

FALL SEPT–DEC 2019

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AGA KHAN MUSEUM PROGRAM GUIDE



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5 YEARS OF CONNECTING CULTURES

Join us for our fifth anniversary celebrations! We first opened our doors on September 18th, 2014, becoming North America's first museum dedicated to Islamic art, changing perceptions, and sparking dialogue.

From Spain to China, Japan to Scandinavia, and Mughal India to modern Syria, we've had the honour of presenting hundreds of world-renowned artists, musicians, and thought leaders over the past five years.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to connecting cultures: our ever-curious visitors, our generous supporters, and our tireless volunteers and staff!

Let's celebrate together at our First Five Fest on August 31 (12–10 pm) and September 1 (12–6 pm) with live music, tasty food, art, and activities for all ages.

SHOP

Finish your holiday shopping early this year with our one-of-a-kind fall collection of fine jewellery, fashion, and home décor.



DIWAN

Delicious flavours, a delightful menu, and an authentically designed space make for an irresistible dining experience.

VIBRANT VENUE

For your next big occasion — from weddings and holiday parties to conferences — we are the elegant and inspired choice.



AFRICA!

Experience new dimensions of a vast and complex continent with a world-class lineup of art, performances, and talks in our fall season, *Africa!*

CARAVANS OF GOLD, FRAGMENTS IN TIME SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 – FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Caravans of Gold, a groundbreaking exhibition, transports you to medieval times when western Africa was at the heart of a global economy, stretching to Europe, the Middle East, and beyond – a history largely left out of our Western textbooks.

You'll encounter stunning masterpieces set beside new archeological discoveries, revealing how western Africa fuelled the world with ideas, luxuries, and coveted commodities, like ivory, salt, and gold. You'll also meet the legendary Mansa Musa – thought to be one of the wealthiest people of all time.

Featuring major loans from Mali, Morocco, and Nigeria – never before seen in Canada – you won't want to miss this surprising look into medieval history.

Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time: Art, Culture, and Exchange across Medieval Saharan Africa is organized by the Block Museum of Art and has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the human endeavor, as well as by Northwestern University's Buffett Institute for Global Studies. Two anonymous donors made possible the exhibition's travel to the National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution. Additional support is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Myers Foundations, the Alumnae of Northwestern University, the Robert Lehman Foundation, the Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation, and the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

BUILDING BLACK: CIVILIZATIONS SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 – FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Contemporary Ghanaian-Canadian artist Ekow Nimako speaks to Africa's remarkable history and its powerful future in an Afrofuturist exhibition, featuring a series of surrealist sculptures built with over 100,000 black LEGO® Bricks.

CHALLENGING WHAT WE KNOW

Our season's vibrant array of educational programming spotlights the history of African art and cultural exchange. Illuminating showcases from African embassies, thought-provoking local artists, and speakers from the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art and Northwestern's Block Museum of Art will challenge us to rethink the world's past, present, and future.

PAN-AFRICAN MUSIC AND FILM

From Madagascar's Toko Telo to the Okavango African Orchestra, our pan-African focus comes to life in our 2019/20 Performing Arts season, *Listening to Each Other*, which pays tribute to the role of the performative arts in connecting communities, preserving culture, and spurring social change.

2019 Performing Arts programs supported by



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FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION!

When you purchase a ticket to a performance, talk, or workshop, you get to explore the Museum for free, including our Museum Collection and special exhibitions.



NUIT BLANCHE
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 7 PM – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 7 AM

Arrivals and Encounters: Sama
Our dusk-till-dawn art celebration will transport you, revealing the ephemeral and the enduring.
From inside such tranquil spaces as Mongolian yurts, a First Nations' teepee, and a geodesic dome you will discover the many faces of Toronto: sleepless city, site for sacred discovery, and scene of unexpected encounters.
Sama, Arabic for listening, is the night's inspiration and we invite you to experience genre-blurring live music, whirling dervishes, opera performances, a virtual reality art installation, theatre, and much more!

Nuit Blanche is supported by the City of Toronto, Ontario Arts Council, and Canada Council for the Arts.

