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Art Gallery of Hamilton Announces Summer Exhibitions as it Celebrates 110 Years

FREE 110th Summer Opening Celebration on Wednesday, June 26 at 5:00 p.m.
featuring artist talk with Hamilton-born artist Jan Wade



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Looking back on its 110-year history, the Gallery is pleased to announce the opening of a season of new exhibitions this month. With an aim to explore the Gallery's rich past and set sights on its exciting future, there will be an **Opening Celebration held at the AGH on Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.**

"Celebrating 110 years is a monumental milestone for the Art Gallery of Hamilton," says Shelley Falconer, AGH President and CEO, "These exhibitions not only highlight the rich history and contributions of the Gallery but also emphasize our ongoing commitment to showcasing diverse and thought-provoking art. We are thrilled to share these extraordinary works with our community and beyond."

Leading the celebrations are three new exhibitions:

Directors Collect: 110 Years

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is renowned for its permanent collection. It has been thoughtfully built over the last century by individuals both inside and outside its walls. Artists, directors, curators, donors, dealers, volunteers, and many more have had a hand in shaping the holdings.

Directors Collect: 110 Years celebrates the legacy of the Art Gallery of Hamilton's vast permanent collection alongside the contributions of its six directors. This exhibition highlights the key works acquired during their terms and how they have helped shape the AGH of today.

Directors Collect: 110 Years is generously sponsored by incite Foundation for the Arts.

Jan Wade: Soul Power

For over thirty years, Jan Wade has been creating mixed-media paintings, textiles, and sculptural objects, drawing upon her lived experience as an African Canadian person and her mixed cultural heritage. *Jan Wade: Soul Power* brings together the artist's diverse body of work alongside new pieces made specifically for the exhibition.

Organized by the Art Gallery of Hamilton in collaboration with the Vancouver Art Gallery.

Curated by Siobhan McCracken Nixon, Assistant Curator, Vancouver Art Gallery with Melissa Bennett, Senior Curator, AGH.

Radha S. Menon: Touched by Devi

Touched by Devi is a multi-media project and is the first major solo museum exhibition for Hamilton-based artist and playwright Radha S. Menon. This exhibition responds to the complex histories of women in colonized India, expressed through portrait photography, interview text, movement, and sculptural installation. These elements come together as part of an ongoing healing journey for the artist, as she explores the history of women's rights in India in connection with her family history.

Summer Exhibitions Opening Celebration

Wednesday, June 26

Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.

Artist Talk with Jan Wade at 6:30 p.m.

Opening Remarks at 7:30 p.m.

Free admission – Everyone welcome

On Wednesday, June 26th, the AGH will celebrate its 110th anniversary alongside these three exciting exhibitions at the **Summer Exhibitions Opening Celebration**. Doors will open at 5:00 p.m. with a special artist talk featuring Jan Wade beginning at 6:30 p.m. Jan will

highlight how her life experiences have shaped all aspects of her art making practice. The talk will begin with a brief introduction to the exhibition with curator Melissa Bennett. Opening remarks will follow the talk at 7:30 p.m. and guests are encouraged to explore the Gallery spaces and mingle throughout the evening. Admission is free and everyone is welcome!

Exhibition Links:

[Directors Collect: 110 Years](#)

June 27, 2024 – January 5, 2025

[Media Kit Link](#)

[Jan Wade: Soul Power](#)

June 27, 2024 – January 5, 2025

[Media Kit Link](#)

[Radha S. Menon: Touched by Devi](#)

June 22, 2024 – January 5, 2025

[Media Kit Link](#)

About the Art Gallery of Hamilton:

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is the oldest and largest public art gallery in southwestern Ontario. Its permanent collection, which is focused on historical Canadian, International, and Contemporary art, numbers more than 11,000 works and is recognized as one of Canada's finest. 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. The Gallery is supported by the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council, and the City of Hamilton.



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