

THE FURTHER APART THINGS SEEM, PAINTING & KALEIDOSCOPIES!



In a social and political moment where opinions are often divisive, breaking into camps at polar ends of the ideological spectrum, the possibility of finding common ground can seem beyond reach. Debates over human rights, climate change, land claims, and even the politicizing of the pandemic often seem at cross-purposes and irresolvable. How do we respond in times of uncertainty—when do we push forward, when do we give up, and when do we try things differently? In *The Further Apart Things Seem*, artists follow distinct paths that invent strategies of resistance, often pushing against logic to explore areas of connection between things that might initially appear unrelated or in opposition. By testing the unexpected and playing outside the limits of functionality, they embrace material experimentation and provisionality as productive spaces for building resilience, resolution, and understanding.

Co-curated by Shannon Anderson & Jay Wilson.

Artists: Atanas Bozdarov, Anna Binta Diallo, Barbara Hobot, Adriana Kuiper & Ryan Suter, Brendan Lee Satish Tang, Couzyn van Heuvelen

The Further Apart Things Seem is co-presented by Contemporary Calgary, the University of Waterloo Art Gallery, and the Art Gallery of Mississauga.

Ramp Project – Send us your images!

In response to *The Further Apart Things Seem*, we invite you to submit photographs of access ramps found in and around your community. Your submission will become

part of a growing collection of images, shared throughout our social media and on exhibit at the gallery. The Ramp Project is an extension of Atanas Bozdarov's *Ramp Photos* — a photographic series focusing on the functionality of ramp structures in various cities.

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His images consider how portable access ramps vary beoadly in their usefulness — from helpful to absurdly hazardous — and point to the need for a more thoughtful approach to accessibility in our cities.

MARCH PROGRAMMING

The Art Gallery of Mississauga offers a wide range of **FREE** tours, talks, and workshops for learners of all ages and abilities and innovative youth programs for schools, universities and community groups.

SPECIAL EVENT

PLEASE JOIN US IN THIS PROJECT THAT BRINGS TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION THROUGH THE ARTS.

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On **Wednesday March 15 at 10:00 am**, join Grandmother Jackie Labonte and Oliver Nobosin, makers of the vision and drums, as they provide attendees with the opportunity to participate in assembling and designing drums, strikers, and drum bags that will travel all across Canada.

The Art Gallery of Mississauga is honoured to work with Grandmother's Voice to be a part of the 101 Deweguns, "Living Hearts Legacy."

Register to participate in this workshop that will bring healing, truth and reconciliation through the arts.

The Art Gallery of Mississauga would like to thank the City of Mississauga, RAMA Gaming House Mississauga and Charitable Gaming, Community Good for their financial support of this program.



SATURDAY MARCH 11, 2023
12:30 pm to 3:30 pm

Join us in person at the Art Gallery of Mississauga for **ART HIVE** and explore art-making with Cynthia Morin. This is a free community event promoting mental health and connection through the use of art.

All materials are provided. Everyone is welcome.



Friday March 17, 2023
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm Erin Mills Town Centre

Watching changing coloured light prisms created from mirrored reflection can provide the same viewing enjoyment as images seen on electronics! Participants will fully engage in the process of designing, building, and improving the elements of their very own Kaleidoscope! **Walk-ins encouraged!**

Facilitated by Engineering for Kids- Mississauga



SUNDAY MARCH 19, 2023
12:30 to 3:30 pm

Join us for a fun **FAMILY SUNDAY** with Nisreen Askar. Participants will learn to create beautiful acrylic paintings of flowers.

Everyone is welcome. All supplies are provided, and no art-making experience is necessary.



WEDNESDAY MARCH 22, 2023
2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Join artist facilitator Cynthia Morin for the **VIRTUAL ART HIVE**. While working on your own projects from the comfort of your own home, participants will connect virtually and share their work and process. This free community event promotes mental health and community connection through the use of art.

[CLICK HERE to register for our programming](#)

'Sauga Connection for Older Adults

In partnership with the City of Mississauga's 'Sauga Connection for Older Adults, the AGM presents themed discussions with artists, curators, and AGM Staff. Check out *Coffee Talk Tuesdays*, *Hot Topic Thursdays*, and other online programs designed for Mississauga's Seniors at Mississauga.ca.

