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# Welcome to the **AGH** festival

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Today, the city of Hamilton is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island (North America) and we recognize that we must do more to learn about the rich history of this land so that we can better understand our roles as residents, neighbours, partners, and caretakers.

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**AGH**



Welcome to the 2023 AGH Festival! This is our second year encompassing the new multi-arts format and our 15th year delivering a Festival to celebrate and showcase the bursting creativity and culture within Hamilton. Join us over the next ten days in celebrating the talents of the city through the incorporation of visual arts, music, live performance, and other creative genres.

You are invited to explore the Art Gallery of Hamilton and the venues across the city to experience the dynamic and engaging community that play host to the myriad of activities planned. We are thrilled to have the AGH Galleries open and free to the public throughout the ten days of the Festival once again this year and look forward to welcoming audiences to our newest exhibition.

Thank you to the sponsors, community partners and supporters, who help make this Festival possible. We owe a special note of gratitude to BMO Financial Group, who have been the presenting sponsor and partner for over a decade. Additionally, we thank the Province of Ontario's Experience Ontario program, the Government of Canada, and the City of Hamilton for their tremendous and ongoing contributions. We are so very grateful.

Finally, congratulations to Jordan Delfs, AGH Lead of Festival Operations, whose commitment to the new AGH Festival format continues to inspire. Together with an outstanding team of staff and volunteers, the AGH Festival is excited to continue to engage with artists and highlight our communities.

Thank you for celebrating with us!

Shelley Falconer  
*President and CEO*  
*Art Gallery of Hamilton*



BMO is thrilled to present the 15<sup>th</sup> celebration of the **AGH Festival: 10 Days of Arts and Culture**. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Festival goers and look forward to the incredible stories and memories you are about to create.

We are proud to continue our long-standing partnership with the Art Gallery of Hamilton to elevate the regional and cultural resonance of the Festival. We remain steadfast in our belief that investing in *cultural* events and activities that **increase accessibility** to the arts enrich our communities where we all live and work. By supporting cultural experiences, such as the **AGH Festival**, we promote and foster creative talent, artistic excellence and cultural understanding.

The **AGH Festival** highlights the diverse art scene within Hamilton through 10 days and includes a celebration of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Hip Hop; an evening of tranquil meditative healing through sound therapy; a variety of hands-on workshops; and inspiring films and conversations. The fun does not stop there as the festival includes pop-up performances, parties and concerts, and culminates in a closing concert that you do not want to miss. We invite you to be part of this exciting opportunity to explore your neighbourhoods and learn more about the programming and opportunities the Hamilton arts community offers.

Please join us in experiencing the many events and activities the AGH Festival has to offer with your friends and family.

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## How To PURCHASE TICKETS

- **Online at aghfest.com**
- **In person at the AGH**
- **By phone:** 289-799-6435 Monday – Friday
- **At the venue:** 30 minutes prior to event. Kindly note some events may sell out. Purchasing tickets in advance is strongly recommended.
- **Members/Students/Seniors** receive discounts!

## ART GALLERY HOURS

**Thursday, October 12: 11 am – 9 pm**

**Friday, October 13: 11 am – 6 pm**

**Saturday, October 14: 11 am – 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: 11 am – 6 pm**

**Saturday, October 21: 11 am – 5 pm**

TICKETS  
AVAILABLE  
ONLINE!





Hamilton is a dynamic community with many stories. The AGH Festival brings this heritage together in a celebration of the vibrant local arts scene.

This year marks the 15th edition of this event as well as the 50th anniversary of hip hop music, style and dance. The celebration will feature a wide array of theatrical, musical, dance, film, visual arts and literary events across the city, showcasing Hamilton's talented artists.

Our government understands the power the arts have in bringing Canadians together, encouraging understanding among our communities and promoting inclusion. We are proud to support this wonderful gathering.

As Minister of Canadian Heritage, I would like to thank everyone at the Art Gallery of Hamilton and all those who helped make this year's AGH Festival a reality.

Have a great tir

The Honourable Pascale St-Onge

Canada

## WHAT TO EXPECT



**Concerts:** Hamilton is a city rich with musical history. We are thrilled to be able to offer a diverse program of concerts and musical performances that celebrate our local talent.



**Workshops:** Whether you are a beginner or expert, we have a series of art-making workshops that are sure to get your creative juices flowing. Workshops focus on a variety of artistic practices and are open to all ages and skill levels.



