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TRAITS TORONTO

EST 2023

UNLEASHING THE RYTHMIC DNA OF TORONTO

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Founders Note

We embarked on this journey in 2023 with a shared vision: to create a platform that celebrates and amplifies the voices of emerging artists in our community. Traits Toronto was born out of a passion for music, art, and the belief that collaboration fosters innovation.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to everyone who has been part of this journey—our dedicated team, the talented artists, our partners, and, most importantly, you, our supporters. Your enthusiasm fuels our commitment to continue this endeavor since day one.

As we move forward, we aim to deepen our connections, explore new horizons, and bring you content that resonates and inspires. Together, let's continue to build a community where creativity knows no bounds.

With love and appreciation,

ALIF & SAKIB (AKA FIDO DIDO)



Over the past year, Traits Toronto has had the privilege of collaborating with 75+ remarkable artists, each bringing their unique flair to our events. From electrifying performances to thought-provoking visual art, these collaborations have enriched our community and provided a platform for fresh voices.

One of our most memorable collaborations to date was Midnight Mechanics, a one-night transformation of a private car garage into an immersive house music, art, and photography experience, in collaboration with Motorista. From Jorge Posada's lightbox photo series documenting the disappearing stories of Toronto's urban spaces, to Sasha's live painting session rooted in inner healing, to the deep grooves from our lineup of DJs, the night felt like a love letter to the city's underground creative pulse.

We've continued this approach through our work with CRISP Artists, a network of digital artists from across Toronto, curating and pushing visual storytelling in new directions. Their work lives within our events — projected on digital walls, built into our stages, and woven into the energy of the night.

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New House. Same Rules.

November 16 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
PapaSent | DJ Jaxx | Fido Dido
308 Dundas Street West

Behind Dzô Viet Eatery *Thursdays \$5 drink specials*

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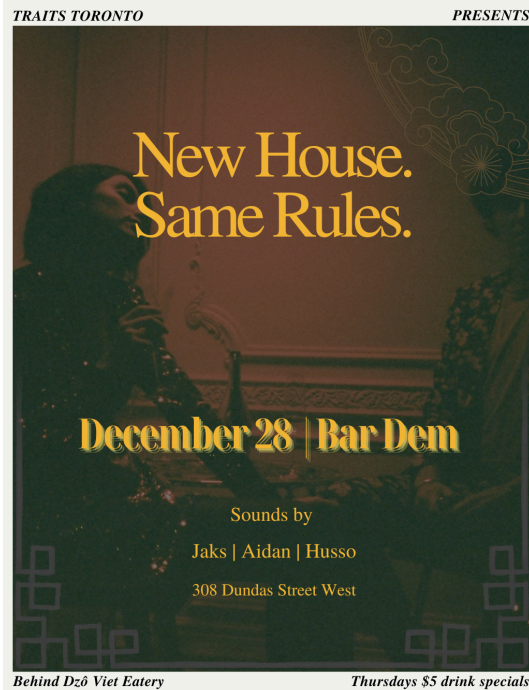
New House. Same Rules.

November 30 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Green P | Sizlaam | Malvika
308 Dundas Street West

Behind Dzô Viet Eatery *Thursdays \$5 drink specials*

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New House. Same Rules.

December 28 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Jaks | Aidan | Husso
308 Dundas Street West

Behind Dzô Viet Eatery *Thursdays \$5 drink specials*

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January 25 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
EZ Ryder | Randa | Rami
308 Dundas Street West

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New House. Same Rules.

February 15 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Akira | Anthony J | Resona
308 Dundas Street West

Behind Dzô Viet Eatery *Toronto*

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February 29 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Fido Dido | SIDRA | Alchemist
308 Dundas Street West

Behind Dzô Viet Eatery *Toronto*

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March 14 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Ragabong | Shreyy | Love Yue
308 Dundas Street West

Behind Dzô Viet Eatery *Toronto*

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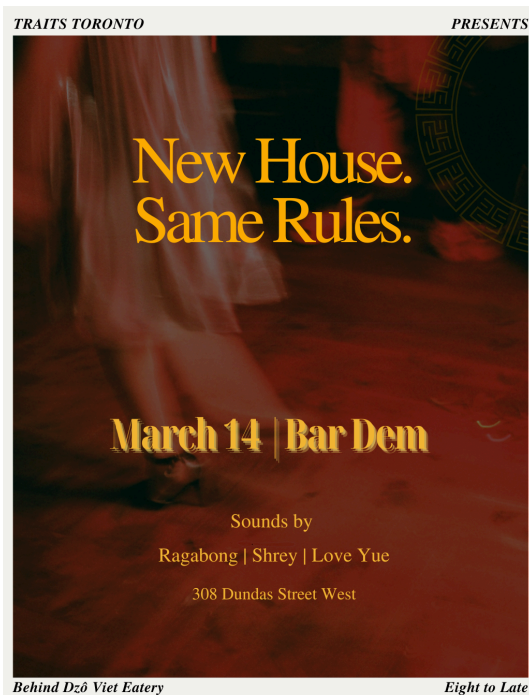
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April 04 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Klotzy | NoVitalz | MYTHIA
308 Dundas Street West

