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Toronto Botanical Garden to host Toronto's First ZimSculpt Exhibition

**OVER 100 HAND-CARVED STONE SCULPTURES FROM ZIMBABWE ON DISPLAY
IN THE GARDENS DURING AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER**

TORONTO - Toronto Botanical Garden is announcing Toronto's first-ever outdoor African art exhibition "ZimSculpt" showcasing hundreds of stone sculptures by some of the most talented Zimbabwean artists alive today.

With associations to the Royal family as well as displays in MoMA and the Rodin Museum, the uniqueness of the art form has brought the Shona tribe of Zimbabwe worldwide popularity and in private celebrity collections including Sir Richard Attenborough, Rockefellers and Morgan Freeman.

The works are chiseled, hand-carved, sanded and polished by artists who draw upon a wide variety of inspiration. From dramatic modern styling praised by Henry Moore, to more contemplative "village" pieces that capture African life, these sculptures project a vibrancy that has captivated audiences around the world. The setting of Toronto's most beautiful garden accentuates the beauty of this art, as well as the garden.

During the course of the exhibition, two artists-in-residence will be live-sculpting, demonstrating their carving techniques and intricate handiwork. All displayed work, including work created during the event, will be available for purchase, and visitors are welcome to commission pieces from the two featured artists.

An outdoor Marketplace will feature smaller one-of-a-kind sculptures for purchase as well as traditional basketry and jewellery by Zimbabwean artists and will be open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., late night Thursdays until dusk.

DATE	Exhibition runs from August 3 through September 30, 2018
TIME	Daily 9 a.m to 5 p.m., Thursdays nights until dusk
PLACE	Toronto Botanical Garden, 777 Lawrence Avenue East, Toronto
ADMISSION	FREE
MORE INFO	416-397-1341, info@torontobotanicalgarden.ca
WEBSITE	torontobotanicalgarden.ca/ZimSculpt



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#ZimSculpt Calendar of Events

Opening Night - Thursday, August 2, 7 p.m.

Celebrate the opening of ZimSculpt with a performance by [Nhapiapi](#)

ZimSculpt Marketplace

Pop up market featuring smaller, one-of-a-kind sculptures for purchase as well as traditional basketry and jewellery by Zimbabwean artists. Open daily, 9 a.m to 5 p.m. and Thursdays until dusk.

Artists-in-Residence

Two ZimSculpt artists will be on-site daily demonstrating their talents and skills.

ZimNights in the Garden

Evenings include live music, dining, guided art walks and special demonstrations.

Thursdays throughout August and September, 6 to 8 p.m. FREE.

Coffee with the Curator

Join us for coffee and chat with ZimSculpt curator Vivienne Croisette. She'll offer a behind-the-scenes insight on the exhibition and answer questions about the sculpture art form.

Saturdays and Sundays at 11 a.m. FREE.

ZimSculpt Art Walk

A ZimSculpt team member will lead a guided tour of all sculptures displayed in the gardens.

Saturdays and Sundays, 2 p.m.

ZimSculpt Art and Garden Tours

A TBG tour guide will lead an informative and engaging tour highlighting what's in bloom in the gardens and will identify the sculptures on display.

Tuesdays at 10 a.m. and Thursdays at 10 a.m., 6 p.m.

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