

SUMMER MAY–AUG 2017

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AGA KHAN MUSEUM PROGRAM GUIDE



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*Nous connaissons-nous
seulement un peu nous-mêmes,
sans les arts?
Gabrielle Roy (1909-1983)
Could we ever know
each other in the slightest
without the arts?*

BILL REID (1920-1998)

HERE

LOCATING CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN ARTISTS

July 22, 2017 to January 1, 2018

What can an ancient Roman carving in the Aga Khan Museum's Collection tell us about being Canadian? The answers lie *HERE*. Encounter Museum-wide installations of video, textiles, painting, and sculpture that convey the diversity of more than 20 artists. Think differently about Canadian identity this summer and join us in celebrating Canada's 150 years as a nation.

Adorned with acanthus leaves on one side and Kufic script on the other, a marble artifact in the Aga Khan Museum Collection is a testament to artistic ingenuity. Its original purpose? Architectural decoration for an ancient Roman structure. Yet, in the 10th century, it was repurposed to mark the grave of a leather merchant. The object bears the inscriptions of different cultures and different times. Its many layers speak to and through each other; its present is the sum of at least two pasts.

The contemporary artists featured in *HERE* suggest that Canadian identity, too, is made of many "inscriptions" and many stories. Whether Canadian-born or naturalized, permanent resident or ex-pat, these artists carry experiences from multiple geographies and generations, from neighbours old and new. Rich with questions, their works may point to a pathway for both individuals and nations. Building a future means recognizing our complex histories, finding spaces to grow, and allowing means conversations to continue.

Curator
Swapnaa Tamhane

To learn more about the artworks shown on the front cover and above, visit agakhanmuseum.org/HERE.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

PANEL DISCUSSION

Canadian Artists Being *HERE*

Saturday, July 22, 2-4 pm
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students
and seniors

LECTURE

What is Being *HERE*? with Swapnaa Tamhane

Thursday, August 3, 1-2 pm
Free with Museum admission

For details and more exhibition-related programming, see pages 6-7.



SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

REBEL, JESTER, MYSTIC, POET

CONTEMPORARY PERSIANS

Closing June 4, 2017

“Splendid, politically charged pieces.”

— Vibhu Gairola, *Toronto Life*

Before it's too late, experience this world premiere exhibition bringing together 23 of Iran's most innovative contemporary artists — and discover a rare and multidimensional portrait of Iranian art today.

Curator

Dr. Fereshteh Daftari

Organized by the Aga Khan Museum
with the cooperation of Mohammed Afkhami,
Mohammed Afkhami Foundation

ARTISTS' SYMPOSIUM

Rebels, Jesters, Mystics, Poets

Saturday, May 27, 2–5 pm

\$15, \$14 Friends, \$10 students and seniors

Includes same-day Museum admission

Join us for lively roundtable discussions and artists' talks exploring key questions such as “Who are Persians Today?” Speakers include curator Dr. Fereshteh Daftari, scholar Dr. Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak (University of Maryland), and selected exhibition artists.

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE

Vocodeliks

with Sussan Deyhim

Friday, June 2, 8 pm

\$40, \$36 Friends

Includes same-day Museum admission

Our exhibition *Rebel, Jester, Mystic, Poet: Contemporary Persians* draws to an unforgettable conclusion with a performance by Sussan Deyhim. Witness this multi-talented Iranian-American vocalist, composer, and performance artist in action.



CHANGING SPACES, CHANGING FACES

An artwork of exquisite beauty and extraordinary labour, Aisha Khalid's tapestry *Your Way Begins on the Other Side* was the first contemporary work acquired by the Museum, and it has fascinated visitors since 2014. Like other fragile objects in our Collection, it now requires time away from the light of the atrium to extend its life. See it again before July 9, and watch for new creations in this space as we welcome the artists featured in *HERE*.



LEARNING AT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM

Travel the world and across time with this season's educational programs. Enrich your experience of our exhibitions, and be creative in our Education Centre!

AFTERNOON LECTURES

Free with Museum admission

Rare Performing Arts Traditions from Pakistan

Thursday, May 18, 1–2 pm

From the highlands of the Karakoram to the emerald waters of the Makran coast, journey with Umair Jaffar across Pakistan to uncover musical traditions at risk of extinction.

Brave Warriors of Diez

Thursday, June 22, 1–2 pm

Explore the arms and armament of medieval Central Asia and Iran. Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip introduces the drawings and paintings of the Diez Albums (Berlin State Library).