Behind Dzô Viet Eatery *Eight to Late*

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Sounds by
Ragabong | Shrey | Love Yue
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Behind Dzô Viet Eatery *Eight to Late*

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April 25 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
DnJ | Chorniy | Rafwat

308 Dundas Street West

New House. Same Rules.

Eight to Late

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May 23 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Joe Lyons-Rising | WhodafunkisGreg
Frank James

308 Dundas Street West

New House. Same Rules.

Eight to Late

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June 20 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
needline? | SOUL SISTA | Alex Bora

308 Dundas Street West

New House. Same Rules.

Eight to Late

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July 18 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Ryan Collins b2b GPEG
ABUROB | Anthony J

308 Dundas Street West

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Eight to Late

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August 22 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Twilight Sculptures | SOUD | Mo-J
| Moh

308 Dundas Street West

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Eight to Late

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September 19 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Mr. Teh and KB | Arslan
Valeria Wardini

308 Dundas Street West

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Eight to Late

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October 24 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
CRIS R | The Jacob Brothers
Roger Caruso b2b Daniel Hasam

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Eight to Late

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November 22 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
Sophia Alexandra | Razaq El Toro
Fido Dido

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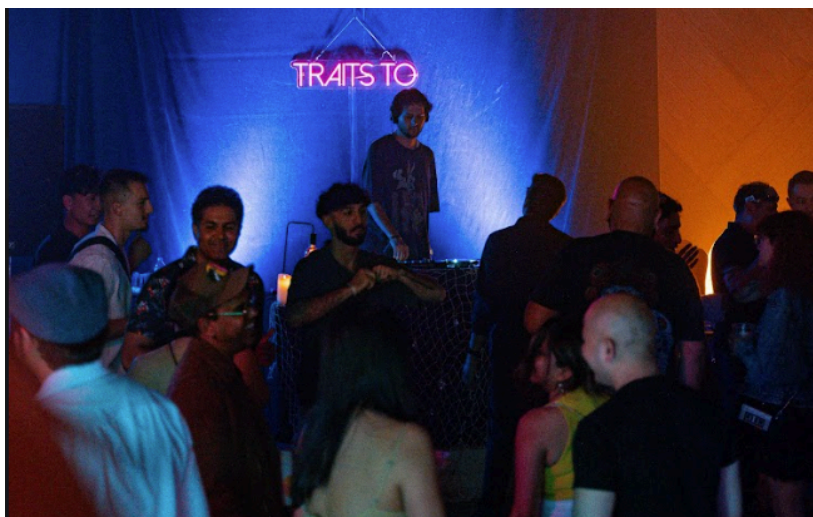
December 19 | Bar Dem

Sounds by
MNERØ | beatjackr
Klotzy b2b lizard time

308 Dundas Street West

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Eight to Late



Our Roots, Our Rules

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Traits Toronto was born from a desire to create lasting, meaningful experiences in the city's house music scene. The name "Traits" reflects the distinct characteristics and cultural elements that define Toronto's vibrant community.

NEW HOUSE. SAME RULES.

Our flagship series, "New House. Same Rules.," embodies our commitment to maintaining the core values of inclusivity, respect, and passion for music, regardless of the venue. As we transitioned between different spaces, this mantra ensured that our foundational principles remained intact, fostering a consistent and welcoming atmosphere for all attendees.

REFLECTING ON OUR JOURNEY

The goal has never been just to throw a party. It's to create a space where sound, visuals, and community collide — where each element pushes the others forward. Every gathering is a chance to reimagine what nightlife can feel like: immersive, intentional, and built with care.

We're excited to keep building these bridges — blending sound, space, and story — and showcasing artists who are reshaping what creative community experiences can be. Traits Toronto is more than an organization — it's a movement. Join us, show up, celebrate and help shape the future of this city's creative landscape.



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A HAMMER WITH WHICH
TO SHAPE IT.”

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