**Parties:** Celebrate our arts community and see our fall exhibitions come to life through wonderful parties!



**Film Screenings:** As a nod to our Film Festival roots, we will show two thought-provoking films!



**Tours:** Join us for Gallery tours to further enrich your Festival experience! Gain insights into the extraordinary exhibitions and works on view at the Gallery with tours led by our friendly Docents (specially trained art guides), helping you get the most out of your visit.



**Panel Discussions:** Important conversations are happening in Hamilton, and we encourage you to be involved. Community members from all walks of life will be coming together to discuss relevant topics in our community.







OCTOBER 12-21, 2023



*Greetings from the Honourable Neil Lumsden  
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport*

Welcome to the 2023 Art Gallery of Hamilton (AGH) Festival.

The AGH has been a significant contributor to Ontario's dynamic arts and culture landscape and the local community for more than a century. Its innovative and powerful exhibitions, encouraging connection and inspiring fresh perspectives, continue to draw art lovers to Hamilton and provide a welcomed boost to the city's economy.

The AGH Festival invites locals and visitors alike to discover sensational art, music, culinary delights and more – showcasing why Hamilton – and our province more broadly – is a world-class arts and culture destination. Our government is proud to support this event through the Experience Ontario 2023 program.

Thank you to the dedicated organizers and volunteers, and the talented artists and creators, for your passion and ongoing efforts to enrich our lives through art.

Best regards,

The Honourable Neil Lumsden  
Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport

## FESTIVAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

### 2023 AGH Festival Staff

**Jordan Delfs** – Lead of Festival Operations

**Sophie Hughes** – Festival Coordinator

**Zee Malvern** – Digital Content Coordinator

**David Bird** – Technical Coordinator

**Alyssa Di Cesare** – Site Coordinator

Our sincere thanks are extended to:

AGH Festival volunteer Liason - Jennifer Powell-Fralick, all of our amazing volunteers, and the whole AGH Staff!





The Office of  
**MAYOR ANDREA HORWATH**  
CITY OF HAMILTON

Art Gallery of Hamilton Festival  
October 12 - 21, 2023

On behalf of the City of Hamilton, it is my pleasure to welcome you all to the 2023 Art Gallery of Hamilton Festival.

This is the 15<sup>th</sup> year that the AGH Festival has celebrated the thriving arts and culture community here in Hamilton. From music, film, and visual arts, to live performance, literature, and culinary experiences – this festival spotlights the very best that our city has to offer.

The creative community is the heart of every great city. I am thrilled that the City of Hamilton was once again able to contribute to the success of this festival through a grant from the City Enrichment Fund. It has never been more important for our city to invest in, and support, the arts.

Congratulations once again to the Art Gallery of Hamilton on another successful event, and for everything that you do to make our community great. Thank you to all the organizers and volunteers who are working tirelessly to run 10 days of world-class concerts, film screenings, parties, exhibitions, and more. Most off all, thank you to all the talented artists, musicians, film makers, performers, writers, and all-around creative visionaries, for sharing your passion and your heart with our city.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrea Horwath  
Mayor



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## PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS

- Afro Canadian Caribbean Association
- Centre[3]
- Concrete Canvas
- Defining Movement Dance
- Epic Books
- Fruit Salad
- Hamilton Arts Council
- Hamilton Craft Studios
- Hamilton Fringe Festival
- Hamilton You Poets



## VENUES

### Art Gallery of Hamilton

**123 King St W** | The AGH has been a fixture in the city since 1914, occupied many venues throughout its history and has been in its current location since 1977. It currently offers a multitude of presentation spaces, both within the context of its exhibition spaces as well as in its dedicated event spaces including the Pavilion, Fischer Galleries, and Sculpture Garden.

### The Music Hall

**24 Main St W** | Built in 1868 as the Centenary Methodist Church, the Music Hall is a stunning example of Victorian-Romanesque architecture that now serves as a unique arts and entertainment venue.

### The Westdale

**1014 King St W** | A refurbished 1935 Art Deco single screen cinema that presents a mix of art and independent cinema with live performance.

### Hamilton Craft Studios

**121 Princess St, 2nd & 3rd Floors** | Located in a 14,000 square foot 1920s drawn wire factory reconfigured into a multidisciplinary craft studio featuring ceramics, textiles, and woodworking equipment.

