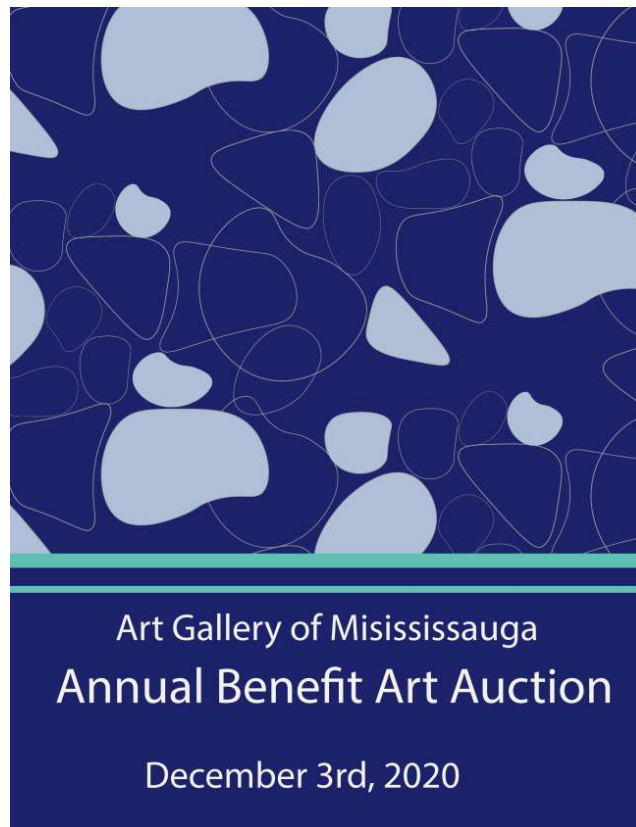




## Annual Benefit Art Auction Returns



**The AGM's Annual Benefit Art Auction returns for the 17th year**

Like so many events in 2020, the annual auction is going virtual! Starting **Thursday, December 3rd**, join us for the 17th edition of the fabulous art auction. We have some amazing works that have been donated by the artists for this fundraising effort. The silent auction moves online too, so stay tuned for more details.

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## New Exhibitions

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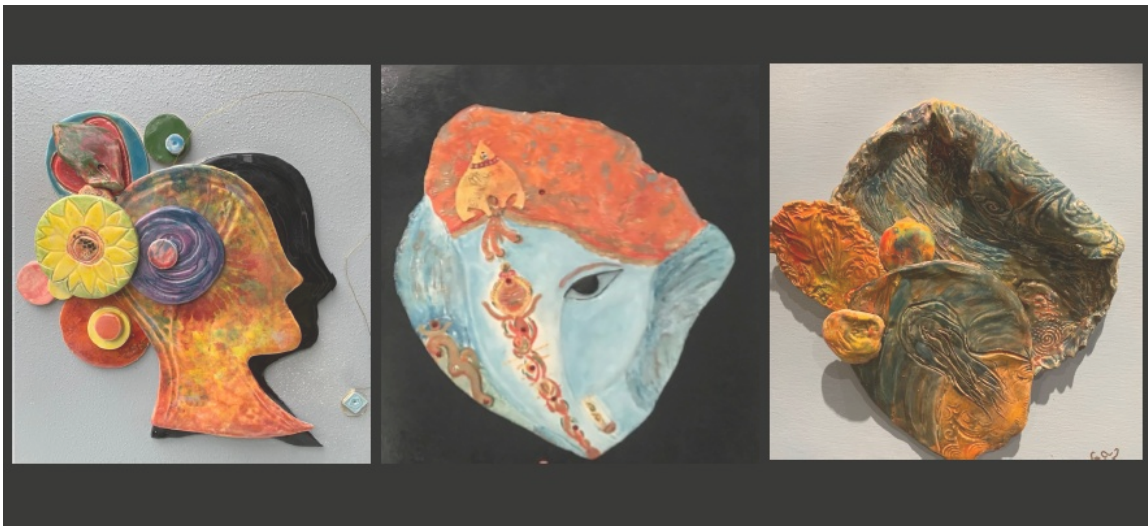
## Please book your visit to our new exhibitions in advance



### **FRANCES FERDINANDS | 26** NOVEMBER 7 - JANUARY 7, 2021

The installation **26** emanated from the artist's 3-month stay in 2015 in her homeland of Sri Lanka. Under the auspices of an Ontario Arts Council Grant she studied and conducted research under two mentors who are masters in the field of traditional fine art and craft which are culturally at risk. Ferdinands' vision became a reality through examining these old traditions and revitalising them through re-interpretation within a contemporary context.