5TH ANNUAL DUENDE FLAMENCO FESTIVAL
NOVEMBER 13–23

In our fifth year, we bring you bold and innovative dance from two of the world's top flamenco performers – Eduardo Guerrero and Isaac Tovar – along with iconic local dancers and acclaimed Spanish cinema.
Event pricing and ticket package details available online: agakhanmuseum.org/Duende2019
FREE FILMS
Camarón. Flamenco y revolución
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7 pm
Polígono Sur
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 pm

PERFORMANCES
Esmeralda Enríque's Spanish Dance Company & Opening Reception with Tablao Flamenco Toronto
Saturday, Nov. 16, 6 pm
Dance a Mile in My Shoes/Bells
by Carmen Romero and Bageshree Vaze
Sunday, Nov. 17, 7 pm
Desplante by Eduardo Guerrero
Thursday, Nov. 21, 8:30 pm
Encuentro by Isaac Tovar
Saturday, Nov. 23, 8 pm



FREE POP-UP PERFORMANCES

Enjoy intimate performances from a diverse lineup of talented local artists in the Museum's public spaces and galleries.
Wednesdays: 5, 6, and 7 pm
Saturdays & Sundays: 12, 1, and 3 pm



SEPTEMBER

LAST CHANCE TO SEE THE MOON!

Enjoy performances, talks, and interactive activities Wednesdays from 4 to 8 pm, under Luke Jerram's Moon sculpture, extended until September 15.

For details, visit: agakhanmuseum.org/FarewellMoon

12 LUNCHTIME TALK
Behind the Scenes of Our First Five Years
How do you build a museum? Join five of our senior staff to hear stories about everything from building design to exhibition planning.
Thursday, 1 pm
Free with Museum admission

22 KEYNOTE TALK
Telling the Story of Medieval Africa with Dr. Kathleen Bickford Berzock
Hear the curator of *Caravans of Gold* discuss western Africa's remarkable influence during the medieval era.
Sunday, 2 pm
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

28 PERFORMANCE
Toko Telo
Experience alluring folk music from three of Madagascar's stars, including one of the world's top guitarists.
Saturday, 8 pm
\$40, \$36 Friends, \$30 students and seniors

30 PERFORMANCE
Emel Mathlouthi: Album Release Concert
Enjoy the otherworldly electronic melodies of a Tunisian singer known as the "voice of the Tunisian revolution."
Monday, 8:30 PM
\$25, \$22.50 Friends, \$18.75 students and seniors

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SEPTEMBER 28–29, 2019
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Take advantage of exclusive benefits, including free admission to all of our exhibitions and special previews for a full year. Plus, you'll receive discounts on our performances, courses, and lectures, as well as at the Shop, Café, Diwan Restaurant, and on parking.
For a full list of levels and benefits visit our website at agakhanmuseum.org/support/friends.html or call 416.646.4667.

OCTOBER

1 INSIGHT TOUR
Saharan Pathways of Islamic Art with Dr. Michael Chagnon
Travel across the Sahara Desert, gaining insight into masterpieces from medieval African empires.
Tuesday, 6:30 pm
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

11–12 FILM
Toronto Middle Eastern and North African Film Festival
Dive into new worlds with a showcase of powerful dramas and documentaries.
Friday, Oct. 11: 5–9 pm
Saturday, Oct. 12: 2–7:30 pm
Day Pass: \$50, \$45 Friends, \$37.50 students and seniors
Weekend Pass: \$85

19 PERFORMANCE
Sublime Sitar with Pandit Budhaditya Mukherjee
Experience the exquisite music of one of India's top sitarists and winner of a 2019 Padma Bhushan award.
Saturday, 7:30 pm
\$40 orchestra, \$30 balcony, and 10% off for Friends

24 LUNCHTIME TALK
Travels in Africa: Word and Image with Dr. Michael Chagnon
Challenge what you know about history with a look at medieval texts and stunning artworks from *Caravans of Gold*.
Thursday, 1 pm
Free with Museum admission

Art TO
Art Toronto
October 25–27, 2019
The Aga Khan Museum is proud to be a cultural partner of Canada's international fair for modern and contemporary art, celebrating its 20th year.
Metro Toronto Convention Centre
North Building
255 Front Street West, Toronto
For details, visit arttoronto.ca.

