

WHAT IS A PUBLIC SQUARE?

"As retreats, parks give us room to breathe and feel alone. Squares reaffirm our commonality, our shared sense of place and desire to be included."

-Michael Kimmelman (New York Times)

Public squares...

- Are located near high-density development;
- Allow for casual gathering and programmed events;
- Have a variety of seating;
- Are lit for evening and four-season use;
- Feature public art or heritage elements.



Recreational use of a water feature.



David Pecaut Square, Toronto.



Passive gathering at Victoria Square in Montreal.



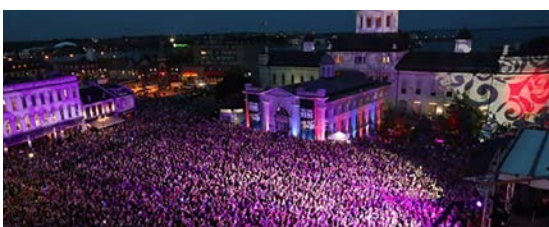
Temporary events: farmer's market, Seattle, Washington and Kingston.



Market Square, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.



Dorchester Square, Montreal.



Night time concert use in Market Square, Kingston.



Temporary art during the winter, Place des Festivals, Montreal.