



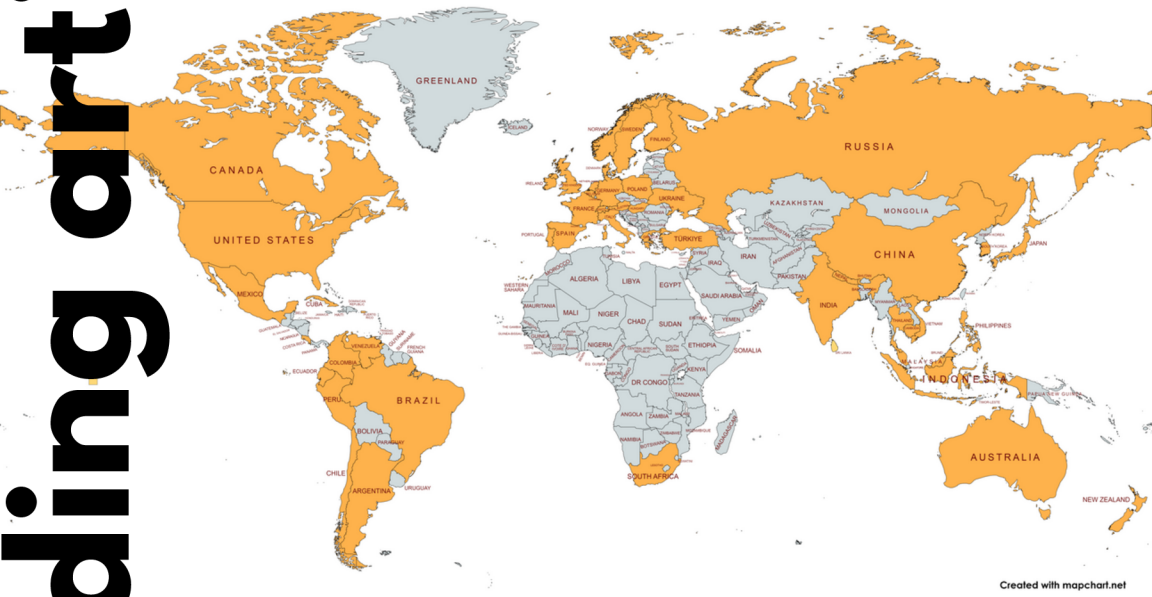
retrospective

1998-2025
25th Edition

attending artists

of artists
hosted: 6660

of countries
represented: 54



We are proud to host not only artists from across the country, but all around the world as well! It is no doubt that every single city, province, state and country has their own individual history and culture of tattooing of which we are thrilled to showcase these diverse talents from across the globe. Take a look at our Xposure map to see how many different places from all over we have been grateful to have participated throughout the years. Keep Canada (and the world) beautiful and get tattooed!

poster art



1998 Damian McGrath
Toronto Canada



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Toronto Canada



1999 Stu Kay
Toronto Canada



2000 Danny Gordey
Edmonton Alberta



2002 Dean Deakayne
Hollywood California



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2003 Psycho Dave
Toronto Canada



2004 Scott McEwan & Mokoto
Toronto Canada



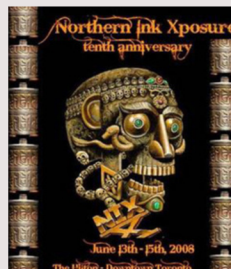
2005 Damian McGrath
Toronto Canada



2006 Mokoto
Tokyo Japan



2007 Bob Tyrrell
Detroit USA



2008 Larry Brogan
Illinois USA



2009 Paul Booth
NYC USA



2010 Glen Paradis
Ottawa Canada



2011 Adam Guy Hays
New Orleans USA

NIX has always been a celebration of tattoo art & culture, which means our cover poster has to be just as iconic and artistic as this legendary event itself. We have been blessed to have a variety of honorable talent throughout the years designated to create a poster that can captivate audiences of all types from all over and showcase the spirit of tattooing and NIX in one symbolic design.

poster art

We are proud to be the longest running Convention in Canada and are humbled to see this tradition represented by some of these brilliant artists who often tastefully manage to incorporate not only elements of Canadian culture, but also representations of Toronto to honor the great city that hosts us every year.



2012 Evan Dowdell
Burlington Canada



2013 Marina Storme
Edmonton Canada



2014 Focus
Mississauga Canada



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2015 Hallin
Hollywood USA



2016 Andrew Swarbrick
Christchurch New Zealand



2017 Samael Cahill
Brumunddal, Norway



2018 Mike Austin
London Canada



2019 Jesse Shearman
Toronto Canada



2022 Milena
Ottawa Canada



2023 Scotty Ford
Calgary Canada



2024 Adam Guy Hays
New Orleans USA



2025 Nat Jean
Montréal Canada

TORONTO TATTOO SHOW

1998
JUNE

NORTHERN
INK
XPOSURE



EARLY DAYS

TORONTO TATTOO SHOW



NORTHERN INK XPOSURE HUMBLE BEGINNINGS

The Toronto Tattoo Show / Northern Ink Xposure / NIX is Canada's oldest and one of the most legendary tattoo conventions in existence held annually in Downtown Toronto.

