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The Toronto Biennial of Art announced today that more than ninety artists hailing from over forty places of origin—including Brazil, France, Germany, Guatemala, and Iran, as well as Nunavut and Indigenous communities in Canada, Colombia, Mexico, and Aotearoa (the Māori name for New Zealand)—will participate in its inaugural edition, which will kick off on September 21 and run through December 1.

Cocurated by Candice Hopkins and Tairone Bastien, the seventy-two-day event will feature twenty new commissions and more than one hundred works across ten sites on or near the city's waterfront. The concept for the exhibition was inspired by water and the history of Toronto's changing shoreline—the city sits on the edge of Lake Ontario, where one can find relics of heavy industry, dense condominium developments, active and decommissioned military sites, and parks.

“The contingencies among people, nature, and economies inform the biennial's central question: ‘What does it mean to be in relation?’” said Hopkins and Bastien. “The artworks explore



Dana Claxton, *Headdress-Dana*, 2019. Courtesy of the artist.

how relations—both human and non-human—can reaffirm communion and generate ecosystems, but also have the potential to breed anxieties, glitches, anomie, and alienation.”

The artist list is as follows:

Maria Thereza Alves

Abbas Akhavan

AA Bronson and Adrian Stimson

Adrian Blackwell

Hera Büyüktaşçıyan

Judy Chicago

Dana Claxton

Moyra Davey

Shezad Dawood

Embassy of Imagination (composed of PA System [Alexa Hatanaka and Patrick Thompson] and Kinngait youth artists Christine Adamie, Iqaluk Ainalik, Parr Joseph, Moe Kelly, Acacia Lawrence, Annie Oshutsiaq, David Pudlat, Cie Taqiasuk, and the Oasis Skateboard Factory 2019 fall cohort)

Naufus Ramírez Figueroa

Laurent Grasso

Ramin Haerizadeh, Rokni Haerizadeh, and Hesam Rahmani

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Luis Jacob
Jae Jarrell
Jumbies Theatre and Arts with Ange Loft
Kapwani Kiwanga
Jumana Manna
Qavavau Manumie
Caroline Monnet
New Mineral Collective: Emilija Škarnulytė and Tanya Busse
New Red Order: Adam Khalil, Zack Khalil, and Jackson Polys
Fernando Palma Rodríguez
Napachie Pootoogook
Elder Duke Redbird
Lisa Reihana
ReMatriate Collective
Abel Rodríguez
Wilson Rodríguez
Arin Rungjang
Susan Schuppli
Lou Sheppard
Nick Sikkuark
Lisa Steele and Kim Tomczak
Curtis Talwst Santiago
Althea Thauberger and Suzanne Kite
Caecilia Tripp
Bárbara Wagner
Hajra Waheed
Syrus Marcus Ware

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