

Art Gallery of Hamilton Announces AGH Festival Schedule October 12 – 21, 2023

A full ten days of events, celebrations, pop-ups, and workshops representing visual art, media and film, performance, craft, and other creative genres in Hamilton.



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The Art Gallery of Hamilton is proud to present the full AGH Festival Schedule for Thursday, October 12 through to Saturday, October 21:

Background:

The AGH is launching its 15th annual fall Festival, a 10-day multi-arts celebration incorporating visual art, music, live performance, craft, and more. This year's AGH Festival will focus on connecting events and performances to specific aspects of exhibitions or collection items on display in the Gallery, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Hip-Hop, and showcasing Hamilton's diverse arts and culture scene. In addition, the AGH will host and co-present cinematic screenings, workshops, and performance events at select venues throughout Hamilton!

AGH FESTIVAL 2023 – FULL SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 12 (Day 1)	An Evening of Wonder	7:00 PM	AGH	FREE
Friday, October 13 (Day 2)	Into the Vault: Lunch & Learn	12:00 PM	AGH	\$15
	Pop-up Performance: Bimbos in Space	7:00 PM	AGH	FREE
	Fruit Salad x Wonder Dance Party	8:00 PM	AGH	\$40
Saturday, October 14 (Day 3)	Block Party: Celebrating 50 Years of Hip Hop	11:00 AM	AGH	FREE
	Screenprinting Workshop	11:00 AM	Centre[3]	\$125
	Pop-Up Concert: Whitness	2:00 PM	AGH	FREE
	Hip-Hop Evolution Screening & Panel Discussion	7:00 PM	NVMH	\$15
Sunday, October 15 (Day 4)	Family Fun Day	11:00 AM	AGH	\$15
	Introduction to Weaving Workshop	2:00 PM	HCS	\$60
Monday, October 16 (Day 5)	Pop-Up Performance: For Your Entertainment	6:00 PM	AGH	FREE
	Sound Bath	7:00 PM	AGH	\$15
	Daily Art Practice: Mindfulness in Artmaking	7:00 PM	AGH	\$5
Tuesday, October 17 (Day 6)	Pop-Up Concert: Thomas Duxbury	6:00 PM	AGH	FREE
	Professional Artist Development with Alissa Sexton	7:00 PM	AGH	\$15
	In Conversation with Britt Wray: Finding Purpose in the Age of the Climate Crisis	7:00 PM	AGH	\$15
Wednesday, October 18 (Day 7)	Screenprinting Workshop	6:00 PM	Centre[3]	\$125
	Introductory Hip Hop Dance Class	7:00 PM	AGH	\$15
	YAH Presents The Life-Sized City Film & Panel	7:00 PM	AGH	\$15
Thursday, October 19 (Day 8)	Mindful Drawing	1:00 PM	AGH	FREE

	Breaking Through the Vault	4:00 PM	AGH	FREE
	Pop-up Performance: Discocab	7:00 PM	AGH	FREE
Friday, October 20 (Day 9)	Into the Vault: Lunch & Learn	12:00 PM	AGH	\$15
	Fabulicious! Art, Music & Food	5:00 PM	ACCA	\$20
	BIPOC hArt Dance	8:00 PM	WES	\$10
Saturday, October 21 (Day 10)	Print Expo Market	11:00 AM	AGH	FREE
	Blood and Water Film Screening & Panel	1:00 PM	WES	FREE
	The Closing Concert: Whitehorse & Golden Feather	7:00 PM	NVMH	\$40

Locations:

AGH: Art Gallery of Hamilton — 123 King Street West, Hamilton, ON

Centre[3]: Centre[3] Studio — 173 James Street North, Hamilton, ON

NVMH: New Vision Music Hall — 24 Main Street West, Hamilton, ON

HCS: Hamilton Craft Studios — 121 Princess Street, Hamilton, ON

ACCA: Afro-Canadian Caribbean Association (A.C.C.A.) Banquet Hall — 754 Barton Street East, Hamilton, ON

WES: The Westdale Cinema — 1014 King Street East, Hamilton, ON

WHAT ELSE TO EXPECT

AGH Featured Exhibitions: This summer and fall, the AGH will present a thematically diverse suite of exhibitions, including the following:

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- [Breathing in China: Art, Ethics, and Environment curated by Yan Zhou](#)
- [WONDER: The Real, the Surreal, and the Fantastic](#)
- [RBC Artist in Residence: Melissa General](#)

As a core feature of the AGH Festival, exhibitions on display at the AGH will be promoted through extended Gallery hours and FREE ADMISSION. The art gallery will be open throughout the Festival during these times:

Thursday, October 12:	11 am – 9 pm
Friday, October 13:	11am – 6 pm
Saturday, October 14:	11am – 5 pm
Sunday, October 15:	11 am – 5 pm
Monday, October 16:	4 pm – 8 pm
Tuesday, October 17:	4 pm – 8 pm
Wednesday, October 18:	4 pm – 8 pm
Thursday, October 19:	11 am – 9 pm
Friday, October 20:	11am – 6 pm
Saturday, October 21:	11 am – 5 pm

Artisan Markets: As part of an all-day celebration of the 50th anniversary of Hip-Hop on Saturday, Oct. 14, the AGH is excited to partner with BLK Owned to present an artisan market featuring a wide range of BIPOC-owned Hamilton businesses. The local Print Expo market is also returning to the AGH Festival this year on Saturday, Oct. 21, and will feature unique print-based vendors from Hamilton and nearby areas.

Quotes

“As Hamilton continues to build its reputation as a creative and cultural hub, we are thrilled that another edition of AGH Fest will showcase the city’s very best in arts and culture,” says Shelley Falconer, President and CEO. “I would also like to sincerely thank our Presenting Sponsor BMO Financial Group for their longstanding support of our fall Festival.”

“We have an array of workshops being offered throughout the ten days, so there is sure to be something for everyone at this year’s Festival,” says Jordan Delfs, Lead of Festival Operations. “One highlight in this year’s scheduling will be the screening of Layla Staats’ powerful film *Blood and Water*. We also can’t wait to welcome Golden Feather and our headliner Whitehorse at our closing concert!”

BMO Bank of Montreal first sponsored the Film Festival in 2010 and in 2012 became the Presenting Sponsor. The AGH is grateful for their past support and celebrates the ongoing partnership. Without BMO the AGH Festival would not be possible.

The AGH has also received funding from *incite Foundation for the Arts* and thanks the Hamilton-based non-profit for being a Festival sponsor. The AGH Festival is also supported by local sponsors, as well as by the *Government of Canada*, the *Province of Ontario*, and annual operating support from the *City of Hamilton*.

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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 the region. 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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