9 FALL FILM SERIES
Nollywood Babylon
Get an electric look at the powerhouse that is Nigeria's film industry, one of the largest in the world.
Wednesday, 6 pm
Free
Presented in partnership with the National Film Board.

16 FALL FILM SERIES
Youssef N'Dour: I Bring What I Love
Venture into the controversy that arose when this Senegalese pop superstar released a deeply spiritual album about Islam.
Wednesday, 6 pm
Free

23 ADULT COURSE
Silk Routes: Caravans of Gold & Beyond with Sudharshan Durayappah
Learn about the Asian, African, and Middle Eastern trade routes that shaped our past and inform our present.
Wednesdays until Nov. 20, 6:30–8:30 pm & Saturday, Nov. 30, 10 am–12 pm
\$210, \$180 Friends, \$150 students and seniors

29 INSIGHT TOUR
Insights into India with Dr. Marika Sardar
Discover treasures of Indian art, delving into the world of illuminated Qur'ans, Mughal court paintings, and Portuguese trade goods.
Tuesday, 6:30 pm
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

30 PERFORMANCE
Yemen Blues plays Hallel
Groove to an irresistible blend of jazz, rock, blues, funk, and Yemenite spiritual music.
Wednesday, 8:30 pm
\$50, \$45 Friends, \$37.50 students and seniors
A co-production with the Ashkenaz Festival

NOVEMBER

1 OFFSITE PERFORMANCE
Naseer Shamma & Orontes: Flamenco Night at the Bluma Appel Theatre, 27 Front St. East
Feel Flamenco rhythms from one of the world's pre-eminent oud masters and a Syrian guitar quartet.
Friday, 7:30 pm
For tickets, please visit stlc.com.
A co-production with Canadian Arabic Orchestra

3 PERFORMANCE
Charisu
Be whisked away by classical pieces from Iranian and Canadian composers in this spirited chamber concert.
Sunday, 3 pm
\$40, \$36 Friends, \$30 students and seniors
An associate partnership with Charisu

8 PERFORMANCE
Festival of Arabic Music and Arts: Maghrebian Night
Enjoy the rhythms of Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco in a classical music concert that brings North Africa to life.
Friday, 7:30 pm
\$50 orchestra, \$45 balcony
10% off for Friends, students, and seniors
An associate partnership with Canadian Arabic Orchestra

9 PERFORMANCE
Okavango African Orchestra
Don't miss this Juno-winning group that unites musicians from seven African countries to create fresh musical languages.
Saturday, 8 pm
\$35, \$31.50 Friends, \$26.25 students and seniors
Presented in collaboration with Batuki Music

17 WORKSHOP
Modern Batik: Expressive Explorations with Deon Best
Create unique and colourful designs on fabric using a traditional wax and dye technique.
Sunday, 11 am–4 pm
\$50, \$45 Friends, \$40 students and seniors (+\$30 materials fee)

2 PERFORMANCE
The Maghreb Project
Move to the beat of a 9-piece ensemble, crossing cultural borders to bring you the sounds of North Africa's Sahara.
Saturday, 8 pm
\$35, \$31.50 Friends, \$26.25 students and seniors
Presented in collaboration with Batuki Music

7 PERFORMANCE
Festival of Arabic Music and Arts: Greek Arabia Concert
Journey from the Acropolis to Constantinople with classical music that intertwines Greek and Arabic melodies.
Thursday, 7:30 pm
\$45 orchestra, \$40 balcony
10% off for Friends, students, and seniors
An associate partnership with Canadian Arabic Orchestra

9 WORKSHOP
West African Drumming and Dance with VIBE Arts
Be inspired by the rhythms of West Africa as you learn traditional drumming and dance techniques.
Saturday, 2–4 pm
\$35, \$30 Friends, \$25 students and seniors

14 LUNCHTIME TALK
Ivory and Gold: Islamic Spain & Trans-Saharan Trade with Dr. Mariam Rosser-Owen
Join a Victoria and Albert Museum curator to explore the politics of the gold and ivory trades in the medieval era.
Thursday, 1 pm
Free with Museum admission

