



Art Gallery of Hamilton

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## ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON CELEBRATES SUMMER EXHIBITION WITH OPEN HOUSE AND PARTY FOR THE COMMUNITY

**Everyone is invited to *are you experienced?*  
Opening party on Thursday, June 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00  
p.m.**



Olafur Eliasson, *Triple ripple*, 2004, glass, mirror, electric motors, spotlight and tripod, dimensions variable, Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Albert H. Tracy, Charles W. Goodyear and Charles Clifton funds, by exchange, 2007: 14ag. Installation view, *ein-leuchten*, Museum der Moderne, Salzburg, Austria, 2004, courtesy of the artist; Albright-Knox Art Gallery, Buffalo, NY; neugerriemschneider, Berlin; and Tanya Bonakdar Gallery, New York. Photo by Werner Schnelle.

**June 4, 2015** – The Art Gallery of Hamilton is proud to present *are you experienced?*, a massive contemporary art exhibition that brings together six Canadian and internationally renowned contemporary artists from around the world: Nadia Belerique, Jessica Eaton, Olafur Eliasson, Dorian FitzGerald, Hadley+Maxwell and Do Ho Suh, who hail from Denmark, Korea, Berlin, Montreal and Toronto. Many of the artists will be present at the opening party at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, which will be held on Thursday, June 25 starting at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

*“are you experienced?”* is the largest contemporary art show we’ve done at the AGH in over a decade, spanning over 8,000 square feet,” said Melissa Bennett, AGH Curator of Contemporary Art and curator of the exhibition. “Culled from the world’s leading artists, the works are extraordinary for the ways in which they can move visitors emotionally. Walk through the gallery spaces to see yourself seeing. The artists strive to create subconscious reactions to their materials and ideas.”

The premise of *are you experienced?* is the idea that experience creates meaning. Ultimately, *are you experienced?* invites visitors to be open-minded about how they interpret art intellectually, emotionally, and physically. As a result, the art will mean something different for each person.

“The opening party promises to be a very special evening” said Melissa Bennett. “We hope that people will take advantage of the wonderful opportunity to meet the artists and experience their work.”

#### ***are you experienced?* Opening Party**

Date: Thursday, June 25

Time: 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Location: 123 King Street West, Hamilton, ON L8P 4S8

Live music. Cash bar.

#### **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. Visit [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com) for more information.

On view at the AGH are:

*Art for a Century: 100 for the 100th*: On view now

[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_current.php](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_current.php)

*are you experienced?*: June 26, 2015 to January 3, 2016:

[http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex\\_upcoming.php](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com/ex_upcoming.php)

#### **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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