

**ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON OPENS EXHIBITION OF 100
MASTERPIECES
FROM THE AGH PERMANENT COLLECTION TO CELEBRATE
CENTENNIAL**

Art for a Century: 100 for the 100th on view now



Jan Baptist Weenix (Dutch 1621-1660)
Portrait of a Man
oil on canvas
Gift of the Women's Committee, 1968



William Kurelek (Canadian 1927-1977)
This is the Nemesis, 1965
mixed media on masonite
Gift of Mrs. J.A. McCuaig, 1966



Claude Tousignant (Canadian b. 1932)
Accelerateur Chromotique, 1968
acrylic on canvas
Gift of Walter Moos, 1982

March 13, 2014— The Art Gallery of Hamilton is celebrating its Centennial with a year of landmark exhibitions. *Art for a Century: 100 for the 100th*, which gathers together 100 selected masterpieces from the Gallery's permanent collection is now on view. The major exhibition includes European masterworks by Georges Braques and Camille Pissaro, the Group of Seven and William Kurelek, rare contemporary installation art by Canadians Michael Snow and Joyce Wieland, and compelling African sculptures.

The cornerstone of the Art Gallery of Hamilton is its outstanding permanent collection, which is reputed to be one of the finest in Canada. What began 100 years ago with the donation of 29 paintings in memory of Hamilton-born William Blair Bruce, now numbers 10,000 works.

Chosen by Dr. Benedict Leca, Director of Curatorial Affairs; Tobi Bruce, Senior Curator, Canadian Historical Art; and Melissa Bennett, Curator of Contemporary Art, the

exhibition exemplifies the sustained level of quality in the collection's three core areas: Canadian historical, Canadian and global contemporary, and European art.

"This exhibition, invites viewers to wander, discover, and contemplate anew the treasures that will continue to enlighten for the next 100 years and beyond," said Louise Dompierre, President and CEO of the Art Gallery of Hamilton. "We never lose sight that the AGH permanent collection is held in trust for the people of Hamilton and we hope that all visitors will revel in this rich exhibition."

Occupying the entire second floor, admission to *Art for a Century: 100 for the 100th* is free, as the result of a generous donation from Orlick Industries Limited. The exhibition will remain on view until February 22, 2015.

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is grateful to the following funders: the City of Hamilton, the Canada Council for the Arts, and the Ontario Arts Council. Additional operating support is received from generous contributions from AGH Members, the Incite Foundation for the Arts, donors and other private-sector partners.

About the Art Gallery of Hamilton

The Art Gallery of Hamilton, the largest independent public art gallery in Ontario, is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2014. Its permanent collection, which is focused on historical Canadian, 19th-century European and Canadian Contemporary art, now numbers more than 10,000 works and is recognized as one of the finest in Canada. The AGH is regarded as a vital centre of creative development and artistic engagement that brings art and people of all ages together. To find out more about what's happening at the AGH visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com

The AGH is celebrating its centennial with a year of landmark exhibitions. Upcoming exhibitions include the first major retrospective of the work of William Blair Bruce, Canada's first Impressionist painter; the first comprehensive exhibition of still lifes by Paul Cézanne; and the first major solo exhibition of work by contemporary Canadian artist Jenn E. Norton.

March 1 to February 22, 2015: *Art for a Century: 100 for the 100th*

http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_current.php#cent

May 24 to October 5, 2014: *Into the Light: The Paintings of William Blair Bruce*

http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#3

June 28 to January 4, 2015: *Jenn E. Norton: Dredging a Wake*

http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#4

November 1 to January 31, 2015: *The World is an Apple: The Still Lifes of Paul Cézanne*

http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#5

November 1 to February 8, 2015: Painting Hamilton
http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#5

TOURS

Docent guided tours of the exhibition:
Every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Free with admission.

ADMISSION TO ART FOR A CENTURY: 100 FOR THE 100TH
Free.

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday & Wednesday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.; Thursday, 11 a.m.–8 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday, 12 noon–5 p.m.

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