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FEATURING ARTIST +
CHEF ROGER MOOKING
ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON
SEPT 12 - OCT 6, 2024

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AGH art+music+food

FEATURING ROGER MOOKING
SEPTEMBER 12 - OCTOBER 6, 2024

Step into a vibrant celebration of art, music, and food where Roger Mooking's creativity takes centre stage!

The AGH art+music+food Festival is a month-long celebration of sensory experiences featuring celebrity chef, author, recording artist, TV host, and artist Roger Mooking.

This vibrant Festival brings to Hamilton a variety of multimedia visual art, storytelling, film, music, and workshops. The exhibition tying all these elements together, *Roger Mooking: SoundBites*, is a multi-disciplinary collection of work by local celebrity chef, restaurateur, cookbook author, and visual and recording artist Roger Mooking, celebrating chaos in an attention deficit world.

Attendees can immerse themselves in a fusion of creative expressions, enjoying diverse forms of art and culture in an engaging and dynamic atmosphere from September 12 through October 6 right here at the AGH!

The AGH is situated on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Traditional Territory of the Erie, Neutral, Huron-Wendat, and Haudenosaunee. This land is covered by the Between the Lakes Treaty (No. 3), negotiated between the Crown and the Mississaugas of the Credit in 1784, and ratified in 1792.

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Welcome to **AGH art+music+food!**

We are delighted to be partnering with Roger Mooking – celebrity chef, restaurateur, television host, author, and recording artist - for a special series of exciting programs, workshops, and culinary experiences coinciding with the exhibition *SoundBites*, in the Fischer Gallery. This Festival offers something for everyone with multimedia visual art, storytelling,

music, and culinary treats. Coinciding with the 110th anniversary of the AGH, art+music+food is a celebration of our local communities, an opportunity for visitors from outside of Hamilton to experience our exhibitions through multi-faceted experiences, and supports our vision to inspire, connect, and strengthen communities through art. Thank you to the sponsors, community partners, and supporters who help make this Festival possible. We are especially grateful for funding from BMO Financial Group, as the presenting sponsor and our partner for over a decade. Thank you also to the Government of Canada and the City of Hamilton for their vital support. I also wish to thank all the staff and volunteers who work year-round to make this possible. To visitors, newcomers, and our local communities, thank you for your contributions and for joining us!

Enjoy!

Shelley Falconer
President and CEO
Art Gallery of Hamilton

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

- Online at aghfest.com
- In person at the AGH : 123 King Street West, Hamilton
- By email: ticketing@artgalleryofhamilton.com

AGH HOURS

Thursdays: 11 am – 9 pm

Fridays: 11 am – 6 pm

Saturdays: 11 am – 5 pm

Sundays: 11 am – 5pm

Thursdays are always free

courtesy of RBC and incite Foundation for the arts

LOCATION

All events will be taking place at the
Art Gallery of Hamilton in Downtown Hamilton!

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Getting Here: Easily accessible by HSR and GO Train transit! Parking is available under the AGH and at a variety of lots in the surrounding area. Bicycle parking is also available in the underground parking lot.

Accessibility: The AGH is fully accessible. Please reach out to info@artgalleryofhamilton.com if you have any questions about access to the AGH!



BMO is thrilled to sponsor the **2024 AGH art+music+food Festival**. Together with the AGH, we are delighted to welcome the community to the Festival!

We are proud to continue our long-standing partnership with the Art Gallery of Hamilton to elevate the regional and cultural resonance of this annual event. By supporting organizations such as the AGH, we increase access to the arts and cultural experiences within communities across Canada. Promoting performers and fostering artistic excellence, and cultural understanding is important to building inclusive and thriving communities.

The AGH art+music+food Festival serves as an excellent platform, spotlighting Hamilton's rich and dynamic art scene. Festivities and events are spread out through multiple weeks of vibrant celebrations with a focus on celebrity chef and artist, Roger Mooking. From the opening celebration to workshops, artist talks, Vinyl Night, and a closing community event, there is sure to be something for everyone.

