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Harbourfront Centre celebrates the 2017 edition of Kuumba with Trey Anthony, Trixx, Desmond Cole and more

TORONTO, ON (January 11, 2017) – Harbourfront Centre is pleased to announce the 22nd edition of its annual Kuumba festival, presented by TD Bank Group (February 3–4 and 10–11). This year's festival focuses on conversations surrounding the current political climate through workshops, panel discussions, comedy, music, film and more. Now expanded to the first two Fridays and Saturdays in February, Kuumba has free activities for everyone.

Kuumba's programming engages in an important discourse on issues faced by the Black community, globally as well as locally. **Desmond Cole** moderates discussions on some of the most pressing issues facing Black Canadians today, *Beyond Policing: Alternatives for Supporting Black People in Crisis* and *The Art of Storytelling: Black Art and Artists in Toronto*.

Harbourfront Centre welcomes the return of **Trey Anthony** with her *A Black Girl in Love with Herself*, an intimate and interactive evening focusing on love, relationships and family. Wildly popular comedian **Trixx** also returns to Toronto with his two-night comedy show *Welcome Home Comedy Night with Trixx and Friends*, featuring six of our city's finest comedians. Tickets are on sale now.

Kuumba continues to bring audiences great music. This year, the festival hosts a *Hip-Hop and Soul Showcase*, Canadian Jazz great **Tiki Mercury Clarke**, and explores the 200-year-old calypso tradition in *The Spirit of Calypso*, featuring **Moka** and **Shak Shak**. Kuumba's film program is also expanded this year, featuring films that celebrate **Viola Desmond** and other civil rights heroes, including the documentaries *Race* and *Journey to Justice*.

For additional information about Kuumba, please visit <http://www.harbourfrontcentre.com/festivals/kuumba/> or call 416-973-4000. For information about getting here, please visit harbourfrontcentre.com/gettinghere/.

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Harbourfront Centre is a Canadian charity operating the 10 prime acres of Toronto's central waterfront as a free and open public site. We celebrate the multiplicities of cultures that comprise Canada and enliven the city through the creative imaginations of artists from across the country and around the globe.

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