

**LOCAL ARTIST JORIAN CHARLTON  
SHOWCASED AT THE ART GALLERY OF MISSISSAUGA**

**Mississauga, ON** – The Art Gallery of Mississauga is pleased to announce its newest exhibition, *Between Us*, featuring the works of Mississauga-based photographer Jorian Charlton. Presented as part of the Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival, *Between Us* will be on view at the AGM from **April 25 to June 25, 2023** with an opening reception on **Thursday April 27 from 6 to 8pm** to celebrate the launch of this exciting exhibition.

Straddling the worlds of fashion photography and intimate portraiture, Jorian Charlton’s work emphasizes the beauty and style of her subjects while exploring contemporary modes of Black representation. *Between Us* brings together images produced in-studio and outdoors to focus on the Mississauga-based artist’s intuitive and collaborative approach toward portraiture, and the intimate relationship between photographer and subject.

“In my photography, I’m trying to create a visual style that is uniquely my own,” Charlton says. “Regardless of the shoot, I aim to capture my subjects in a timeless way that gives the model a sense of strength and evokes intrigue or connection with the viewer.” Charlton’s models are a combination of friends, family, and people she connects with through Instagram. Already aware of how her subjects opt to present themselves on social media, Charlton is interested in working with her subjects to explore alternative avenues of self-expression. While she remains inspired by digital representation, she chooses to work in film, using a medium-format camera. This analogue process is intentionally slower, more technical, and less immediate.

Funding for *Between Us* has been generously provided by the City of Mississauga, the Ontario Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts, Rama Gaming House and Charitable Gaming, and Community Good. Registration is highly recommended for the opening reception. For more information, please visit <http://www.artgalleryofmississauga.com> or visit our programming registration page at [bit.ly/EventsAGM](http://bit.ly/EventsAGM).

**ABOUT THE ART GALLERY OF MISSISSAUGA**

The Art Gallery of Mississauga is a public gallery supported by the City of Mississauga, the Ontario Arts Council, the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Trillium Foundation, corporations, private citizens, and members. The AGM provides platforms for exhibitions, collections, and experimentation in contemporary culture with a recent focus on artists and cultural producers from Indigenous, newcomer, and youth communities. Through a broad range of educational programs, artist projects, and other forms of critical dialogue, the AGM seeks to transcend traditional disciplinary boundaries, foster community, and provide spaces where alternative modes of thought are supported and activated in tangible ways. The AGM is proud to admit people free of charge, serve communities, and provide positive visual art experiences for all visitors.

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