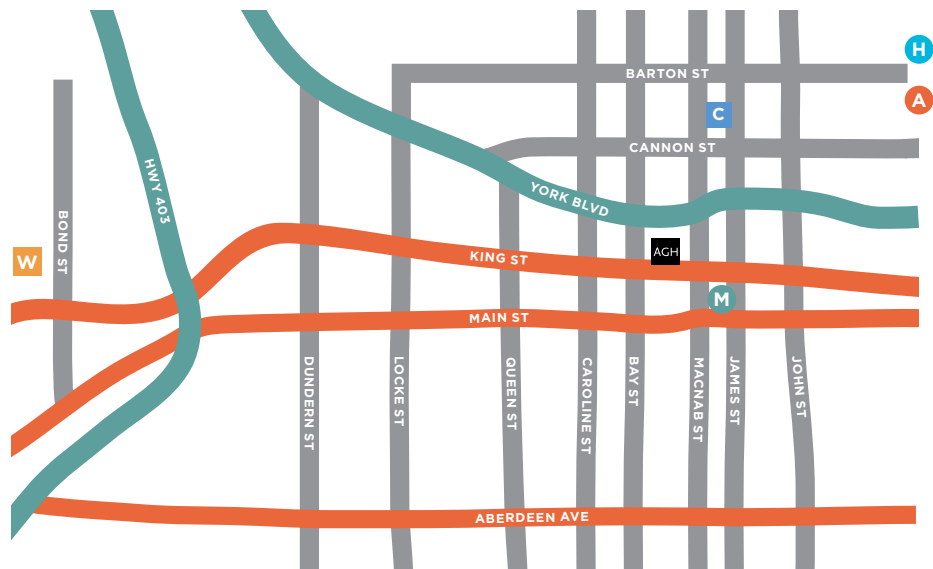
### Centre[3]

**173 James St N** | Created to provide space and equipment for print media and media arts, connecting local artists with the broader community to provide art education and opportunities.

### ACCA Banquet Hall

**754 Barton St E** | Founded in 1979, ACCA is a charity that serves African Canadians and Caribbeans by providing educational opportunities and social events.

# VENUES MAP HAMILTON



**ACH** ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON | 123 King St W

**M** THE MUSIC HALL | 24 Main St W

**W** THE WESTDALE | 1014 King St W

**H** HAMILTON CRAFT STUDIOS | 121 Princess St, 2nd & 3rd Floors

**C** CENTRE[3] | 173 James St N

**A** ACCA BANQUET HALL | 754 Barton St E

## Directions: Accessing the Venues

For information on walking, biking, public transit routes, driving, and parking directions please visit our website: [aghfest.com](http://aghfest.com)



## CURRENT EXHIBITIONS

### Breathing in China: Art, Ethics, and the Environment

For decades, China and the Global South have been definably impacted by smog, to the point of ecological destitution and human suffering. Guest curator Yan Zhou organized several artist exchange trips between Canada and her native China over the past few years, to foster the creation of new works that respond to the current climate crisis, specifically focusing on smog as a symbol and a symptom of our world in the time of climate emergency.



Fifteen featured artists explore the issues through remarkable and responsive materials, including drawing, painting, sculpture, installation, and video.

Artists include: Jean-François Côté (Québec City), Alexandre David (Montréal), Dong Dawei (Beijing), Xin He (Toronto), Ren Jie (Guangzhou), Gao Jie (Shanghai), Hua Jin (Montréal), Yam Lau (Toronto), Mireille Lavoie (Montréal), Li Ming (Beijing), Zhang Qingfan (Beijing), Xu Tan (Guangdong), Yang Xiao and Chen Sisi (Guangzhou) and Zhang Xiao (Chengdu).

### Breathing Life

As a part of the current exhibition, *The Breathing Project*, *Breathing Life* is an audio-walking tour that explores the exhibition, contributing artists, and air quality within and beyond the walls of the Art Gallery of Hamilton. With the ebb and flow of breath and the unrelenting question of what is in the air we breathe, the fluidity of the imaginary and the real find an audial counterpart: in the gallery, rooftop, King St, and beyond.

Credit: Installation view, *Breathing in China: Art, Ethics, & Environment*, Lisa Narduzzi, 2023.



## میں اپنی ماں کی بیٹی ہوں I am my mother's daughter

For her first major solo exhibition in a Southern Ontario museum, Farheen Haq (now based in Victoria, BC) recognizes the resilience and knowledge systems of her mother, a Muslim woman who arrived in the Niagara region from Pakistan in 1970. The exhibition examines intergenerational relationships, connecting Haq's mother's experience as a young Muslim bride arriving in Canada, with her own experience as a mother. Haq's work in performance, video and sculpture is a form of self-inquiry interwoven with an awareness of her family's responsibilities toward the work of reconciliation as settlers on Haudenosaunee territories. The artist explores how she carries the past and how she determines its legacy into the future. Circulated by the Campbell River Art Gallery. Curated by Haema Sivanesan & Jenelle M. Pasiechnik.



