

## ***Radical Stitch* Exhibition is Extended until August 27 at the Art Gallery of Hamilton**

North America's most significant contemporary Indigenous beading exhibition has been extended due to popular demand.



Installation view of *Radical Stitch*, at the Art Gallery of Hamilton, 2023.

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The Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) announced the three-month extension of *Radical Stitch*, a significant exhibition showcasing contemporary Indigenous beading, during the exhibition's curator talk last night. The exhibition opened on February 11, 2023, being organized and circulated by The MacKenzie Art Gallery in Regina, Saskatchewan. The exhibition was originally scheduled to close on May 28, 2023, but due to the incredible response it has received, it has been extended until August 27, 2023.

"We are thrilled that *Radical Stitch* has garnered tremendous success and engagement here at the AGH. In light of the exhibition's importance, we have decided to extend it for an additional three months," said Shelley Falconer, President and CEO of the Art

Gallery of Hamilton. "We are deeply grateful to the MacKenzie Art Gallery for creating and organizing this groundbreaking exhibition, and for giving us the opportunity to bring it here to Hamilton."



All three exhibition curators - Sherry Farrell Racette, Michelle LaVallee, and Cathy Mattes - as well as exhibition artist Ruth Cuthand, were at the AGH for a panel discussion about the process of curating the exhibition. [\*\*\*Radical Stitch\*\*\*](#) brings together works from 35 contemporary Indigenous beaders, including Ruth Cuthand, Christi Belcourt, Shelley Niro, and others.

The works showcased in the exhibition invite viewers to immerse themselves in the political, creative, and aesthetic dimensions of contemporary Indigenous beadwork. In addition to the exhibition, *The Beading Room* offers a space for conversation, reflection, and sharing, and will now be extended to welcome Guest Beaders, who will host workshops and events throughout the summer. To stay updated on the in-house schedule for the Guest Beaders, please check the [What's On section](#) of the AGH website.

**Artists included in this exhibition:**

- Barry Ace
- Marcus Amerman
- Judy Anderson
- Kristen Auger
- Kaylyn Baker
- Christi Belcourt
- Catherine Blackburn
- Katherine Boyer
- Marcia Chickeness
- Hannah Claus
- Ruth Cuthand
- Marcy Friesen
- Teri Greeves
- Joyce Growing Thunder
- Justine Gustafson
- Babe & Carla Hemlock
- Bev Koski
- Jennine Krauchi
- Jean Marshall

Audie Murray  
Nadia Myre  
Margaret Nazon  
Shelley Niro  
Elias Not Afraid  
Jamie Okuma  
Sandra Okuma  
Taqralik Partridge  
Alesia & Farlan Quetawki  
Skawennati  
Samuel Thomas  
Olivia Whetung  
Dyani White Hawk  
Kenneth Williams Jr.  
Nico Williams  
Will Wilson

[The Official AGH Media Kit for Radical Stitch can be found here.](#)

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*Organized and circulated by The MacKenzie Art Gallery. Curated by Sherry Farrell Racette, Michelle LaVallee, and Cathy Mattes.*



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### **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 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. The Gallery is supported by the City of Hamilton, the Canada Council for the Arts and the Ontario Arts Council.

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