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AGH Announces new Fall 2024 Exhibitions

The Gallery welcomes the incoming RBC Artist in Residence for 2024, and a new multidisciplinary exhibition opens this September alongside the AGH art+music+food Festival.



Alex Jacobs-Blum, *A Search for Peace*, 2021, digital photograph. Courtesy of the Artist

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The Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) will be opening two exciting new exhibitions this Fall 2024. On September 7 the dynamic *Roger Mooking: SoundBites* opens ahead of a kickoff **Celebration held on Thursday, September 12 at 7:00 pm** as part of the AGH art+music+food Festival. This multidisciplinary and highly interactive exhibition will be activated by auxiliary programming throughout the Festival, with events like; In Conversation with Roger Mooking (September 19), WordBites Writing Workshop (September 21), Vinyl Night: 90's Hip Hop Edition (October 4), and the not-to-be-missed Festival Finale Dinner: A Roger Mooking Experience (October 6, 5:00 pm).

On September 21 the 2024 RBC Artist in Residence, Alex Jacobs-Blum, begins to transform the David Braley and Nancy Gordon sculpture atrium with an exhibition that will engage with the AGH permanent collection to explore the intersections of peace, grief, love, and loss, and our responsibilities as we move into the future together. Join us at Chiefswood Park ([1037 Brant County Hwy 54](https://www.hamilton.ca/transportation/roads-and-highways/roads-and-highways/1037-brant-county-hwy-54)) on **Friday September 20 at 6:00 pm** for **Gather by the**

Grand River, a special picnic and star gazing event which will include a brief talk by Alex Jacobs-Blum about her art practice, inspiration and experience in her community of Six Nations of the Grand River.

“Patrons can expect an incredible suite of experiential programs and engaging exhibitions this September,” says Art Gallery of Hamilton’s President and CEO, Shelley Falconer. “We are delighted to be partnering with Roger Mooking for a series of exciting programs, workshops, and culinary experiences that will help shape the AGH art+music+food Festival, generously presented by BMO. This fall, we are thrilled to be welcoming local phenom Alex Jacobs-Blum to the RBC Artist in Residence program. The residency is always an iterative process, but even the project’s first impressions are shaping up to be extraordinary. We are grateful to our sponsors for the opportunity to bring these important projects to fruition.”

Exhibition details:

Roger Mooking: SoundBites

September 7, 2024 – February 23, 2025

AGH art+music+food Festival Opening Celebration – Thursday, September 12, 7:00 pm

Artist Talk: In Conversation with Roger Mooking – Thursday, September 19, 7:00 pm

Festival Finale Dinner: A Roger Mooking Experience – Sunday, October 6, 5:00 pm

In the spirit of Hip Hop, Roger Mooking has “sampled” his own original artworks to create a series of new pieces in this multi disciplinary exhibit called *SoundBites*. The exhibition is a ‘celebration of chaos for an attention deficit world’, reflected in the combination of visual, text, audio, and video experiences offered to viewers. Exploring the journey through the cycles of life, *SoundBites* is presented in three “movements” The Learning, The Living and The Leaving.

Roger Mooking is a local celebrity chef, restaurateur, cookbook author, and visual and recording artist born in Trinidad and raised in Canada. Roger Mooking is recognized for creating immersive art experiences showcasing a globally inspired vision that reflects his rich family heritage, love for people and travel.

The AGH art+music+food Festival is presented by BMO.

RBC Artist in Residence: Alex Jacobs-Blum

September 21, 2024 – March 16, 2025

Gather by the Grand River: Picnic and Star Gazing - Friday, September 20, 6:00 pm

On April 8th, 2024, a total solar eclipse passed over Hodinöhsöni’ homelands, now known as Southern Ontario and upstate New York. It’s been told that the Hodinöhsöni’ Great Law of Peace was formed during a total solar eclipse approximately 1,000 years ago.

In the Shadow of the Eclipse amplifies the message of peace through the lens of the Hodinöhsöni' Great Law of Peace and the Story of the Peacemaker, who united the Hodinöhsöni' Nations and spread the message of peace. This exhibition aims to revitalize our sense of collective reverence and bring our minds together as one.

Alex Jacobs-Blum engages with the Art Gallery of Hamilton's collection to explore the intersections of peace, grief, love, and loss, and our responsibilities moving into the future together. Through personal reflections on the teachings of peace, Jacobs-Blum aims to create spaces that restore balance to ourselves and our connection with the natural world.

The RBC Artist in Residence program is presented by RBC.

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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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