Please join us in experiencing the many events and activities the AGH Festival has to offer with your friends and family. See you there!

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MAYOR ANDREA HORWATH



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September 12th – October 6th 2024

As Mayor for the City of Hamilton, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the *AGH Festival: art+music+food 2024!*

Since 1914 the AGH has played a significant role in Hamilton's arts and culture scene showcasing remarkable pieces that highlight Indigenous, Canadian & International history. This year proudly marks the 16th Anniversary of the AGH Festival, and it is filled with creativity and culture for all to enjoy.



Art can inspire, challenge, and connect us in profound ways. It reflects our collective stories and celebrates our heritages. Through the exhibits and performances, we are reminded of the importance of fostering and supporting the arts in our community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the organizers and volunteers who have worked tirelessly to bring this festival to life through concerts, film screenings, exhibitions and more! Most of all, thank you to the talented artists, musicians, filmmakers, performers, writers, and all-around creative visionaries, for sharing your passion and your heart within our city, your dedication and passion are truly commendable and greatly appreciated.

Take this opportunity to immerse yourself in the diverse offerings of the Art Gallery of Hamilton and I hope the festival leaves you with lasting memories & a renewed appreciation for the arts!

Yours Sincerely,

Andrea Horwath
Mayor



Hamilton

+ current exhibitions

Directors Collect: 110 Years

Now on view until January 5, 2025

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. On the occasion of our 110th anniversary, we foreground this crucial context: who built the collection and how did they do it?

Six directors have led the AGH over its history: Thomas Reid (T. R.) MacDonald (1947-1973) (represented by this daughter artist Katherine MacDonald), Glen Cumming (1973-1989), Robert Swain (1990-1991), Ted Pietrzak (1992-1998), Louise Dompierre (1998-2014) and Shelley Falconer (2015 to present). This exhibition highlights their choices and voices regarding collection building during their leadership. Each one will select key works acquired during their terms and in so doing reflect on collecting decisions and strategies as a means of considering the holdings today.

What were their priorities? What challenges did they face? How do their choices reflect broader socio-cultural, political and artistic trends of the day? In placing curatorial responsibility and process in the hands of the directors, these questions and more will provide windows into each period of collection building and how, collectively, they have shaped the AGH permanent collection.



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Jan Wade: Soul Power

Now on view until January 5, 2025

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 and her mixed cultural heritage. Born and raised in Hamilton, Wade has lived in Vancouver since the early 1990s. *Soul Power* is her first major retrospective, and it is being showcased exclusively at the AGH, following its debut at the Vancouver Art Gallery in 2021.

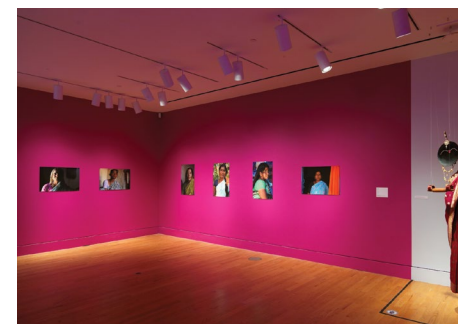
Alongside text and painted blocks of bold colours, Wade employs repetition, accumulation, open-endedness, and aspects of improvisation connected to the traditions of jazz and blues in her art. She adds to, paints over, and continually evolves works over time.

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



Radha S. Menon: Touched by Devi

Now on view until January 5, 2025



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 complex histories of women in colonised 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.

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verb

to stir, to encourage, or urge on to action

The INCITE Foundation for the Arts is a new non-profit organization formed to provide funding to charitable arts organizations in the Hamilton area.

Strong cultural institutions are essential for the economic development and quality of life in any community. Hamilton's major music, opera, art and theatre institutions as well as the dozens of smaller arts organizations need and deserve the support of our citizens.

The INCITE Foundation has been funded with generous seed money from private sources. It is hoped that this initiative will incite Hamiltonians to rise to the support of their cultural life.

