

# Zarqa To Be Inducted Into Brampton Arts Walk Of Fame

BRAMPTON: The City of Brampton and the Festival of Literary Diversity (FOLD) will present An Evening with Zarqa Nawaz on Friday, March 22.

In celebration of Nawaz's work, the event will include an evening of storytelling and intimate conversation hosted by Jael Richardson, Artistic Director of the FOLD, followed by Nawaz's induction into the Brampton Arts Walk of Fame.

Nawaz is best known as the creator of CBC's *Little Mosque on the Prairie*, the world's first sitcom about a Muslim community living in the west. The hit show ended in 2012 after six successful seasons and is now broadcast in over 60 countries.

She is also a best-selling author for her comedic memoir *Laughing All the Way to the Mosque*, on growing up as a Canadian of



Muslim faith. Nawaz is a frequent public speaker on Islam, comedy, gender, faith, multiculturalism and plurality. She currently hosts CBC News Saskatchewan.

Born in Liverpool, England, Nawaz's family moved to Brampton in the 1980s, where she attended Fallingdale Elementary School and Chinguacousy Secondary School. In her memoir, Nawaz explores the struggles of fitting in with her classmates as a child of immigrants, and being "the only brown girl in [her] class."

An Evening with Zarqa Nawaz will take place at the Rose Studio II at 7:30 pm. The event includes a screening of Nawaz's hit show, a reading from her memoir, a Q&A and her Arts Walk of Fame Induction Ceremony and reception. "Brampton's Arts Walk of Fame puts the spotlight on some

of the outstanding talent that has emerged from our diverse community," said Mayor Patrick Brown. "We're pleased to welcome Zarqa Nawaz back to Brampton to celebrate her contributions to the arts in Canada."

Brampton's Arts Walk of Fame is one of the City of Brampton's key recognition programs, celebrating and building connections with the incredible artistic and creative talent emerging from Brampton, while inspiring the next generation of artists and creators in Brampton to follow in their footsteps.

Hailing from Brampton or having spent their formative years there, inductees are selected for achieving excellence in the arts and entertainment industry, for building pride in the Brampton community, and inspiring emerging artists and creators.

## MP Sahota, Ryerson Talk Of Brampton Plans

BRAMPTON: Ms. Ruby Sahota, Member of Parliament for Brampton North, visited Ryerson University last week and spoke with President Lachemi about Ryerson's future in Brampton and its Cybersecure Catalyst initiative.

MP Sahota toured Ryerson's DMZ alongside President Lachemi and received another key update on the Cybersecure Catalyst initiative – a not-for-profit corporation owned by Ryerson University, with key elements located in Brampton, supported by partnerships with the private and public sectors and committed to collaboration in building the Canadian cybersecurity ecosystem.

"My fellow Brampton MPs and I have been working tirelessly to support Ryerson's Cybersecure Catalyst initiative and highlighting the Brampton advantage," said MP Sahota.



"Brampton has been designated an urban growth area and is Canada's second fastest growing city with a young, highly educated, and highly skilled population. The city is strategically placed along the innovation corridor connecting Kitchener-Waterloo with Toronto, and sits right next to the largest international airport in Canada. "Combined, these

factors make Brampton a fantastic location for Ryerson's Cybersecure Catalyst."

"Our Federal Liberal Government understands the importance of cybersecurity in an increasingly digital world. That is why our Government invested over \$500 million over five years to fund a new National Cyber Security Strategy," MP Sahota said.

## U of T Chancellor Emeritus Dead

TORONTO: Michael Wilson, the University of Toronto's 33rd chancellor who had an accomplished career in the private and public sector – serving as Canada's minister of finance and ambassador to the United States – has died. He was 81 years old.

"The University of Toronto community deeply mourns the loss," said U of T President Meric Gertler. "A proud and accomplished Commerce alumnus and a Trinity grad, he was our tireless advocate and global ambassador.

"A 'triathlete' par excellence – in public office, business, and volunteer work – he was a great Canadian who improved the lives of so many. From spearheading public policy of the highest significance to publicly confronting the challenge of mental illness, Michael Wilson was a true champion."

Michael Wilson's connection to U of T began more than six decades ago. The University said: "We join the extended University community in its appreciation of Chancellor Wilson's service as an alumni ambassador. While the wider world may most remember Michael Wilson as a business leader, a Canadian ambassador, and an architect of the North American Free Trade Agreement, his fellow alumni will always remember his work in support of mental health initiatives."



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