



### THE ART GALLERY OF MISSISSAUGA ENGAGE . CREATE . BUILD



# VISITORS AT THE GALLERY





- 19,500 VISITORS IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL (2021)
- 106 ARTISTS ENGAGED

# 12 CULTURALLY DIVERSE EXHIBITIONS

XiaoJing Yan Qi of Water





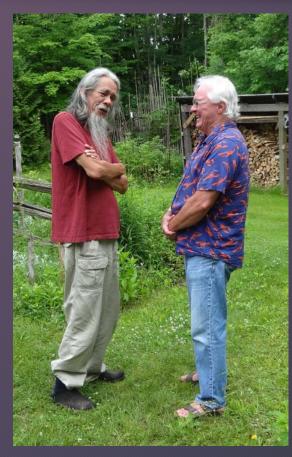
Syed Iqbal Art of a Young Nation: Bangladesh

The AGM continues to promote cultural awareness through art by creating welcoming and inclusive gathering spaces in the community of Mississauga.



#### OUR ONGOING COMMITMENT TO INDIGENOUS ART & EDUCATION

Darkness does not belong in the Shadows



Paul Shilling (Dazaunggee) & Ted Fullerton

"Working to shed what was taught and invite the new and ever-changing self to heal." -Paul Shilling (Dazaunggee)







# AGM INAUGURAL JURIED ART SHOW



AGM hosted it's first Juried Art Show inviting artists from all over the province to participate and engage in community based arts.

Through collaboration between artists and community AGM supported socially engaged art practices and further created new connections.



# ONGOING EDUCATIONAL PORTFOLIO

- Juried Show, postmortem Talk and tour invited artists to participate in a full exhibition walk through
- Juror Fausta Facciponte facilitated an educational talk outlining to artists what things jurors look for in submissions
- As our educational commitment we continue this process through ongoing mentorship







# ART GALLERY OF MISSISSAUGA COMMUNITY BUILDING

#### Our commitment to FIRST. NEW. NEXT

Community partners Include;

MOYO Embrave (Interim Place) Newcomer Centre of Peel Peel Multicultural Council The DAM Youth Group Access 2 Accessibility Mississauga Writers Group Community Living Mississauga Punjabi Community Health Services Afghan Women's Organization Dixie Bloor Neighbourhood Centre INK Movement COSTI Immigrant Services Hispanic Canadian Arts Native Canadian Centre of Toronto National Film Board Mississauga Board of Trade Mississauga Arts Council Heritage Mississauga **Erin Mills Town Centre** Cawthra Park Secondary Eagle Crest Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation Mississauga Civic Child Care Centre Community Foundation of Mississauga CACD **Galleries** Ontario **Ontario Museums Association** 



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"Art helps us to have conversations" -Zongwe Bineskikwe

Three Year Program engaging the community across the multicultural landscape of Mississauga and beyond through the art of storytelling.

The *border crossings* program will continue in AGM programming in 2022.



# border crossings





**10-Part Learning Course with Community Partners** 



# LOVE LAB

- A queer photo/film tech-residency that is engaging community in an intersectional conversation and training young LGBTQ2S+ emerging artists within the 905 area.
- Emerging artists are learning skills guided by a team of experienced mentors. Mindshare Workspace and technology partner, Panasonic contribute through educational artmaking activities and in gallery residencies.
- Exhibition March 2022





#### AGM EXPANDS TO SATELLITE LOCATIONS-ERIN MILLS TOWN CENTRE

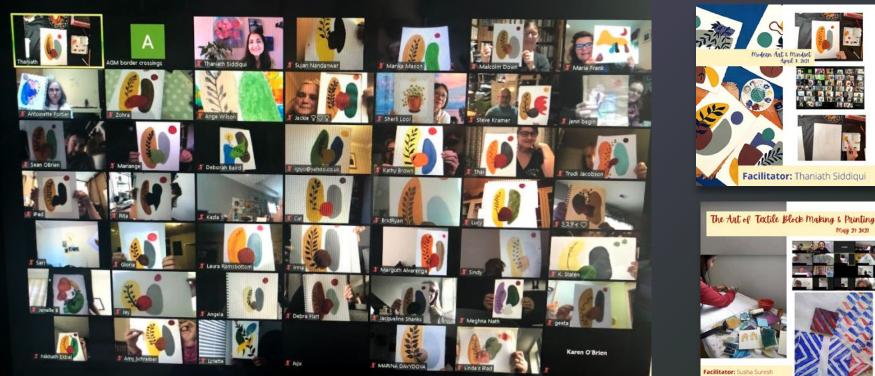
- Creative Art Days in the Centre
- HAZEL: 100 YEARS OF MEMORIES



Breaking Barriers Project: Funded in part by Community Foundation of Mississauga



#### OUR DIVERSE GLOBAL AUDIENCE FOR ALL AGES





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### ART GALLERY OF MISSISSAUGA PERMANENT COLLECTION



The Art Gallery of Mississauga is committed to the preservation and archiving of contemporary art that reflects the excellence and diversity found in the community of Mississauga.

Claude Breeze "Spikey Road" 1974



# DIVERSITY, EQUITY AND INCLUSION AUDIT

- Art Gallery of Mississauga's commitment to a Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Audit is well underway.
- The audit was undertaken to further embrace inclusion, and remove any precedent-setting or existing diversity, and equity-related gaps at the AGM.
- It was conducted over the summer and the assessment concluded.
- An action plan along with capacity building is being developed with the support of RDR and reports are being generated.



## STRENGTHENING CULTURE IN MISSISSAUGA

The AGM has strengthened its community relations by promoting a genuine dialogue and conversation around art experiences.

A Public Advisory Committee of seven community members meets quarterly to provide input, perspectives, advice and knowledge on matters, strategies, creative practice, activities and events at the AGM - to enhance and promote the diversity and inclusion of the AGM



# ENGAGE. CREATE. BUILD

- The AGM is committed to enhancing community engagement and continuing with the ability to provide free access and programming, the maintenance of a safe space and support/employment of artists, artist facilitators/educators and guest curators.
- The AGM continues to pioneer new and dynamic ways to curate, collaborate and present meaningful and relevant art experiences and promote cultural awareness, diversity and inclusion through art.
- The AGM continues to pivot in response to social challenges and is working to enhance its portfolio in digital art and expanding our outreach in Mississauga with satellite exhibitions and diversified programming.
- We continue to source spaces in the community for storage as we continue to receive generous donations from local and Canadian artists, in addition to an estate endowment – to ensure its archival integrity for future generations and art scholars.



# COMMITMENT

- The continued success of the AGM is dependent on the support of its funders.
- The AGM's relationship with the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Ontario Arts Council and the Canada Council for the Arts remains strong and unconditional.
- The same strong funding commitment needs to be recognized by the City of Mississauga, the 6<sup>th</sup> largest City in Canada, of its premier gallery.



## PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

- 2021 was a difficult year beginning with the provincial COVID lockdown, reduced hours/laid off staff and a significantly reduced operational budget while maintaining our commitment to free access to the public.
- As of July, the AGM is back to maintaining a full operational portfolio – staffing remains at reduced hours
- Free and accessible arts provided by the Art Gallery of Mississauga increases employment, enforces positive mental health in the community, drives economic development and flourishes tourism in our city, including international relations.
- To maintain and grow our commitment to the community since 1987, the AGM requires significant support from the City of Mississauga
- As representatives in the greater diverse community of artists and citizens of Mississauga, we respectfully ask council for your affirmation and financial commitment.



## Thank You

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