### Media Sponsor: Rungh

Credit: Farheen Haq, *Aankh band ke dekho (Close your eyes and see) (video still 2)*, 2022, Courtesy of the artist

## Wonder: The Real, The Surreal, and The Fantastic

What is 'reality' today? What does it mean to be 'real'? Is there even such a thing?

In an age of reality shows, fake news, and weakened social and political structures, our sense of reality is quickly shifting. Neither fixed nor factual, our individual realities can exist alongside one another's and never meet.

This moment in time led to the idea of creating an exhibition around the idea of reality and sur-reality, or in art terms: Realism, Surrealism and the Fantastic. This exhibition explores the relationship between a logical view of life and the unconscious mind, fantasies, and the dream world.

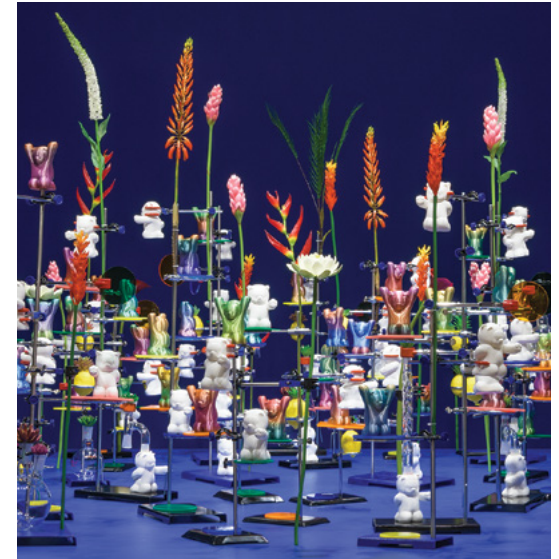
The artists in this show find magic in the unexpected and the unnatural, the overlooked and the odd. Their work challenges values and norms in search of new realities and freedom. Here, imagination is front and centre and driven by the psychological rather than the logical.

Organized by theme, the exhibition brings together works by historical and contemporary artists who reflect and reimagine the body and the everyday in staging new and provocative worlds.

Artists Include: Stephen Altena, Robin Arseneault, Shary Boyle, Alex Colville, Daveandjenn, Chun Hua Catherine Dong, Fausta Facciponte, Michelle Forsyth, Gilbert Garcin, Karine Giboulo, Peter Harris, Carmela Laganse, Jeeyoung Lee, Louis de Niverville, Emmanuel Nwogbo, Meret Oppenheim, Evan Penny, Christopher Pratt, Mary Pratt, Sarah Sproule, Stylo Starr, Chloe Wise, and Xiaojing Yan.

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Credit: Chun Hua Catherine Dong, *Out of the Blue – No.3 (detail)*, 2023, 3D printed sculptures, artificial plants, plexiglass, laboratory accessories, Courtesy of the Artist.





## RBC Artist in Residence: Melissa General



Melissa General is the RBC Artist in Residence for 2023, taking over the David Braley and Nancy Gordon sculpture atrium with an exhibition and evolving new body of work centred on her identity as a Mohawk artist from Six Nations of the Grand River Territory.

General is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design and received a Masters of Fine Arts degree from York University. She is a multidisciplinary artist working in photography, audio, video, and installation. Her practice is focused on her home territory of Six Nations of the Grand River and the concepts of memory, language and Land. Her artwork has been exhibited at the Art Gallery of Southwestern Manitoba, Lamont Gallery, Plug In Institute of Contemporary Art, Harbourfront Centre, Stride Gallery, Gallery 101, Gallery 44 Centre for Contemporary Photography and has been included in the 2016 Contemporary Native Art Biennial in Montréal. She is a Hnatyshyn Foundation REVEAL – Indigenous Art Award laureate and was named as the 2018 Ontario Arts Council Indigenous Arts Award Emerging Artist Laureate.

Credit: Melissa General, *Nitewakenon*, Chromogenic print, 2014, Courtesy of the artist

## Celebrating 50 Years of Hip Hop with Concrete Canvas

Alexander Bacon and Moises Luvs are two generations of artists working within graffiti and hip hop, collaborating for the first time at AGH. Their aim with this new work is to depict the states of flow, a feeling that transcends and unites all the art forms within hip hop. The abstraction surrounding the character with headphones reflects the internal multi-layered transformative experience of being so deeply connected with your purpose and actions. The state of flow is achieved when one is fully attuned with themselves and allows the 'flow' to flow through them. Curated by Leon (Eklipz) Robinson through Concrete Canvas.