Palmyra: Ancient City, Modern Landscape

Thursday, July 13, 1–2 pm

What clues about Palmyra's public and daily life can be found in the site's surviving artifacts? Dr. Clemens Reichel (Royal Ontario Museum, University of Toronto) offers an archaeological perspective.

What is Being *HERE*?

Thursday, August 3, 1–2 pm

Consider the meaning of place and identity as curator Swapna Tamhane shares her insights into *HERE: Locating Contemporary Canadian Artists*. After the talk, continue the conversation with Swapna for 20 minutes in the gallery.

COURSE

Medieval History: East Meets West

Wednesdays, May 10 to June 14, 6–8 pm

\$210, \$180 Friends, \$150 students and seniors

50% parking discount available during the course

In this six-week course with Andrew Watts, learn how advancements in architecture, science, and medicine were shared between East and West when trade flourished along the Silk Routes.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Canadian Artists Being *HERE*

Saturday, July 22, 2–4 pm

\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

Join curator Swapna Tamhane and artists from the *HERE* exhibition for a panel discussion exploring what "here" means for Canadian artists today.

WORKSHOPS

The Divine Line:

An Introduction to Islamic Calligraphy

Sunday, June 11, 11 am–4 pm

\$50, \$45 Friends, \$40 students and seniors (+ materials fee \$25)

Discover the fundamentals of writing in elegant Thuluth script with Sehar Shahzad.

The Art of Islamic Pattern: The Arabesque

Sunday, July 9, 11 am–4 pm

\$50, \$45 Friends, \$40 students and seniors

Delve into the history of the arabesque with Unaiza Karim, then create unique patterns of your own.

GET READY FOR SUMMER CAMP

Dress to Impress (Ages 6–8) and Silk Route Adventures (Ages 9–12)

July 17 to 21, 9 am–4 pm

Art Treasures (Ages 6–8) and Science Explorers (Ages 9–12)

July 24 to 28, 9 am–4 pm

\$300, \$270 Friends per session

Our Camps are packed with fun and educational activities for kids between the ages of 6 and 12.

YOUTH EXHIBITION

Fredric Roberts Photography Workshop 2017 Graduation Installation

Saturday, August 19, 12–6 pm and

Sunday, August 20, 10 am–6 pm

Free

Stop by our atrium to see the extraordinary results of this week-long photography workshop with 20 local youth.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Sundays

Sundays, 12–4 pm

Free with Museum admission

Drop into our Education Centre for art activities themed to our current exhibitions. Designed for children ages 5–12. Adult accompaniment required.

THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM WELCOMES TEACHERS

Teachers, did you know we offer school programs for Grades K–12, and that admission is free with your OCT card? For curriculum links and booking details, visit our Learn pages at agakhanmuseum.org/learn or email learn@agakhanmuseum.org.

LOOK FOR US AT THE TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Enjoy free art activities at branches across the city on these Saturdays:

Fort York Library

Saturday, May 6, 11 am–12 pm

Thornclyffe Library

Saturday, May 13, 2–3 pm

S. Walter Stewart Library

Saturday, July 8, 10:30–11:30 am

The Aga Khan Museum is a proud partner of MAP Family Saturdays. For more information, visit torontopubliclibrary.ca.



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PERFORMANCES

This spring and summer, find a new perspective! Hear a familiar instrument with fresh ears. Revisit history in a new light. Discover the contemporary spirit of an ancient art form.



Parvathy Baul



Quest (2017)



Step (2017)



The Other Side of the Wall (2017)

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SAMAH: Dance of Bharatanatyam to the Mystic Poetry of South Asia

Friday, June 16, 8 pm

Starting at \$45, 10% off for Friends

Includes same-day Museum admission

Join acclaimed dancer-choreographer Janaki Rangarajan for an evening that pushes the frontiers of *Bharatanatyam*, an ancient Indian dance form, to new horizons. Live music and the poetry of Bulleh Shah, Kabir, and Rumi provide inspiration.

Presented in partnership with



Sacred Spirit with Parvathy Baul

Thursday, August 24, 8 pm

\$40, \$36 Friends

Includes same-day Museum admission

Be inspired and transported as Parvathy Baul takes to our stage, interpreting the sacred Bengali musical form called Baul through song and dance.

Presented in partnership with Old City Collective.



Janaki Rangarajan

HOT DOCS FILM FESTIVAL

Come to the Museum for on-screen action this spring, when our auditorium becomes a venue for Hot Docs, North America's largest documentary festival. Enjoy multiple screenings for one discounted price with a special Ticket Package. For details and to purchase tickets, please visit hotdocs.ca.

