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Art Gallery of Hamilton presents  
**IMAGING PHANTOMS: CATHERINE HEARD**

In partnership with St. Joseph's Healthcare Diagnostic Imaging Department.

On view until September 25, 2016



Catherine Heard, *Myrllen: A Portrait* 2016,  
mixed media (including fabric and embroidery) with projected animation  
Photo: Mike Lalich

**HAMILTON, ON – June 16, 2016** The Art Gallery of Hamilton is pleased to present the exhibition ***Imaging Phantoms: Catherine Heard*** and the fascinating artistic results of a dynamic partnership between the Art Gallery of Hamilton and the St. Joseph's Healthcare Diagnostic Imaging Department.

On view until September 25, 2016, this exhibition features new work by Toronto-based artist Catherine Heard, whose sculptural figures are often perceived as expressions of anxiety around the fragility of the human body and the complexity of the psyche. In a new development of her practice, the exhibition includes digital animations that use CT and MRI scans as source material. Heard continues her explorations of science,

medicine and the museum and focuses on how we learn about our bodies in this unique partnership with radiologist Dr. Julian Dobranowski and his team from St. Joseph's Healthcare Diagnostic Imaging Department. Dr. Julian Dobranowski, MD, FRCPC is an Associate Professor of the Department of Radiology at McMaster University, Provincial Lead of the Cancer Imaging Program at Cancer Care Ontario, Chief of the Department of Diagnostic Imaging at Niagara Health System and Director of the Centre of Radiological Anatomy.

This solo exhibition features new sculptures made of organic and medical materials, as well as embroidered lace pieces that form a sculptural fabric head. Each sculpture is accompanied by a projection of an animation of the layered images of the sculptural interiors. *Imaging Phantoms: Catherine Heard* builds on Heard's research into the interior sublime and her desire to depict the human body as fragile, ephemeral and flawed, but ultimately merciful and full of grace.

The AGH is grateful for the countless hours of support from St. Joseph's Hospital staff and medical residents, led by Dr. Julian Dobranowski.

Also on view: The Artist Herself: Self-Portraits by Canadian Historical Women Artists | Embracing Canada: Landscapes from Kriehoff to the Group of Seven | Staging Abstraction: Paintings from the Collection | Saga of a City: Hamilton at 200 Years | Collection Classics | Evolution of Form: 150 Years of Sculpture from the Collection | Kim Adams Bruegel-Bosch Bus | Women's Art Association of Hamilton 120<sup>th</sup> Annual Juried Exhibition

## **TOURS**

Docent-guided tours of the exhibitions:

Every Wednesday, Saturday, Sunday, and statutory holidays at 2:00 pm, including Canada Day: Friday, July 1; Civic Holiday: Monday, August 1; and Labour Day: Monday, September 5. Free with admission.

## **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.

## **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 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Gallery Hours:**

Tuesday & Wednesday, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Thursday, 11:00 a.m.–8:00 p.m.; Friday, 11:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.; Saturday–Sunday, 12 noon–5:00 p.m.

Open 12 noon to 5:00 p.m. on statutory holidays as follows:

Canada Day (Friday, July 1); Civic Holiday (Monday, August 1); and Labour Day (Monday, September 5).

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is located at 123 King Street West, downtown Hamilton, Ontario, L8P 4S8.

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