

# the MOON

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of a courageous and transformative moment for humanity with programs commemorating the first lunar landing. Experience the wonder that inspired centuries of art, science, and faith in *The Moon: A Voyage Through Time*, an exhibition exploring the moon in Islamic culture, past and present. Don't miss MoonVerse, our spoken-word series showcasing poetry that reflects the moon as muse. And there's fun for all ages during March Break – bring the family to explore Earth's nearest neighbour and make out-of-this-world art to take home.



## MINDING MEMORY ALZHEIMER'S AND THE ARTS

Join us as we shine a light on the therapeutic potential of the arts for people living with Alzheimer's and dementia. On March 29, learn how creative therapies are changing the way we look at memory impairment. We begin the night with a screening of the documentary *I Remember Better When I Paint*, followed by panel session with experts from the Toronto Memory Program, the Hilgos Foundation, the Alzheimer's Society of Toronto, and the Baycrest Centre for Learning, Research, and Innovation. We will also offer free screenings of *I Remember Better When I Paint* and *Alive Inside*.

## THE OTHER SIDE OF FEAR

We mark our fifth year of introducing bold new artists from around the world to Toronto by leaping into uncharted territory at the Museum. The Performing Arts 2019 winter season offers you an exciting lineup including a comedy series, a live podcast taping, a hip-hop concert with Nancy (right), a celebration of National Poetry Month, and a partnership with Koerner Hall to present Museum-favourite DakhaBrakha (above). We invite you to join us as we continue our quest to connect cultures and move beyond fear through the power of music, dance, and spoken word.

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# The Museum

## As Studio

KEVORK MOURAD IN RESIDENCE  
AT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM

WINTER JAN–APR 2019

# EXPLORE

AGA KHAN MUSEUM PROGRAM GUIDE



In our fifth anniversary year, experience the Aga Khan Museum in new ways. This February, Armenian-Syrian artist Kevork Mourad transforms the temporary exhibition galleries with his “spontaneous painting.” All year long, exhibitions, performances, and talks explore creative responses to changing times.

## LIGHT UP YOUR WINTER

This winter, light up the dark months with a culinary adventure at our Diwan restaurant ([opentable.com](http://opentable.com)) and bright new treasures from the Aga Khan Museum Shop ([shop.agakhanmuseum.org](http://shop.agakhanmuseum.org)).

Add elegance and style to your next special event — from weddings to business meetings, and everything in between. **Book the Museum** by contacting [private.events@agakhanmuseum.org](mailto:private.events@agakhanmuseum.org) or 416.646.4671.



## EXHIBITION

# EMPERORS & JEWELS

Treasures of the Indian Courts from the al-Sabah Collection, Kuwait

ON UNTIL JANUARY 27, 2019

Experience a passion for opulence. The Mughals of India embraced the jewelled arts, magnificently adorning themselves to feast and to fight with exquisite objects carved from semi-precious stones and decorated with gems.



دار الآثار الإسلامية | The al-Sabah Collection

## EXHIBITION

# TRANSFORMING TRADITIONS

The Arts of 19th-Century Iran

ON UNTIL FEBRUARY 10, 2019

Explore the arts of a society at the crossroads of transformation, caught between the desire to maintain time-honoured local traditions and the need to engage with outside influences and currents of innovation.



With the special collaboration of the Musée du Louvre-Lens



## EXHIBITION

# THE MOON

A Voyage Through Time

OPENING MARCH 9, 2019

Journey across space and time in this celebration of the nightly symbol of transformation that fascinates us all – the moon. Interact with inspiring displays that invite you to observe and imagine it in brand new ways. Explore lunar-inspired work by artists and scientists – from pre-Islamic artifacts to contemporary videos, from centuries-old astrolabes and miniature paintings to an illuminated moon, a contemporary sculpture so big it would take 40 people standing shoulder to shoulder to circle it.



## EXHIBITION

# CARAVANS OF GOLD, FRAGMENTS IN TIME

Art, Culture, and Exchange Across Medieval Saharan Africa

OPENING SEPTEMBER 21, 2019

Discover the story of thriving African cities that were foundational to the global medieval world, but until now have often been overlooked and under represented. *Caravans of Gold* transforms a long-standing narrative and fills a critical gap in our understanding of world history.

This exhibition will debut on January 26, 2019 at the Block Museum of Art at Northwestern University where it was organized.

# JANUARY

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## TALK

**Architecture of Impermanence with Marina Tabassum**

Learn how climate, culture, and community inspire this award winning architect's designs. 2 pm \$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

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## INSIGHT TOUR

**Emperors & Jewels: The Life of a Prince with Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip**

6:30 pm \$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

25 & 26

## PERFORMANCE

**Comedy from The Other Side of Fear: Mo Amer**

Laugh along with one of *Rolling Stone's* "10 Comedians You Need to Know." January 25 & 26: 8:30 pm \$30, \$27 Friends, \$22.50 students and seniors Comedy ticket packages available online

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## LUNCHTIME TALK

**The Art of Chivalry in Mughal India with Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip**

Take a visual journey through portraiture, weaponry, and princely adornments to discover the making of a chivalrous ruler. 1 pm Free with Museum admission

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## EXHIBITION

**The Museum as Studio: Kevork Mourad in Residence**

Watch Kevork Mourad's unique painting and printing process live, periodically from January 31–February 12. View the immersive artwork between February 13–24.

