seating & settle in
3. Guided Porch Tour
 - a. Tour guides lead the audience to each porch performance
 - b. Watch choreography by community members and professionals
4. Flock Landing Finale
 - a. At a local park, everyone is invited to join a communal dance
5. Conclusion
 - a. Informal closing with gratitude
 - b. Return home or stay to chat

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RESOURCES

- <https://www.kaeja.org/pvd2025>

SUPPORTS NEEDED

- · Visual schedule (map with times & landmarks)
- · Sensory tools: headphones, sunglasses, break spots near route
- · ASL interpretation & wheelchair assistance (Reserve in advance for July 20 accessible matinee)
- · One-on-one support for mobility or reminders
- · Verbal prompts: stage direction cues, applause moments
- · Seat near group edge to step out easily
- · Pre-show social story: behaviour expectations, applause, walking route
- · Transition cues: “We’re moving to the next porch”
- · Emotional encouragement: praise patience and participation

OTHER THINGS TO NOTE

- This activity planner is based on the 2025 event
 - The event may have different themes and dates/times in future years

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- Evening performances July 16-19 2025 7:00pm
- Accessible matinee with ASL and wheelchair July 20 2025 2:00pm
- Starting point: London Street between Euclid & Palmerston, Seaton Village