The Other Side of the Wall (Pau Ortiz, 2017, 68 min., PG)

Sunday, May 7, 1 pm

\$17

With their mother sentenced to prison, two teenaged Honduran immigrants suddenly become the sole providers for their younger siblings and struggle to balance their adolescent dreams with newfound adult responsibilities.

69 Minutes of 86 Days (Egil Håskjold Larsen, 2017, 70 min., PG)

Sunday, May 7, 3:30 pm

\$17

From an unfamiliar Greek port to the quiet streets of Uppsala, Sweden, a brave three-year-old Syrian refugee makes the journey through Europe with her family to find comfort and a fresh start in a new home.

Presented in partnership with



Step (Amanda Lipitz, 2017, 83 min., PG)

Sunday, May 7, 5:45 pm

\$17

Meet the fierce and inspiring "Lethal Ladies" of the Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women — a dynamic step dance team battling the odds to make it to the championship and become successful graduates.

Quest (Jonathan Olshefski, 2017, 105 min., 14A)

Sunday, May 7, 9:15 pm

\$17

Set against the backdrop of a country now in turmoil, this intimate film follows an African-American family in North Philadelphia whose home music studio serves as a creative sanctuary from strife.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

World Fiddle Day

Saturday, May 20, 10 am–10 pm

\$25 for the day

Enjoy the best of world music on bowed strings through morning workshops, a free afternoon jam session, and an evening concert led by guest artists Kousha Nakhaei, Amely Zhou, Anne Lindsay, Pascal Gemme and Yann Falquet, and DnA. For more information, visit worldfiddledaytoronto.ca.

A community partnership presented with World Fiddle Day Toronto, Small World Music, and the Ismaili Centre, Toronto.

FILM

The Sultan and the Saint

(Alexander Kronemer, 2016, 58 min., NR)

Thursday, June 8, 7:30 pm

\$12, \$10 Friends

How did the 13th-century encounter between Malik Al-Kamil, Sultan of Egypt, and St. Francis of Assisi help change the course of history? Find out in the Canadian premiere of this powerful docudrama.

A community partnership presented with Unity Productions Foundation and the Ismaili Centre, Toronto.



COMING THIS FALL

Look out for *Conversation Nation*, an inspiring Canada 150 series showcasing the cultural diversity of our country's performing arts scene! Experience magic *HERE* as artists celebrate their global roots through innovative music and cross-cultural conversations.



DIWAN DINING ON THE PATIO

Our outdoor terrace sizzles with grilled dishes and signature drinks perfect for patio season. Relax at lunch, or enjoy a cocktail or mocktail with friends. Open from Victoria Day to Labour Day, weather permitting. Check agakhanmuseum.org for hours and special menus.

To book Diwan's patio for your next special event, email private.events@agakhanmuseum.org or call 416.646.4671.



POP-UP PERFORMANCES

Saturdays and Sundays (12 pm, 1 pm, 3 pm)

Wednesdays (5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm)

Free

Unplugged, informal, and often surprising, our Pop-Up Performances take musicians all over the Museum — and listeners all over the world. Get introduced to instruments and musical traditions you've never encountered before. Meet local musicians, and find out how cultures connect. These 30-minute performances will open your ears and your imagination.

Supported by



PRIVATE EVENTS

With reflecting pools, a light-filled atrium, and an auditorium that seats over 335 guests, the Aga Khan Museum is a stunning venue for your next private or corporate event.

For details, email private.events@agakhanmuseum.org or call 416.646.4671.



DANCING IN THE PARK

Music moves outdoors this summer! Enjoy community folk dances and workshops, dance-inspired films, rhythms that will keep you moving — and delicious food to fuel you for the action. All events are free.

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Celebrating Community

Friday, June 9, 7–10 pm
Saturday, June 17, 7–10 pm
Friday, June 23, 7–10 pm
Saturday, July 8, 7–10 pm

On four summer evenings, take part in interactive performances and workshops on the Diwan Patio. Learn new or familiar folk dances, including the Gujarati *Garba*, Punjabi *Bhangra*, and Afghan *Attan*.

Dance Films Under the Stars at the Aga Khan Park

Saturday, August 12, 9 pm
Saturday, August 26, 9 pm

Bring your blanket and be moved by dance on film.

Music That Makes You Move at the Aga Khan Park

Saturday, July 22, 6:30 pm
Saturday, August 19, 6:30 pm

Feel the rhythm as local dance bands jam in the Park.

Programming subject to change. Visit agakhanmuseum.org for the most up-to-date information.

