



Art Gallery of Hamilton

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BACKGROUND

- Founded in 1914, the AGH is the 8th oldest gallery in Canada.
- Third largest public art gallery in Ontario.
- Permanent collection comprises over 8000 works and houses one of Canada's most comprehensive collections of Canadian historical, modernist, and contemporary art. It also has strong holdings in British and American 20th century works as well as an impressive European collection.
- Rated one of the top ten most highly regarded galleries in Canada by the Canada Council for the Arts.
- In February 2003, the AGH received one of the most significant donations of art ever gifted to a Canadian gallery – 211 works of nineteenth-century European art from the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Collection.

RENOVATION PROJECT

Architect: Hamilton-born and raised Bruce Kuwabara of Kuwabara, Payne, McKenna, Blumberg Architects.

Funded by the Canada-Ontario Infrastructure Program (through the Governments of Canada and Ontario), the City of Hamilton, Dofasco, and the generous support of corporations, foundations and individuals

Groundbreaking

October, 2003

Re-Opening

May 28, 2005

Budget

\$18.2 million

GALLERY SPACES

New and refurbished Gallery exhibition space increased by 20.5%

(from 29,000 square feet / 2727 square metres to 36,500 square feet / 3400 square metres)

Total Gallery space increased by 15.5%

(from 73,500 square feet / 6800 square metres to 87,000 square feet / 8100 square metres)

The renovated AGH now meets international museum standards and has resulted in a fully accessible Gallery.

New or improved revenue-generating opportunities include café, catering services, space rentals, corporate services, tourism and travel trade, art sales and rental.

In addition to increased Gallery spaces, the renovations have resulted in a re-clad gold-coloured exterior and a prominent entrance.

Rental Spaces

AGH Pavilion : 2560 square feet

Sculpture Atrium: 2260 square feet

Community Gallery: 2250 square feet

RE-OPENING EXHIBITIONS

Re-opening exhibitions include *Heaven and Earth Unveiled: European Treasures from the Tanenbaum Collection* (May 28, 2005 to May 28, 2006) and *Lasting Impressions: Celebrated Works from the Art Gallery of Hamilton* (May 28, 2005 to September 5, 2005)

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