



## ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON PRESENTS AN EXHIBITION FOR KIDS OF ALL AGES

***One-Eyed-Rabbit: Jonathan Plante* begins  
Saturday, February 21  
Artist in residence from February 18 through February 20**



Jonathan Plante, *One-Eyed-Rabbit* 2013, illustration. Courtesy of the artist

**February 12, 2015** – The Art Gallery of Hamilton continues its centennial celebrations by presenting, *One-Eyed-Rabbit: Jonathan Plante*, a rare exhibition designed especially for children. In a playful atmosphere and through the story of a friendly rabbit, Montreal-based artist Jonathan Plante invites young people aged 4 to 10 (and kids of all ages!) to (re)discover the mysteries of visual perception in a variety of ways. The exhibition will remain on view through Sunday, May 24, 2015.

**Media are invited to special exhibition preview days at the Art Gallery of Hamilton on Thursday February 19 Friday, February 20. Please join us to preview the exhibition and meet the artist.** To attend, RSVP to Steve Denyes, Manager of Communications, 905.527.6610 ext. 255 or by email at [steve@artgalleryofhamilton.com](mailto:steve@artgalleryofhamilton.com).

“We’re really excited to present this show that is geared towards children,” said Melissa Bennett, AGH Curator of Contemporary Art. “The artist created a story and surrounding visual materials, all about an adorable little rabbit who needs to use his imagination in order to get by in the world – it strikes a chord with viewers of all ages, and it’s easy to get behind a project that strives to promote creative thinking.”

The story of the exhibition explains that One-Eyed-Rabbit is different. He has only one eye and would like to jump into his rabbit hole without chipping his teeth... He meets a worm that has no eyes but can navigate through holes in the ground! Together they will discover the power of imagination and the inner workings of sight: a little with the eyes, a lot with the brain, always with the heart.

“The idea of the one-eyed-rabbit came from the simple question, *why do we have two eyes?*,” said Jonathan Plante. “The next question was *what does it mean to see?*”

The exhibition, which is designed and produced by VOX, centre de l’image contemporaine, Montreal, includes an animated video, original paintings, a giant book, and distorted mirror images that will stimulate the imagination of little ones and grownups alike. These unexpected and interactive aesthetic experiences notably address abstraction, art history and optical illusions. Through the various works, children are invited to discover the mechanisms of vision and the role it plays in the arts, while developing their imagination. Finally, a children’s book based on the exhibition will allow readers to revisit the story of the *One-Eyed-Rabbit* for years to come (in French only).

**Watch the Artist in action on Thursday, February 18 and Friday, February 20**

**Come to the AGH and meet the artist who will be painting bunnies on the Gallery’s lobby windows and corridors. Experience the creation of a work in progress. Everyone is welcome. Admission is free at this time.**

### **About the Art Gallery of Hamilton**

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is continuing its Centennial celebrations. The oldest public art gallery in Southern Ontario, the AGH is the largest independent art gallery in Ontario. Established in 1914, its permanent collection, which is focused on historical Canadian, 19th century European and Canadian Contemporary art, now numbers more than 10,000 works and is recognized as one of the finest in Canada. The AGH is a vital creative hub and centre of lifelong learning that enables people of all ages to enrich their lives by gaining a deeper understanding of art.

### **EXHIBITION-RELATED PUBLIC EVENTS at the ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON:**

**Official Opening, artist in attendance**

**Sunday March 8, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p. m. Remarks at 2:30 p.m.**

Free admission noon to 5:00 p.m.

### **PUBLIC PROGRAMMING:**

**Meet the Artist: Thursday, February 19 and Friday, February 19 during Gallery hours**

Stop by the AGH and meet Jonathan Plante as he paints bunnies on the Gallery’s windows at the corner of King Street West and Summers Lane and on the corridor walls.

**Art @ Lunch: Wednesday, April 1, 12:15 p.m.**

Let's Go to the Hop—Meet the One-Eyed-Rabbit

This intimate Docent-led tour makes connections between the artworks and the exhibition in fun new ways.

**TOURS**

Docent guided tours of the exhibition:

Every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Free with admission.

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On view at the AGH are:

January 24 to April 19, 2015: *JUNO Photography Exhibition* FREE ADMISSION

[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_current.php#10](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_current.php#10)

January 24 to April 26, 2015: *JUNO Tour of Canadian Art* FREE ADMISSION

[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_current.php#junotour](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_current.php#junotour)

February 21 to May 24, 2015: *One-Eyed-Rabbit: Jonathan Plante*

[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_upcoming.php#7](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#7)

February 28 to May 31, 2015: *Illuminations: Italian Baroque Masterworks in Canadian Collections*

[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_upcoming.php#9](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#9)

February 28, 2015 to May 24, 2015: *Robert Burley: The Disappearance of Darkness*

[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_upcoming.php#11](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#11)

**VISITOR INFORMATION****Admission:**

AGH Members: Free; Adults, \$10; Students/Seniors, \$8; Children (6-17), \$4; under 5 years, Free.

Friday Free Night: Free admission on the first Friday of the month.

**Gallery Hours:**

Tuesday & Wednesday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.;

Saturday–Sunday, 12 noon–5 p.m.

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is located at 123 King Street West, downtown Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4S8.

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## **GROUP TOURS**

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