



## KIDS A SPECIAL FOCUS AT ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON SPRING EXHIBITION OPENING

***Family art-making activities celebrate opening of One-Eyed-Rabbit***  
**Sunday, March 8 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.**



Jonathan Plante, *One-Eyed-Rabbit* 2013, illustration. Courtesy of the artist

**March 4, 2015** – The Art Gallery of Hamilton is extending a special invitation to families across the greater Hamilton area to attend the Gallery's Spring Exhibition Opening on Sunday, March 8 and join in the celebration of *One-Eyed-Rabbit: Jonathan Plante*, a rare exhibition designed especially for children. To mark the opening families will be able to share in the fun of art-making, creating their own bunnies. The gallery will be open from 12:00 noon to 5:00 p.m. with free admission. Family art-making (also free) will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

"We're very excited to present this delightful exhibition," said Shelley Falconer, AGH President and CEO. "Everyone is welcome. We hope that families will enjoy the experience of joining in the celebration of the AGH Spring Exhibition Opening."

In the story of the exhibition, the One-Eyed-Rabbit is an artist and the gallery is his studio. In a playful atmosphere and through the story of this friendly rabbit, Montreal-based artist Jonathan Plante invites young people aged 4 to 10 (and kids of all ages!) to (re)discover the mysteries of

visual perception in a variety of ways. The exhibition strikes a chord with viewers of all ages, because the One-Eyed-Rabbit is different. He has only one eye and would like to jump into his rabbit hole without chipping his teeth... He meets a worm that has no eyes but can navigate through holes in the ground! Together they will discover the power of imagination and the inner workings of sight: a little with the eyes, a lot with the brain, always with the heart.

"The idea of the one-eyed-rabbit came from the simple question, *why do we have two eyes?*," said Jonathan Plante. "The next question was *what does it mean to see?*"

The exhibition, which is designed and produced by VOX, centre de l'image contemporaine, Montreal, includes an animated video, original paintings, a giant book, and distorted mirror images that will stimulate the imagination of little ones and grownups alike. These unexpected and interactive aesthetic experiences notably address abstraction, art history and optical illusions. Through the various works, children are invited to discover the mechanisms of vision and the role it plays in the arts, while developing their imagination. Finally, a children's book based on the exhibition will allow readers to revisit the story of the *One-Eyed-Rabbit* for years to come (in French only).

*One-Eyed-Rabbit: Jonathan Plante* will remain on view through Sunday, May 24, 2015.

Also on view at the AGH Spring Exhibition Opening are *Illuminations: Italian Baroque Masterworks in Canadian Collections*, *Robert Burley: The Disappearance of Darkness*, *JUNO Photography Exhibition* and *JUNO Tour of Canadian Art*. Remarks will take place at 2:30 p.m.

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

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is the oldest and largest public art gallery in southwestern Ontario. Its permanent collection, which is focused on historical Canadian, 19th-century European and Contemporary art, now numbers more than 10,000 works and is recognized as one of the finest in Canada. The AGH is a vital creative hub and centre of lifelong learning that enables people of all ages to enrich their lives by gaining a deeper understanding of art.

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

#### **Official Opening**

**Sunday March 8, 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Remarks at 2:30 p.m.**

Free admission noon to 5:00 p.m. Family art-making activities: 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

#### **PUBLIC PROGRAMMING:**

#### **Art @ Lunch: Wednesday, April 1, 12:15 p.m.**

Let's Go to the Hop—Meet the One-Eyed-Rabbit

This intimate Docent-led tour makes connections between the artworks and the exhibition in fun new ways.

#### **TOURS**

Docent guided tours of the exhibition:

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

On view at the AGH are:

January 24 to April 19, 2015: *JUNO Photography Exhibition* FREE ADMISSION  
[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_current.php#10](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_current.php#10)

January 24 to April 26, 2015: *JUNO Tour of Canadian Art* FREE ADMISSION  
[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_current.php#junotour](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_current.php#junotour)

February 21 to May 24, 2015: *One-Eyed-Rabbit: Jonathan Plante*  
[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_upcoming.php#7](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#7)

February 28 to May 31, 2015: *Illuminations: Italian Baroque Masterworks in Canadian Collections*  
[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_upcoming.php#9](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#9)

February 28, 2015 to May 24, 2015: *Robert Burley: The Disappearance of Darkness*  
[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_upcoming.php#11](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php#11)

## 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.

### Gallery 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, L8P 4S8.

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## GROUP TOURS

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