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### **BHAVNA BHATNAGAR | RHYTHM** NOVEMBER 7 - JANUARY 7, 2021

*Rhythm* is a unique collection of art pieces presented by Artist Bhavna Bhatnagar which is inspired by Nature, Philosophy, and ethnic cultural background. Her ceramic works also exhibit her artistic views developed during her Canadian journey, and thus creating a modern-western and classical Indian fusion.

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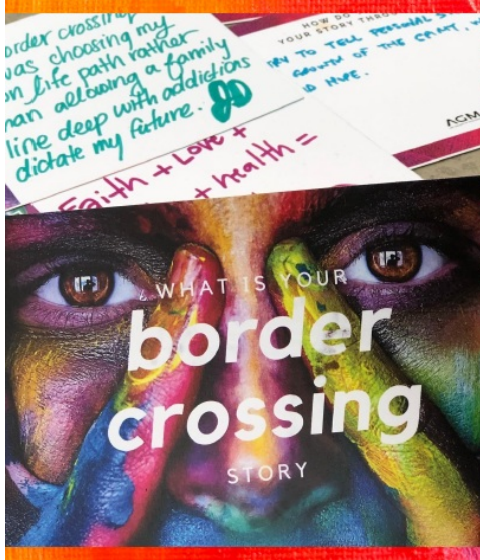
## **JAMES FOWLER | BEING ALONE TOGETHER**

**NOVEMBER 7 - JANUARY 7, 2021**

***Being Alone Together*** is equal parts performative painting and community engagement. I have recreated elements of my art studio and am working diligently on a new painting, *Anthem*, taking breaks to reach out and talk with friends who are part of the art and culture community. Using video technology and social media, I discuss diverse topics that impact various communities. Finding common ground through casual conversation, I am connecting with makers in Mississauga, across the country, and internationally, using these technologies to bridge geographic barriers.

In these strange times of isolation as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, maintaining our mental health and wellbeing is so important. Artists often already spend so much time isolated in their studios and this can create feelings of loneliness. Being tucked away from the world to create can take its toll on a person. Often our social experiences are through art openings, art talks and panel discussions. Many of these have moved online which cut out the small bits of social interrelations we can have before and after these events. By bringing an active art studio into the museum environment and broadcasting these conversations, I hope to share what happens behind the scenes for an artist, recreate the intimacy of these experiences and provide opportunity for sharing, connection and togetherness, crossing the borders between our personal and public lives.

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## border crossings

Borders are challenges faced physically, emotionally, psychologically, and spiritually. They can both connect and divide, shared by the art of story telling. Recognizing and sharing these border crossings allows us to understand ourselves and others differently. Instead of groups of people separated by arbitrary distinctions, we are all individuals who experience pivotal moments of change that shape the contours of the narratives of our lives.

Join us to explore these stories and take a journey through border crossings.

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## BORDER CROSSINGS SHOWCASE NOVEMBER 7 - JANUARY 7, 2021

Listen and view the stories that have impacted and changed the lives of Artists and our community, told through various forms of art. Come ready to experience emotions, beauty and resilience. Leave with a new understanding of the borders we all face daily and a better sense of community and connection. We all have a border crossing story to tell. The Border Crossings Project is generously funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation ( @ontrillium) through the Grow Grant, the Ontario Arts Council ( @ontarioartscouncil ) and The City of Mississauga's Cultural Division ( @citymississauga ).



## **RAHEEL PATEL | ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**

**EXTENDED: NOVEMBER 7 - JANUARY 7, 2021**

Raheel Patel's residency extends from previous dates, now concluding in January 2021. Step into Raheel's studio away from studio and view his collections of toys and stamps and the works he has created over his residency period.