

## It's a \$5 Family Day!

Winterfest Family Day Celebration at Art Gallery of Hamilton offers an afternoon exploring thought-provoking exhibitions, pop-up tours, and art making, all for five dollars per family

February 15, 2018 – On Monday, February 19, the Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) celebrates the Family Day holiday with a Winterfest Celebration. For five dollars per family (2 adults and up to 4 children), families enjoy admission to the Gallery's exhibitions from 12 noon to 5 pm as well as a range of Family Day programming from 1 to 4 pm. Admission for AGH Members to the Winterfest Family Day Celebration is free.

As AGH exhibitions currently explore the environment, visitors will engage in art making activities, including working on one take-home project and a large collaborative installation that reflect the theme of conserving water and safeguarding the planet's precious resources. Docents—the Gallery's friendly art guides--will host pop-up tours throughout the Gallery, giving visitors the opportunity to learn more about the art on display and the artists who created the work.

"We're excited to be participating in the City of Hamilton's Winterfest Celebrations with an afternoon of activities for families," said Laurie Kilgour-Walsh, Art Gallery of Hamilton Senior Manager, Education. "While our Family Day programming is specially geared to families with children ages 5 to 10, all are welcome to join us as we celebrate Winterfest and consider ways to save the earth together."

Exhibitions on view include *Witness: Edward Burtynsky*, featuring large-scale photographs, some taken from helicopters and fixed-wing aircraft over heavily armed industrial installations; *Water Works*, which includes *The Machine of Awesome Bright Liquid Blueness*, a performance sculpture that is both a work of art and a refillable water bottle station; *The Living Room: RESERVOIR: Stories of Water*, which invites visitors to examine their relationship to water through narrative and via a series of interactive exchanges; and *TH&B: Declaration*, a giant billboard in the AGH foyer that depicts an aerial view of the Great Lakes.

## Five Dollar Family Day at the AGH (continued)

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

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is the oldest and largest public art gallery in southern Ontario. Its permanent collection, which is focused on historical Canadian, 19th-century European, and International and Contemporary art, numbers more than 10,000 works and is recognized as one of Canada's finest. 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. For more information, please visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com.

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