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## Press release

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The SaDunya team is excited to announce the first of a series of artistic and cultural experiences that will happen in Valais (Switzerland), Dakar (Senegal), Nancy (France), Montreal (Canada) and New York (USA), leading to **SaDunya's Kingston Arts Festival to take place in Kingston, Ontario (Canada) during the week of June 21st, 2018.**

This first experience will take place in Kingston, ON, on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, and will feature 3 events in one:

### **SaDunya's Kingston Arts Festival: Experience #001**

Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 9PM

The Mansion, 506 Princess Street, Kingston, ON K7L 1C5

Admission: 15\$-50\$ | Infos: 613 531 0003 -

<https://sadunyaartsfestival.com>

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**CONCERT:** **Son Latino** is a band of musicians who create beautiful, fun, latino rhythms, featuring: **Alberto Garcia** (Mexico) is a professional Luthier who makes violins, violas and cellos, and a percussionist (congas, bongo, maracas, cowbell); **Mauricio Montecinos** (Chile) teaches classical and flamenco style guitar, and is a vocalist and guitar player; **Guzman Plaza** (Cuba) teaches music and is a professional, international music player.

**PERFORMANCE:** Exclusive collaboration between **Yessica Rivera Belsham** and **Ndaté Sylla**

**Yessica Rivera Belsham** is a Mexican-Canadian singer, percussionist, dancer and visual artist that has lived in Canada, Mexico, and the Netherlands. She has drummed in Kingston, Montreal, New York, Hawai'i and Mexico.

**Ndaté Sylla** is an international visual artist (France, Senegal, Switzerland).

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**Info & tickets**  
[sadunyaartsfestival.com](http://sadunyaartsfestival.com)  
[festivalartsdesadunya.com](http://festivalartsdesadunya.com)

Official flyer - SaDunya's Kingston Arts Festival: Experience #001

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**Doug van der Horden** est né à Ottawa et vit dorénavant à Kingston, ON. Après avoir été musicien professionnel au sein des Musiques des Forces armées canadiennes, il est maintenant percussionniste indépendant à Kingston.

**Ndaté Sylla** est un artiste-peintre actif sur la scène internationale (France, Sénégal, Suisse).

**Yessica Rivera Belsham** est une chanteuse, percussionniste, danseuse et artiste peintre canado-mexicaine. Elle a vécu au Mexique, aux Pays-Bas et au Canada et a joué à Kingston, Montréal, New-York, Hawaii et Mexico.

**Son Latino** est un groupe de musiciens qui crée des rythmes latinos entraînants, composé de : **Alberto Garcia** (Mexique) est un luthier professionnel qui fabrique des violons, des altos et des violoncelles. Il est également percussionniste (congas, bongo, maracas, cloches) ; **Mauricio Montecinos** (Chili) enseigne la guitare classique et de style flamenco. Il est également chanteur et guitariste ; **Guzman Plaza** (Cuba) est un musicien international professionnel et enseigne à l'École de musique de Cuba.



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