As the soil, however fertile it might be, cannot be productive without cultivation, so the mind without culture can never produce good fruit.

Albert Camus

+ RBC artist in residence

Alex Jacobs-Blum

In the Shadow of the Eclipse

September 21, 2024 - March 16, 2025

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.



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

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.

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Roger Mooking

Roger Mooking is a celebrity chef, restaurateur, cookbook author, and visual and recording artist born in Trinidad and raised in Canada. He is the host of such television shows as *Man Fire Food*, *Heat Seekers*, *Greatest of America*, and *Everyday Exotic* and has appeared as a guest judge on such programs as *Chopped* and *Guy's Grocery Games*. As a musician, he has released six solo studio albums and won a Juno Award as a member of the soul/R&B trio *Bass Is Base*. 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.



soundBites

September 7 - February 23, 2025



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*. His exhibit is a celebration of chaos for an attention deficit world. Overall, *SoundBites* is presented in a trifecta of “movements” that focus on three distinct cycles of life - The Learning, The Living and The Leaving.



A ROGERMOOKING
EXPERIENCE

+ opening celebration = free!



Opening Celebration Thursday, September 12, 2024 7:00 pm | FREE!

Join us for an unforgettable evening as we launch the AGH art+music+food Festival, featuring the highly anticipated exhibition *Roger Mooking: SoundBites*. This unique event promises a sensory experience like no other.

Be among the first to explore *Roger Mooking: SoundBites* and dance the night away with beats from DJ Osito who will be spinning an eclectic mix of music to keep the energy high.

Enjoy a selection of beverages available for purchase at our cash bar and savour delicious bites and refreshments that complement the evening's artistic and musical atmosphere.

Don't miss this chance to celebrate the intersection of art, music, and food in a vibrant and dynamic setting. Bring your friends, enjoy the festivities, and immerse yourself in the creative spirit of the AGH art+music+food Festival.



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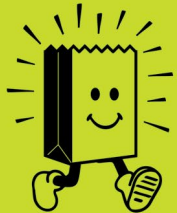
SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

+ date	+ event	+ tickets
Saturday Sept. 7 11:00 am (to Feb. 23, 2025)	Roger Mooking: Soundbites exhibition opens to the public	Admission for SoundBites exhibition is FREE
Thursday, Sept. 12 7:00 pm	Opening Celebration	Free admission to all AGH exhibitions
Sunday, Sept. 15 1:00-3:00 pm	Family Fun Day	AGH Members: Free General \$5.00
Thursday, Sept. 19 7:00 pm	Artist Talk: In Conversation With Roger Mooking	AGH Members: \$10 General \$15
Friday, Sept. 20 6:00 to 9:00 pm	Gather By The Grand Picnic & Star Gazing at Chiefswood Park, Brantford	Pay What you Can
Saturday, Sept. 21 2:00 to 4:30 pm	WordBites Writing Workshop with Anne Bokma	AGH Members: \$40 General \$50
Sunday, September 22 2:30 to 4:30 pm	Devi Triptych Reading With Radha Menon	Free
Saturday, Sept. 28 10:00 am to 12:00 pm	Make Your Mark Art Workshop with Nathan Eugene Carson	AGH Members: \$40 General \$50
Sunday Sept. 29 1:00 to 4:00 pm	ACCA Fabulicious	AGH Members: \$20 General: \$25
Tuesday, Oct. 1 6:30 to 9:00 pm	Architectural Film Screening	AGH Members: \$10 General: \$15
Thursday, Oct. 3 4:30 to 6:30 pm	Youth Rap Beats & Poetry Workshop with LTtheMonk	Free
Friday, Oct. 4 7:30 to 11:00 pm	Vinyl Night: 90's Hip Hop Edition	AGH Members: \$10 General: \$15
Friday, Oct. 4 6:00 to 10:00 pm	Art Circuit Reception at AGH 6:00 to 7:00 PM (ticket holders only) Art Circuit Hop-On/Hop-Off Bus Tour 7:00 to 10:00 PM	General: \$50
Sunday, Oct. 6 5:00 to 9:00 pm	Festival Finale Dinner: A Roger Mooking Experience	AGH Members: \$50 General: \$60
Wednesday, Oct. 16 6:30-8:30 pm	Sounding Spaces	Free

