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**ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON | CELEBRATING 100 YEARS**

**PAINTING HAMILTON EXHIBITION HIGHLIGHTS  
BRILLIANT PAINTERS IN THE GREATER HAMILTON AREA**

***On view November 1, 2014 to February 8, 2015  
at the Art Gallery of Hamilton***



Lorne Toews  
*Patrick* 2004  
oil on canvas  
117 x 142 cm

OCTOBER 21, 2014 – The Art Gallery of Hamilton is proud to present *Painting Hamilton*, an exhibition featuring 10 artists from the Greater Hamilton area, showcasing the diverse subject matter, techniques and materials that are of the moment in contemporary painting practices.

Direct from the artist's studios and local private collections, the exhibition includes over 40 works in landscape, portraiture and abstraction. From lush oil paintings to a sculptural installation, the range of media, form and scale is intriguing, demonstrating that local painters are using traditional methods and concepts in innovative and specialized ways.

"Hamilton has a very rich artists' scene, and a great number of brilliant painters," said Louise Dompierre, AGH President and CEO. "The Art Gallery of Hamilton is thrilled to share the incredible work of contemporary painters in the Greater Hamilton area with the 250,000+ visitors

to the AGH. The AGH constantly strives to create opportunities for local artists. We hope that over time *Painting Hamilton* will be the first of a series of exhibitions where we look at other media, for example sculpture, in a focused way.”

*Painting Hamilton* includes works by long time Hamilton-area artists Catherine Gibbon, Christina Sealey, Lorne Toews and Matthew Schofield; newcomers Daniel Hutchinson, Charles Meanwell and Beth Stuart; and, promising emerging artists: Jennifer Carvalho, David Hucal, and Manny Trinh.

“The idea behind *Painting Hamilton* has been brewing for nearly five years,” said Melissa Bennett, curator of the exhibition and AGH Curator of Contemporary Art. “Since arriving in Hamilton, I’ve had the privilege of making hundreds of studio visits. I feel privileged to work with these artists and to have been a part of conversations with them in their studios. I hope this exhibition will be a highlight in their careers and look forward to other opportunities that may arise as a result.”

*Painting Hamilton* is made possible through a presenting sponsorship from TD and the generous support of the incite Foundation for the Arts.

A free public opening reception, with the artists in attendance, will be held on Sunday, November 2, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

## **EXHIBITION-RELATED PUBLIC EVENTS at the ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON:**

### **Official Opening**

**Sunday November 2, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p. m. Remarks at 4:00 p.m.**

Free admission noon to 5:00 p.m.

## **PUBLIC PROGRAMMING: AGH TALKS**

### **Painting Hamilton Artists’ Panel**

Thursday, November 13

7:00 p.m.

**Speakers:** Featured artists in the *Painting Hamilton* exhibition: **Jennifer Carvalho, Catherine Gibbon, David Hucal, Daniel Hutchinson, Charles Meanwell, Matthew Schofield, Christina Sealey, Beth Stuart, Lorne Toews and Manny Trinh**

Join the artists in a lively moderated discussion about their practices and the paintings in the exhibition.

## **TOURS**

Docent guided tours of the exhibition:

Every Saturday and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. Free with admission.

## **About the Art Gallery of Hamilton**

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is celebrating its Centennial throughout 2014. Today the AGH is the largest independent public art gallery in Ontario. Its permanent collection, which is focused on historical Canadian, 19<sup>th</sup>-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. It is also renowned as a North American centre for the study of 19<sup>th</sup>-century European art.

On view at the AGH are:

March 1 to February 22, 2015: *Art for a Century: 100 for the 100th* FREE ADMISSION  
[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_current.php#cent](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_current.php#cent)

June 28 to January 4, 2015: *Jenn E. Norton: Dredging a Wake*  
[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_current.php#4](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_current.php#4)

November 1 to February 8, 2015: *The World is an Apple: The Still Lifes of Paul Cézanne*  
[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_upcoming.php#5](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#5)

November 1 to February 8, 2015: *Painting Hamilton*  
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## VISITOR INFORMATION

### Admission:

AGH Members: Free; Adults, \$10; Students/Seniors, \$8; Children (6-17), \$4; under 5 years, Free.  
Friday Free Night: Free admission on the first Friday of the month.

### 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.

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is located at 123 King Street West, downtown Hamilton, Ontario,  
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