21 INSIGHT TOUR
Building Black: Civilizations with Ekow Nimako
Take an intimate tour of a dynamic Afrofuturist exhibition with the artist behind it and learn about his inspiration.
Thursday, 6:30 pm
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

29 PERFORMANCE & CONVERSATION
Ahmed Ag Kaedy
Experience the desert rock and protest music that forced this Malian musician into exile, followed by a moderated talk.
Friday, 8:30 pm
\$35, \$31.50 Friends, \$26.25 students and seniors

DECEMBER

1 TALK
Trade Networks and Empires: African Art's Many Golden Ages with Dr. Augustus Casely-Hayford
Hear the Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art discuss how art can carve out empires and shape history.
Sunday, 2 pm
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

5 LUNCHTIME TALK
Picking up the Pieces: Reimagining Black Civilizations with Ekow Nimako
Find out what inspired our feature artist to devote 600 hours to building a 6x6 ft. sculpture out of black LEGO Bricks.
Thursday, 1 pm
Free with Museum admission

21–22 OFFSITE PERFORMANCE
Rebirth of the Sun at the Ismaili Centre, Toronto
Celebrate the winter solstice with ancient stories told through music, song, chants, dances, and whirling dervishes.
Saturday, 4 pm and 8 pm & Sunday, 4 pm
\$30, \$27 Friends, \$22.50 students and seniors
Co-production with the Ismaili Centre, Toronto
With support from Canada Council for the Arts

3 INSIGHT TOUR
On Blue with Bitá Pourvash
Discover why the colour blue is a symbol for mystics and lovers in Islamic art.
Tuesday, 6:30 pm
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

8 FALL FILM SERIES
Amazing Grace
Witness Aretha Franklin's soul-stirring talent in this documentary featuring never-before-seen footage.
Sunday, 1 pm
Free

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY
Ring in 2020 at the Museum!
A sensational night celebrating the new decade, with dinner, music, and admission to our galleries.
Stay tuned for more details!

LIGHT UP THE DARK
Our spectacular 3D video projection returns for the holidays! Watch as the Museum's facade transforms into a dynamic work of art.

COMING MARCH 2020
EXHIBITION SANCTUARY
MARCH 21 – AUGUST 23
Step inside a space dedicated to exploring the idea of sanctuary. Thirty-six artists from around the world, including Brendan Fernandes and Mona Hatoum, have designed spectacular woven rugs in response to their personal reflections on sanctuary – whether that means safe haven, sacred space, place of beauty, or something entirely unique.
Organized by the FORSITE Foundation with the support of ALRUG.

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FAMILY PROGRAMMING
Bring the kids and enjoy fun hands-on activities for the whole family!
Family Sundays
Sundays, 12–4 pm
Make art and memories in our Education Centre.
Free with Museum admission
Family Exploration Activities
Pick up a complimentary activity guide and take your family on an exploration of the galleries.
See Ticket Desk for details.

TEACHERS, BRING YOUR CLASS!
Get in for free with your OCT card and plan your class trip to the Museum. Customize your class visit, or choose from a roster of school programs for Pre-K to Grade 12. For curriculum links and booking details, visit agakhanmuseum.org/learn or email learn@agakhanmuseum.org.

GAIN NEW KNOWLEDGE ON OUR TOURS
Museum Collection, Special Exhibitions, and Architecture
Ever wonder what inspired the building's architect or the pieces in our Museum Collection? Take part in our daily tours offered at various times.
\$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors
Museum admission required

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ABOUT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM

The Aga Khan Museum is a centre for innovation and creativity dedicated to connecting cultures through the arts. With 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

Monday: Closed*

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.

*Open holiday Mondays, 10 am–6 pm: September 2 (Labour Day)

October 14 (Thanksgiving Day)

For up-to-date information about modified hours, please visit agakhanmuseum.org/hours.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

December 24: 10 am–4 pm

December 31: 10 am–4 pm

December 25: Closed

January 1: 10 am–8 pm

December 30: 10 am–6 pm