Aga Khan Park Tours

May 2 to September 4, 4:15 pm
\$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors
Museum admission not required

Discover the centuries of architectural history that have inspired our Park and its many plantings.

Yoga in the Park

July 5 to August 30, 8–9 am
\$12, \$10 Friends (per session)
Enjoy all nine sessions for \$90! \$81 Friends

Stretching and gentle movement in a magnificent setting: the perfect way to start your morning. In July, our popular yoga sessions led by certified yoga instructor Arzina Murji move outdoors to the Aga Khan Park. Walk-ups welcome.

(Can't wait until July? Join Arzina in the Museum atrium for rejuvenating indoor sessions through June 28. For details, visit agakhanmuseum.org.)

Canada Day Celebrations

Saturday, July 1, 12–3 pm
Let's celebrate Canada's 150th birthday in the Aga Khan Park with food and fun-filled activities.

Artists' Symposium: Rebels, Jesters, Mystics, Poets

Saturday, May 27, 2–5 pm
\$15, \$14 Friends, \$10 students and seniors
Includes same-day Museum admission
For full details, see page 4.

Doors Open Toronto

May 27 and 28, 10 am–5 pm
We're excited to participate again this year in the city's popular event. Family activities in the Education Centre, architecturally-inspired tours, and half-price admission to our exhibitions are just some of our special offerings in store. While you're here, be sure to take an architectural tour of the Ismaili Centre, located steps away from our front doors.



DINE

With spectacular views of the Park in bloom, Mark McEwan's Diwan offers you a front row seat on spring and summer. Enjoy dishes inspired by our exhibitions and the cuisines of India, North Africa, and the Middle East. Open for lunch Tuesday to Sunday, 11:30 am to 2:30 pm (opentable.com).

Reserve Diwan for your wedding reception, private dinner, or corporate event. For details, contact private.events@agakhanmuseum.org or 416.646.4671.



JOIN TODAY!

Friends of the Museum are the first to experience exhibitions, and always visit for free. Take advantage of special discounts on dining and shopping, invitations to exclusive events, and more.

Experience even more as a Patron and enjoy enhanced access to the Museum.

To learn more or join, call 416.646.4667 or visit agakhanmuseum.org/join-and-support.

HOURS AND TICKETS

Monday: Closed (except 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!

HOLIDAY HOURS

Victoria Day: May 22, 10 am–6 pm
Canada Day: July 3, 10 am–6 pm
Simcoe Day (Civic Holiday): August 7, 10 am–6 pm
Labour Day: September 4, 10 am–6 pm

General Admission

Friends: Free
Adults (65+): \$20
Seniors (65+): \$15
Students:* \$12
Children & Youth (6–13): \$10
Family Package:* \$50

*For more information, please visit agakhanmuseum.org.

HOW TO GET HERE

The Aga Khan Museum is located at 77 Wynford Drive, Toronto. For directions, parking information, and TTC routes, please visit agakhanmuseum.org.

TOURS

Enrich your experience at the Museum by taking a tour with a knowledgeable Museum guide: \$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors, plus admission (no admission required for Park tours). Book these tours at the Tickets Desk when you arrive. For details, visit agakhanmuseum.org/visit/tours.

Group Sales

Do you have a group of 10 or more? Are you a hotel professional, meeting planner, or tour operator? To discuss special rates and options, call Group Reservations at 416.646.4678 or visit agakhanmuseum.org/visit/group-visit for details.

School Visits

Teachers, bring your students to the Aga Khan Museum for a fun, Ontario Curriculum-driven session of exploring and creating. Customize your own visit, or choose from a roster of Aga Khan Museum school programs.

For details on school programs, visit agakhanmuseum.org/learn or email learn@agakhanmuseum.org.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Aga Khan Museum is wheelchair-accessible. Drop-offs at the street-level entrance can be made prior to parking.

A limited number of wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about accessibility, please call 416.646.4677 ext. 7700.

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SHOP

The Aga Khan Museum Shop is proud to feature one-of-a-kind jewellery, ceramics, and home accessories by local and international artists. Visit this spring and summer for all that and more, including a wedding registry and corporate gift plan.

Shop in person or online at shop.agakhanmuseum.org.



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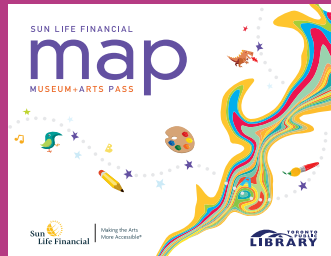
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