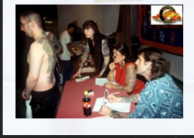
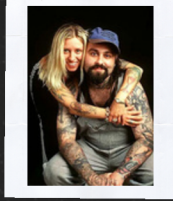
NIX has become one of the biggest international tattoo conventions in the world. The first edition of NIX consisted of 60 artists and has grown to over 500 tattooers 20 years later.

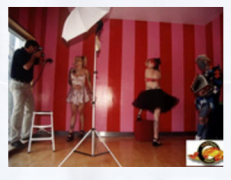
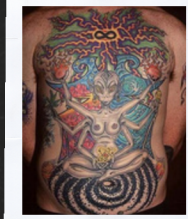
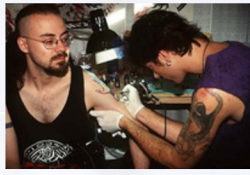
In the 1990's, in Canada prior to NIX starting in 1998, there had only been 2 international Canadian tattoo convention in 1993 and 1994 in Montreal organized by Keith Stewart and Dan Allaston.

Moving forward in the late 1990's and early 2000's across Canada, North America and the world, more conventions started coming to life. To the point that nearly every city in

most countries had some sort of a tattoo convention but through this time, NIX has managed to keep its place as one of the top tier international conventions in the world. As the show grew, the conventions has moved its way through multiple hotel venues in the Downtown Toronto core, outgrowing them each in turn and then finally moving to Toronto's premier convention center in 2016.

Northern Ink Exposure 1998





1998 Northern Ink Exposure



THE TORONTO TATTOO SHOW | NIX

THROUGHOUT THE YEARS, NIX HAS CURATED
NUMEROUS ART EXHIBITS AND
INSTALLATIONS RANGING IN PLACEMENT
FROM THE BACKROOMS OF DINGY BARS ALL
THE WAY TO TORONTO'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS
MUSEUMS (ROM MUSEUM, MOCA MUSEUM,
AGO GALLERY)

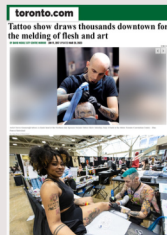
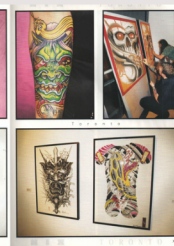
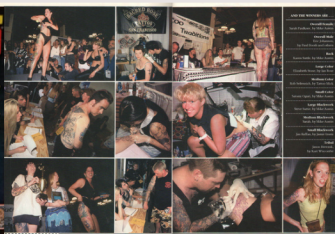
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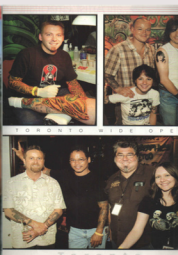
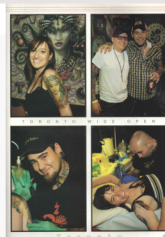
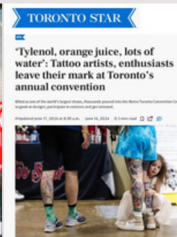
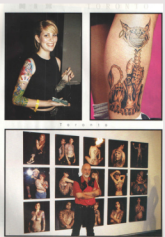
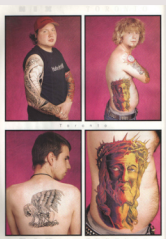
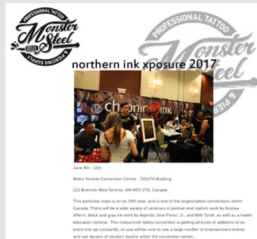
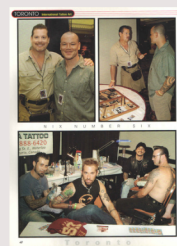
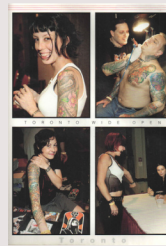
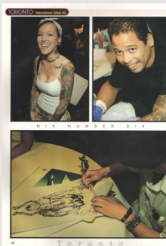
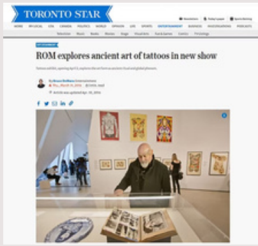
media attention



TATTOOS
Ritual. Identity. Obsession. Art.



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