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## **ENGAGE. CREATE. BUILD**

February 2022

As of February 1st, 2022 we welcome you back to the Art Gallery of Mississauga during our regular business hours. As per the Ontario Government, a mask mandate is still in effect and will be enforced.

# ...till all are healed

February 1st, 2022 - March 31st, 2022

Curated by Asma Arshad Mahmood



The selection of artists and the art work in this gallery wide four part exhibition came together quite naturally since all elements were aligned with the same theme, of response to the challenge threatening mental and physical health, opening up to our fears and the hard and sometimes lonely path to the recovery. The title of the exhibition was chosen to inspire equity and global cooperation in realizing the fact that this pandemic will not go away without the global vaccination campaign becoming successful.

Artwork pictured above "Gratitude" by Tanzina Amin



Artist, Michele Taras ("Covid-19" pictured above) has covered the most basic elements comprising of fears of abandonment, claustrophobia of stay-at-home orders, lack of friend's interaction, delicacy of seniors living alone in homes, vulnerability of families in each others face all the time, and effects of such limitation on mental health, making her concern a visual experience through paintings. What ended up happening is a clear indication of how Covid 19 changed the way of looking at life in general and issues about mental health in particular.



Leading senior Canadian artist Charles Pachter (works pictured above) found himself in the midst of a dilemma as the lockdown started. His one-storey studio-gallery was being demolished to create the magnificent 3-storey structure that now stands there as a legacy project in the heart of downtown Toronto. In these dire times, Charles turned to nature for solace, and started painting flowers in the hope for a spring awakening and better times ahead.

A multi disciplinary arts exhibition at the Art Gallery of Mississauga, curated by Asma Arshad Mahmood,

in collaboration with CCAI and TD Mosaic Festival.

Art works were made possible by the support of Mississauga Culture Division, City of Mississauga Parks and Rec, Ontario Arts Council, Canada Council For the Arts, Province of Ontario and the Department of the Canadian Heritage

## **AGM Celebrates Black History 2022**



Through regional and international installations, THE FABRIC OF OUR BEING, seeks to bring awareness to the United Nations proclamation of The International Decade for People of African Descent (2015-2024) which the Canadian government adopted in January 2018. This proclamation, "PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT: RECOGNITION, JUSTICE and DEVELOPMENT," is an international clarion call in the recognition that People of African Descent represent a distinct group whose human rights, diverse cultures and heritage, among others, must not only be promoted and protected, but strengthened, and adopted into regional and international legal frameworks.

This masterpiece conceptualized and designed by Jamaican-Canadian, Poet and Author, Nadine Williams was intricately stitched and woven by husband and wife French-Canadian duo of In Stitches with Carole. This project is the catalyst for the designation of the Enslavement of Africans in Canada as a historical significant Canadian event.

Black History, 2022 is funded in part by Rama Gaming House and the Mississauga Charitable Gaming Association.



#### Hazel: 100 Years of Memories

The Erin Mills Town Centre exhibit has been extended indefinitely.

The Hazel: 100 Years of Memories exhibit is generously funded in part by Community Foundations Mississauga and its community partners.

#### Love Lab

The last group of AGM Love Lab project Artist mentees have begun their residency. Follow along on socials for the launch of the final Love Lab Exhibition taking place in March 2022.









The Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM), its leadership team, and staff are committed to ensuring that the AGM is an inclusive organization and has diversity reflected in all aspects. To allow the leadership to move forward, we are announcing a leadership reorganization of the Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Read Full Press Release

## Thank you AGM border crossings team!

The Art Gallery of Mississauga thanks the border crossings team who successfully handed off the 3-year project. Thank you Linda Thomas, Christina Moss, Daniel Salij & Ana Angela Lopez for all your hard work over the course of the project.

The AGM is proud to be continuing the work of the border crossings project through our inperson and online workshops.

## **Upcoming Workshops**

### **An Open Studio Process**

An open studio process for personal growth and community well being. Open to all levels of expertise. No experience necessary. Suitable for ages 18 and above.

Register for Art Hive



## **Family Day Fun**

In this Family Day session ( for all ages) each participant will create a colourful winter scene to reflect a more joyful side of winter.

Register for Art Club



# Valentines Day in the Centre

AGM is back at Erin Mills Town Centre with Creative Art Days! Register below for a drop in session between 12 pm and 4 pm!

Register for Creative Art Days



#### **AGM Creative Network**

Art Canada Institute presents The Canadian Art Inspiration Student Contest. Open to students from Grade 7 through Grade 12, the Canadian Art Inspiration Student Contest invites submissions of artworks inspired by or responding to leaders in Canadian art history and major Canadian artworks. Applicants are encouraged to interpret this theme as broadly as they wish, and to submit works in any medium.

Finalists' artworks will be showcased in an online exhibition, and prizes will be awarded in different age groups (Grades 7 to 9; Grades 10 to 12), with \$500 for first prizes and \$250 for honourable mentions.

Learn More

# Check out our new events calendar online!



# 2022 Memberships Now Available!

It's time to renew for the 2022 season. Don't miss out on AGM exclusive events and local savings with Perkopolis perks!

Membership info

The AGM is actively seeking new members to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors that reflect Mississauga's diverse, ethnic, and artistic community. Persons interested can submit a resume and letter of interest to agm.connect@mississauga.ca.

#### **Our Funders**



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