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Larger than life Linc on view at Art Gallery of Hamilton

Members of the public can see a bust of the Honourable Lincoln Alexander at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. Titled *Lincoln M. Alexander 'Portrait Bust Tribute'*, this large painted resin sculpture of the beloved Hamiltonian will be on view at the AGH until May 13th, as a complement to the Gallery's banner exhibition, *FRAMED: The Art of the Portrait*.

There is no admission charge to view this bust by artist Gino Cavicchioli.

Born in 1922, Lincoln MacCauley Alexander served in the Royal Canadian Air Force during World War II, before settling in Hamilton and attending McMaster University. He went on to become Canada's first elected black Member of Parliament in 1968, and then the first black Canadian to serve in a vice-regal position when he was appointed Ontario's Lieutenant Governor in 1985. He has been awarded the Order of Ontario and made a Companion of the Order of Canada. His record of service to this country continues today in his role as spokesman on race relations and veteran's issues.

"Linc is a long-time friend and supporter of the AGH, a great Hamilton booster, and a distinguished Canadian," said AGH President and CEO Louise Dompierre. "We're delighted that his likeness is joining us at the Gallery."

Cavicchioli is a Hamilton artist who spent his formative years in Rome, Italy among works by some of the great masters of sculpture. Cavicchioli approached former mayor Larry Dilanni in 2006 to arrange an introduction to Lincoln Alexander, in the hopes of creating a bust in homage to the great man. Alexander ultimately agreed, and the result is an astoundingly lively and uncanny likeness to his subject, the result of over 200 hours of clay work. Cavicchioli has said of his portraiture: "I want it to look like them, but even more, I want if to feel like them." He plans to create 10 bronze casts.

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is located at 123 King Street West in downtown Hamilton, 905-527-6610. Gallery hours: Tuesday and Wednesday Noon to 7 pm, Thursday and Friday Noon to 9 pm, Saturday and Sunday Noon to 5 pm. Closed Mondays.

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