FREE same-day Museum admission with the purchase of a ticket to a TALK\* or PERFORMANCE. \*Excludes Lunchtime Talks



# FEBRUARY

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## TALK

**Painted Treasures: The Art of Lacquer with Dr. Maryam Ekhtiar**

Explore a remarkable Qajar art form with The Metropolitan Museum of Art's Persian art specialist. 2 pm \$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

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## INSIGHT TOUR

**Permanent Collection: Banquets and Battles with Bitá Pourvash**

6:30 pm \$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

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## SPECIAL EVENT

**Family Day at the Aga Khan Museum**

Spend the day with family exploring and creating art inspired by Islamic culture. 12–4 pm Free with Museum admission

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## LUNCHTIME TALK

**Carving into Memory with Kevork Mourad**

Learn how the acclaimed Armenian-Syrian artist's work pulls from the past to push society forward. 1 pm Free with Museum admission

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## PERFORMANCE

**SpaceTime: An Evening with Nancy**

Celebrate the Iraqi-Canadian rapper's latest album release in a multimedia show uniquely designed for the Museum. 8 pm \$25, \$22.50 Friends, \$18.75 students and seniors \$5 Round-trip shuttle from 918 Bathurst

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## PERFORMANCE

**William Franklyn Leathers in Concert**

Don't miss this young trumpet and piano virtuoso. 8 pm \$45, \$40 Friends, \$40 students and seniors An associate partnership with Joy Bullen, Black History Month Concert Tours, and Presenting Sponsor TD Bank Group

# MARCH

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## FILM AND PERFORMANCE

**Wajd - Songs of Separation with performance by Rumi Canada**

Join us for music, dervishes, and a documentary tracing the journey of three Syrian refugees. 8 pm \$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

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## PERFORMANCE

**Bijan and Manijeh: A Love Story**

Enjoy a special English-language Naqqali, an ancient Persian form of storytelling. 3 pm \$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

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## FILM

**I Remember Better When I Paint**

Be inspired by this documentary about the benefits of the creative arts for those living with Alzheimer's. 7 pm Free

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## TALK

**The Moon: Mirror of Faith, Science, and the Arts with Dr. Christiane Gruber**

Discover the many meanings of the moon within Islamic art and culture. 2 pm \$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

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## LUNCHTIME TALK

**Of Blossoms and Rabbits with Dr. Ulrike Al-Khamis**

Take a cheerful journey through the colourful spring traditions reflected in Islamic art and culture. 1 pm Free with Museum admission

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## FILM AND PANEL DISCUSSION

**Minding Memory: Alzheimer's and the Arts**

Learn how creative therapies are benefiting those with Alzheimer's. See reverse for details. 7 pm \$20, Friends \$18, \$12 students and seniors

**MARCH BREAK FAMILY ACTIVITIES**  
MARCH 9–17, 2019  
Free with Museum admission

Discover the moon through Islamic arts and hands-on activities with special exploration stations. Drop-in between 12–4 pm to have a BLAST!

**SUMMER CAMPS 2019**  
HONOURING PETER GEORGE

Spend the summer in a world of discovery! Our summer camps — Moon Mission, Silk Route Traders, and Bright Lights — are packed with activities for kids ages 6–12. Campers make friends while exploring science, art, and history.

REGISTER NOW AT [AGAKHANMUSEUM.ORG/2019SUMMERCAMPS](http://AGAKHANMUSEUM.ORG/2019SUMMERCAMPS)

**Teachers, Bring Your Class!**  
Get in for free with your OCT card and plan your next school trip at the Museum. Customize your class visit, or choose from a roster of school programs for grades K–12. For curriculum links and booking details, visit [agakhanmuseum.org/learn](http://agakhanmuseum.org/learn) or email [learn@agakhanmuseum.org](mailto:learn@agakhanmuseum.org).

**Borrow a Free Pass with Your Library Card!**  
Visit the Toronto Public Library to borrow a free Museum pass. For details, go to [torontopubliclibrary.ca/mappass](http://torontopubliclibrary.ca/mappass)

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Show your PRESTO card to save 20% off general admission and 10% off on-site Shop purchases.