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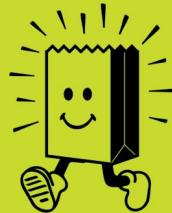
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FAMILY FUN DAY

Sunday, September 15

1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

AGH Members: Free

General: \$5.00 per family

(2 adults and up to 4 children)

Gallery admission is included

Music Together Hamilton provides family singalongs for children ages 0-6 and the grown-ups who love them! Wiggling, singing, and laughing with your child is so much fun—it's easy to forget how much learning is taking place. We look forward to singing, dancing, bouncing, and playing instruments – together! Can't wait to sing with you in the beautiful Art Gallery of Hamilton!

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.

ARTIST TALK: IN CONVERSATION WITH ROGER MOOKING



Thursday, September 19

7:00 – 9:00 pm

AGH Members: \$10

General: \$15

WORDBITES WRITING WORKSHOP

Saturday, September 21

2:00 – 4:30 pm

AGH Members: \$40

General: \$50

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. Anne Bokma is an award-winning journalist, author, columnist, and memoir writing coach based in Hamilton. *Suitable for teens and adults.*

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**MAKE YOUR MARK
ART WORKSHOP**

Saturday, September 28
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
AGH Members: \$40
General: \$50

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*. In addition, this workshop is strongly tied to Nathan's art practice where his paintings and mixed media works on paper explore figures, animals, and other



hybrid creatures of his personal experiences and imagination. Richly pigmented and textured surfaces layer together

narratives that integrate themes of Black identity, autobiographical memories, and elements of charged symbolism.

Nathan received a Bachelor of Fine Art from OCAD University. His drawings and paintings have been presented across Canada at the Drake Hotel, Toronto; Oswald Gallery, Hamilton; Carnegie Gallery, Dundas; and the Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto.

Suitable for teens and adults.

**ACCA
FABULICIOUS**

Sunday, September 29
1:00 – 4:00 pm
AGH Members: \$20
General: \$25

The Afro-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. Please note this location is not wheelchair accessible.



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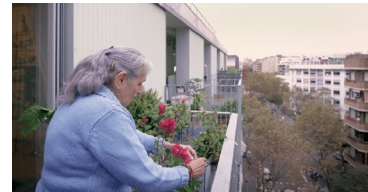
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ARCHITECTURAL FILM SCREENING

Tuesday, October 1

6:30 – 9:00 pm

AGH Members: \$10

General: \$15

Presented by HBSA/YAH

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. Through the lens of architectural projects in different socio-political contexts, each episode looks at the global scope and the local specificities of a particular issue.

The films will be followed by a panel discussion and Q&A.

FILM SCHEDULE

6:30 pm: *What Makes Home* (29 min)

7:00 pm: *When We Live Alone* (27 min)

7:30 pm: *Where We Grow Old* (30 min)

8:00 pm: Q&A

9:00 pm: Closing remarks

YOUTH RAP BEATS & POETRY WORKSHOP

Thursday, October 3

4:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Free admission

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. By the end of the workshop, you'll have crafted your very own verse or song and be ready to rock the mic with your unique creation! Originally



from London, UK, and now living in Toronto, LTtheMonk fell in love with hip-hop at just 8 years old. Influenced by reggae from his Jamaican mother and rock from his Irish father, his eclectic musical upbringing shaped his passion for music and performing. Inspired by Michael Jackson, LT combines bantamweight Gene Kelly-meets-James Brown footwork and immaculate sport socks as key elements of his entertaining persona. *Suitable for ages 14-25.*



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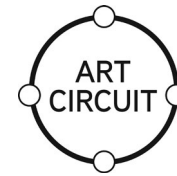
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VINYL NIGHT: 90'S HIP HOP EDITION

Friday, October 4
7:30 – 11:00 pm
AGH Members: \$10
General: \$15

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. Enjoy a cash bar for your favourite drinks and a free snack bar to keep you energized. And feel free to BYOV (bring your own vinyl) to add your personal touch to this nostalgic celebration!
Suitable for ages 19+.