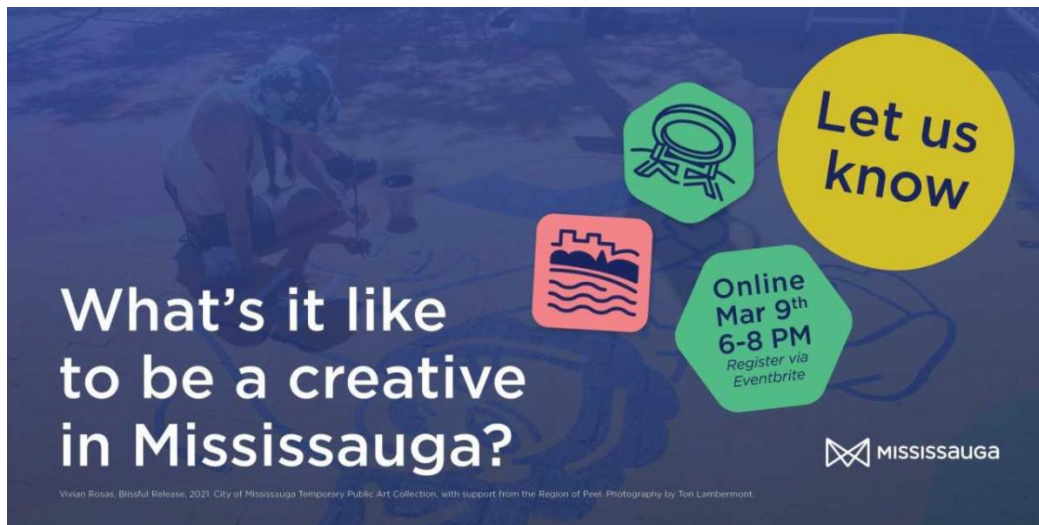
Thursday March 9, 2023
Artist Talk: Frances Ferdinand
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Tuesday March 21, 2023
Watercolour Painting: Sunflowers
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Originally from Sri Lanka, Frances Ferdinand is a visual artist who now works and lives in Canada. She holds a BFA from York University, an ARTC from the Royal Conservatory of Music, and an Education Degree from the University of Toronto. She has exhibited her work in London, Paris, Bogota, and Honolulu and across Canada and the USA. She has received many awards and in 2019 she received the Chalmers Fellowship to study Islamic Patterning.

Devika Mathur is a Mississauga-based artist specializing in charcoal, soft pastels, and glass paints. Her passion for art developed from a young age, as she grew up in a family of artists and learned to appreciate art through her mother and father's critiques. She has taught for more than 15 years in design schools in India and Canada, focusing on interior design, fashion design, architecture, and fine arts. Materials needed: watercolour paper, watercolour paints, brushes, pencils.

[CLICK HERE to learn more about 'Sauga Connection for Older Adults](#)



What's your experience of *being* a creative in Mississauga? And how can the creative sector work together to make life better for everyone?

The City of Mississauga invites you to a discussion on March 9th about the future of arts, culture and heritage in Mississauga. Come learn about the experiences and activities of creators and organizations across the city. And share your thoughts about how we can make life better.

What supports are needed for creative professionals and arts, culture and/or heritage groups in Mississauga? How can we all work together to continue to drive a unified vision for a culturally-rich Mississauga? How is the creative sector working to embed Truth and Reconciliation, and equity, diversity and inclusion in its work? What actions can we take to meaningfully address climate change, become more environmental sustainability and circular economy?

This session will directly inform the [2024 Future Directions](#) Culture Plan and the [Culture Division](#)'s work over the next 5-10 years. We'll be listening to each other, chatting in breakout rooms and as a group, and sharing our thoughts through online polls.

Your insights are critical to drive Mississauga's thriving culture scene forward.

Date & Time: Thursday, March 9, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. EST

Mode: Virtual using WebEx Meetings and Mentimeter, online video chatting and polling tools. (*WebEx meeting details will be sent directly to all event registrants.*)

If you're unable to attend, an online survey link will be circulated so that you're able to provide input and feedback.

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