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Summer time is family time at the Art Gallery of Hamilton

Family Fun Days, Weekend Workshops, Kid-friendly Performances and Enhancements for Families all add up to a creative summer for families at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, 123 King Street West, downtown Hamilton.

Drop by the AGH from **1:30 pm to 3:00 pm on the last Sunday of each summer month for Family Fun Days**. Dates and activities scheduled are Sunday, June 26 (Little Artists – Painting with Acrylics), Sunday, July 31 (Summer Celebration – Colour and Shape) and Sunday, August 28 (Collagraphs – Printing with a Press).

Following the art activity, stay for our special **Summer Performances at 3:00 pm**. On **Sunday June 26**, Mystic Drumz presents *The Legend of Marshmallow Island*, a musical storytelling adventure about a magical island that rises from the middle of a mystical pond. On **Sunday, July 31**, Hercini Arts Collective -- a multidisciplinary performing arts company that specializes in circus, aerial, dance, theatre and music -- will dazzle the kids and adults alike. On **Sunday, August 28**, Panadream Theatre will present *The Giant Magician*, a string marionette comedy that incorporates clowning, magic and puppetry. Cost for Family Fun Days (which includes art making activity and performance) is \$5.00 per family (up to 4 children). AGH Members receive free admission.

Beat the heat and visit the AGH for our **Weekend Workshops**. Starting July 1st, join us **every Saturday and statutory holiday in July and August between 1:30 pm and 3:00 pm** for drop-in family fun. With different activities each time, your children's creativity will run wild! No pre-registration required – just drop by! Parents are asked to remain with their child. Workshops continue on September 1, 2, 3 and 5. Cost is \$5 per family (up to 4 children) and free for AGH Members.

Starting July 1st, we have more things to make your Gallery experience one to remember. Your family's visit to the AGH will be enhanced with:

- **Discovery Kits** containing tactile materials and special art information to help explore the art on display;
- **Activity Books** ensure an engaging, fun visit and a good resource to take home. Available in English and in French!;
- **Interpretation Stations** bring even more information and fun to selected exhibitions;
- **Audio Guides** available for visitors to use on their own.

Tactile Tours offer gallery-goers a special tour that explores art through the senses. Join us on **Fridays, June 10, 24, July 8, 22, August 5 and 19 at 3:00 pm** for this unique Gallery experience.

Family Fun Day art-making activities are made possible by Arcelor-Mittal Dofasco. Family Day Performances, Weekend Workshops, Enhancements for Families and Tactile Tours are made possible by the Province of Ontario

AGH Members receive free admission to Family Fun Days and Weekend Workshops! Join today - membership@artgalleryofhamilton.com, or 905.527.6610, ext 250.

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