Art Circuit provides opportunities for collectors & art enthusiasts alike to meet & engage with

local artists & gallerists to celebrate the local art scene in Hamilton! Take a ride on a unique bus tour that provides transportation to multiple gallery opening receptions taking place on the same night, including the Art Gallery of Hamilton!

The AGH is hosting a special Art Circuit reception from 6:00 – 7:00 pm featuring a curation of artwork by local Hamilton artists and opening remarks by Paul Elia at 6:30 pm. The reception is open to Art Circuit ticket holders and includes one free drink ticket, Gallery Level 1 access

ART CIRCUIT RECEPTION AND BUS TOUR

Friday, October 4
AGH Reception 6:00 – 7:00 pm
Art Circuit Hop-On/Hop-Off
Bus Tour 7:00 – 10:00 pm
Tickets: \$50

for the evening, 10% off at AGH Shop, and \$40 off any Art Sales + Services artwork valued at \$400 or more. Ticket holders have unlimited access to the bus shuttle that circulates from 7:00 – 10:00 pm on a bus loop between AGH, Smokestack Gallery, The Cotton Factory, and Back Alley Gallery.

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+ closing reception



**FESTIVAL FINALE DINNER:
A Roger Mooking Experience**

Sunday, October 6

5:00 – 9:00 pm

AGH Members: \$50 General: \$60



A ROGERMOOKING EXPERIENCE

The 2024 AGH art+music+food Festival offered experiences for the senses and the creative appetites and we are thrilled to host Chef Roger Mooking in the culminating event, the *Festival Finale Dinner*. You've seen (and made) the art, heard the music, and now it is time to experience the food!

Over the past few years, Roger Mooking has made his mark in the world of interactive art, cultivating a number of immersive experiences that merge visual, sonic, and the culinary arts. For this event, Chef Mooking has prepared a buffet menu using the freshest possible ingredients and global techniques for a SoundBites inspired dinner at the AGH.

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.

+ much more

GATHER BY THE GRAND – PICNIC & STAR GAZING



Friday, September 20
6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Chiefswood Park, Brantford

Experience the natural backdrop of the Carolinian forest and prairie grassland on the banks of the iconic Grand River as artist Alex Jacobs-Blum talks about her art practice, inspiration and experience in her community of Six Nations of the Grand River. The evening ends with a sunset riverbank picnic and then transitions into stargazing as the night falls.

**Rain date: September 27, 6:00 PM.*

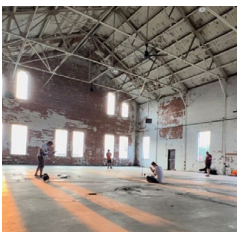
The Devi Triptych is a series that explores the contemporary reimagining of traditional Hindu tales. Join Hamilton-based artist and playwright Radha S. Menon as she presents excerpts from each play: *A Brick Lane Bargain*, *Sita's Revenge* and *A Pot Made of Sand* as a dynamic reading and Q&A session. The full-length production will be featured at the Red Beti Theatre in the summer of 2025.

DEVI TRIPTYCH READING WITH RADHA MENON



Sunday,
September 22
2:30– 4:30 pm
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SOUNDING SPACES



Wednesday, October 16
6:30 – 8:30 pm
AGH

Sounding Spaces is a sound art/music collective based in Hamilton and led by Tony Vieira. The collective of musicians performs improvised and sketch-composed soundscapes that respond to architectural spaces and natural physical elements. These sound experiments are intended to explore and activate the full sensorium.

Fall programming details will continue to be announced!
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