

The AGH art+music+food Festival launches September 12, featuring the highly anticipated exhibition *Roger Mooking: SoundBites*

Step into a vibrant celebration of art, music, and food where Roger Mooking's creativity takes centre stage from September 12 to October 6!



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The Art Gallery of Hamilton presents the [AGH art+music+food Festival](#), a month-long celebration of sensory experiences featuring celebrity chef, author, recording artist, TV host, and artist Roger Mooking, presented by BMO. Attendees will immerse themselves in a fusion of creative expressions, enjoying diverse forms of art and culture in an engaging and dynamic atmosphere!

"We are thrilled to be presenting the unique art+music+food Festival this fall, tailored to accompany the *Roger Mooking: SoundBites* exhibition and celebrate the city's vibrant arts and culture," says Shelley Falconer, President and CEO at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. "I would also like to sincerely thank our Presenting Sponsor, BMO, for their enduring support of our annual fall Festival."

"BMO is proud to continue our long-standing partnership with the Art Gallery of Hamilton to celebrate the excellence of Canadian artists," said Dilk Dhanapala, Senior Investment Advisor and Portfolio Manager at BMO. "The annual AGH art+music+food Festival brings Canadians together to experience arts, music, culinary treats and more, and we are pleased to support Hamilton's local art scene through this platform which aligns with our Purpose, to Boldly Grow the Good *in business and life.*"

This vibrant Festival, running from **September 12 – October 6, 2024**, brings to Hamilton a variety of multimedia visual art, storytelling, film, music, and workshops all located at the Art Gallery of Hamilton in the heart of downtown Hamilton!

Join us for the [Opening Celebration](#) on **Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 pm** and be among the first to experience [Roger Mooking: SoundBites](#), a multi-disciplinary collection of work celebrating chaos in an attention deficit world, whilst savouring some inspired bites and refreshments and dancing the night away with the eclectic and high energy beats from DJ Osito.

Other events will include:

[Family Fun Day](#) – Sunday, September 15, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

An afternoon of fun hands-on artmaking inspired by our new exhibitions and permanent collection with special guest Music Together Hamilton! Giggle and groove for a 30-minute, active musicmaking experience at 1:00 or 2:00 pm

[Artist Talk with Roger Mooking](#) – Thursday, September 19, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Join us for a thought-provoking discussion on the themes that have shaped Roger's remarkable career. He will discuss exclusive anecdotes and behind-the-scenes stories about the making of his exhibition.

[WordBites Writing Workshop](#) – Saturday, September 21, 2:00 – 4:30 pm

Join Anne Bokma for instruction, inspiration, writing prompts & exercises, and self-reflection. New writers will find a kickstart to their life stories, while experienced writers will be inspired to delve deeper into memoir writing. This transformational experience highlights the healing power of writing personal narratives.

[Make Your Mark Art Workshop with Nathan Eugene Carson](#) – Saturday, September 28, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join local interdisciplinary artist, Nathan Eugene Carson, for a creative experience of gestured mark-making. During this workshop, participants will use improvisation, sound, and movement to explore mark-making and drawing, inspired by *Roger Mooking: SoundBites*.

[ACCA Fabulicious!](#) - Sunday, September 29, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

The Afro-Canadian Caribbean Association (ACCA) will be presenting a Fabulicious afternoon of art, music and food at their Banquet Hall at 754 Barton Street East! Founded in 1979, ACCA is a charity that serves African Canadians and Caribbeans by providing educational opportunities and social events.

[Architectural Film Screening](#) – Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 – 9:00 pm

The Hamilton Burlington Society of Architects and Young Architects of Hamilton will show a 3-part short film series produced by the Canadian Centre of Architecture. The series examines how changing societies, new economic pressures, and increasing population density affect various communities' homes.

Youth Rap Beats & Poetry Workshop with LTtheMonk – Thursday, October 3, 4:30 – 6:30 pm

Join the fun with local Hamilton musician LTtheMonk, as he leads an exciting youth-oriented rap-writing workshop and challenge! Dive into the vibrant world of rap and poetry, where you'll learn the ins and outs of rhyme schemes, wordplay, metaphors, and similes.

90's Hip Hop edition of AGH Vinyl Night – Friday, October 4, 7:30 – 11:00 pm

Step back into the golden age of hip-hop with Juno Award-winning artist Roger Mooking, also known as MC Mystic from Bass Is Base, and the dynamic DJ Jooce for an unforgettable night of 90's beats. Revel in the vibrant energy as vinyl records spin all night long.

Festival Finale Dinner with Chef Roger Mooking – Sunday, October 6, 5:00 – 9:00 pm

You've seen (and made) the art, heard the music, and now it is time to experience the food! Starting with cocktails and offering a delicious array of choices, including vegetarian and vegan options, as well as a light desert. This casual-chic event welcomes guests to dine, mingle and share an evening of music, entertainment, and art, all catered by Twist by Roger Mooking.

[Check out the complete program here.](#)

All programs and details can be found at aghfest.com.

The AGH art+music+food Festival is presented by:



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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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