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Inside Out project makes city a gallery

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Photo Courtesy of Steve Carty (Hermann & Audrey)

Looking around their city, Torontonians may see some familiar faces plastered on walls thanks to the Inside Out Project.

Toronto's photography project – the largest of its kind in the world – is now on as part of the five-year anniversary of the [Manifesto Festival](#), which works to celebrate and unite Toronto's art community.

The theme of this year's project is intergeneration, Inside Out Festival organizer Che Kothari told [thedailyplanet.com](#).

"We had 24 local photographers, who shot portraits of 420 local people," he said. "The diversity was beautiful."

The black and white portraits were blown up to 135 cm by 90 cm and put up around different areas of the city, including Regent Park, Kensington Market, Eglinton West, Jane and Finch and Rexdale.

"A lot of times, public spaces are concrete walls. With these pictures,

you can't miss it – you can't deny this is our city," said Kothari.

The photos were put up by photographers and volunteers. The response was really positive, said Kothari.

"While we were putting the photos up, people would recognize people. There was a true sense of joy for people to see their friends and family."

Toronto photographer Steve Carty, who has been shooting for almost 20 years, was one of the contributors.

The project of super close up portraits was well-suited for his style, he told [thedailyplanet.com](#).

Carty submitted 60 photos, a combination of "knowns and unknowns," he said. Some of the knowns include portraits of K'naan and Kardinal Offishall.

"It was real people," he said. "Everybody is beautiful and showing that is a positive thing."

The Manifesto Festival runs until Sunday September 25.

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