# APRIL

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## INSIGHT TOUR

**Permanent Collection: Syrian Living with Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip**

6:30 pm \$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

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## PERFORMANCE

**MoonVerse**

Take inspiration from this Sundance Award winner exploring memory loss and the healing power of music. Celebrate National Poetry Month with the moon as muse during this poetry and spoken word series. 6 pm Free

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## PERFORMANCE

**The Two Rivers Ensemble**

Groove to innovative, transcendent jazz infused with Iraqi maqam tones from Amir ElSaffar and his sextet. 8 pm \$40, \$36 Friends, \$30 students and seniors

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## ADULT COURSE

**Cultural Exchange: The Art of the Silk Routes with Sudharshan Durayappah**

Find out how the moon has influenced religion, science, and daily life well into the modern age. 1 pm 50% discount on parking available during the course

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## PERFORMANCE

**Comedy from The Other Side of Fear: Zahra Noorbakhsh**

Laugh with the unapologetic Iranian-American comic in her show, *On Behalf of All Muslims: A Work In Progress*. April 12: 8:30 pm & April 14: 4pm \$30, \$27 Friends, \$22.50 students and seniors Comedy ticket packages available online

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## ADULT WORKSHOP

**Celestial Jewellery-Making with Arzina Murji**

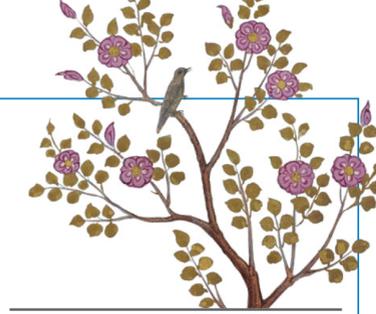
Learn to design and create your own jewellery inspired by our exhibition, *The Moon: A Voyage Through Time*. 11 am–4 pm \$50, \$45 Friends, \$40 students and seniors (+ \$30 materials fee)

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## PERFORMANCE

**Hamza Akram Qawwal and Brothers**

Be transfixed by the renowned ensemble performing qawwali, the ecstatic Sufi vocal tradition. 8:30 pm \$50, \$45 Friends, \$37.50 students and seniors



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## FILM

**Alive Inside**

Take inspiration from this Sundance Award winner exploring memory loss and the healing power of music. 7 pm Free

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## ADULT COURSE

**Gentle Yoga in the Aga Khan Museum**

Wednesdays, 8 am Continues through June 26 \$16, \$13.50 Friends Enjoy all twelve classes for \$160, \$135 Friends

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## LUNCHTIME TALK

**The Moon in Islamic Astronomy with Dr. Ingrid Hehmeyer**

Find out how the moon has influenced religion, science, and daily life well into the modern age. 1 pm Free with Museum admission

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## PERFORMANCE

**Comedy from The Other Side of Fear: #GoodMuslimBadMuslim Live Podcast Taping**

Be part of the live Canadian premiere recording of this hit American podcast. 8 pm \$30, \$27 Friends, \$22.50 students and seniors Comedy ticket packages available online

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## PERFORMANCE

**DakhaBrakha at Koerner Hall**

Experience mind-bending melodies at the crossroads of Ukrainian folklore, theatre, and global rhythms. 7 pm Tickets start at \$40, 10% discount for Friends Visit [rcmusic.com/performance](http://rcmusic.com/performance) for tickets. Presented in partnership with The Royal Conservatory of Music

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## PERFORMANCE

**Ashwini Bhide Deshpande**

Discover this acclaimed Indian classical vocalist as she performs rare and complex raags. 7 pm Tickets start at \$30, 10% discount for Friends An associate partnership with Raag-Mala Toronto

Programming subject to change. For the most up-to-date information, visit [agakhanmuseum.org](http://agakhanmuseum.org)

# AGA KHAN MUSEUM



## FAMILY PROGRAMMING

### Family Sundays

Sundays, 12–4 pm Free with Museum admission

### Family Exploration Kits

Pick up a complimentary activity kit on your next visit! Visit our Ticket Desk for details.

## TOURS

### Gallery, Special Exhibitions, and Architecture Tours

Daily, various times \$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors plus Museum admission



## FRIENDS SEE IT FIRST

Become a Friend of the Museum and enjoy special exhibition previews, discounts on dining and shopping, and free gallery admission for an entire year. To learn more, call 416.646.4667 or visit [agakhanmuseum.org/join-and-support](http://agakhanmuseum.org/join-and-support).

## WAYS TO SAVE ON YOUR VISIT

### Explore and More Pass

\$25 package includes admission, a tour, snack, and 10% Shop discount. Available for purchase online and at our Ticket Desk.



## ABOUT US

The Aga Khan Museum is a centre for innovation and creativity dedicated to connecting cultures through the arts. Through exhibitions, performing arts, films, talks, workshops, and more, the Museum showcases the contributions of Islamic civilizations, and serves as a catalyst for intercultural dialogue.

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## HOURS AND TICKETS

Monday: Closed (Open holiday Mondays)  
Tuesday: 10 am–6 pm  
Wednesday: 10 am–8 pm  
Thursday–Sunday: 10 am–6 pm  
Museum admission is free every Wednesday from 4–8 pm. Join us!

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