Credit: Alexander Bacon and Moises Luvs, *Reflect*, 2023, mixed media, Courtesy of the artist

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Providing funding in support of the visual and performing arts in Hamilton

## in-cite

verb

to stir, to encourage, or urge on to action

The INCITE Foundation for the Arts is a new non-profit organization formed to provide funding to charitable arts organizations in the Hamilton area.

Strong cultural institutions are essential for the economic development and quality of life in any community. Hamilton's major music, opera, art and theatre institutions as well as the dozens of smaller arts organizations need and deserve the support of our citizens.

The INCITE Foundation has been funded with generous seed money from private sources. It is hoped that this initiative will incite Hamiltonians to rise to the support of their cultural life.

*As the soil, however fertile it might be, cannot be productive without cultivation, so the mind without culture can never produce good fruit.*

Albert Camus

DAY 1

THURSDAY  
OCTOBER 12



## An Evening of Wonder

Time: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Location: AGH

Free!

Join the AGH in celebrating the opening of our newest exhibition, *Wonder: The Real, the Surreal, and the fantastic!* In this immersive experience, challenge your notions of reality and delve into the fantastical worlds presented in this exhibition. Discover artists that find magic and suspense in the unexpected, the uncanny, and the unconventional, and begin considering the power of unlocking your unconscious mind.



Credit: Jeeyoung Lee, *La Vie En Rose* (detail), 2016. ©Jeeyoung Lee, Photo courtesy of the Artist.



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# DAY 2

## FRIDAY OCTOBER 13



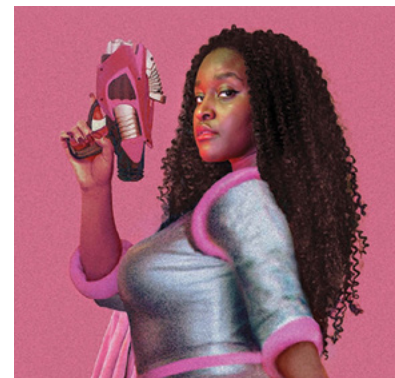
### Into the Vault: Lunch & Learn

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Location: AGH

\$15

Take advantage of your Friday lunch breaks and join the AGH on October 13 or 20 for inspiring curator-led discussions and Vault tours!



### Pop-up Performance: Bimbos in Space

Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Location: AGH

Free!

Visit the AGH for this remounted production from the Hamilton Fringe Festival! Calling all campy freaks, sci-fi geeks, and disaster queers, join us for a stupid sexy satire inspired by B movies and exploitation film of the 1960s. Contains Sexual Content, Coarse Language, and Violence. Suitable for mature audiences (18+).

### Fruit Salad x Wonder Dance Party

Time: 8:00 PM – 12:00 AM

Location: AGH Pavilion

\$40

To celebrate the opening of the new *Wonder* exhibition, join us Friday night in the AGH Pavilion for a fantastical night of partying in collaboration with 2SLGBTQIA+ event organizer Fruit Salad! Create your own surrealism-inspired mask, enjoy performances by Hamilton's Horror and Oposu Aerial Arts, and dance the night away. Attire: Surrealism-inspired dress is encouraged in celebration of *Wonder*!



# 10 DAY SCHEDULE

# AT-A-GLANCE 2023

<b>DAY 1</b>	7:00 PM	An Evening of Wonder	AGH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12			
<b>DAY 2</b>	12:00 PM	Into the Vault: Lunch & Learn	AGH
	7:00 PM	Pop-Up Performance: Bimbos in Space	AGH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13			
	8:00 PM	Fruit Salad x Wonder Dance Party	AGH
<b>DAY 3</b>	11:00 AM	Block Party: Celebrating 50 Years of Hip Hop	AGH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14			
	11:00 AM	Screenprinting Workshop	C
	2:00 PM	Pop-Up Concert: Whitmess	AGH
	7:00 PM	Hip Hop Evolution Screening & Panel Discussion	AGH
<b>DAY 4</b>	11:00 AM	Family Fun Day	AGH
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15			
	2:00 PM	Introduction to Weaving Workshop	H
<b>DAY 5</b>	6:00 PM	Pop-Up Performance: For Your Entertainment	AGH
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16			
	7:00 PM	Daily Art Practice: Mindfulness in Artmaking	AGH
	7:00 PM	Sound Bath	AGH

AGH ART GALLERY OF HAMILTON

M THE MUSIC HALL

W THE WESTDALE

H HAMILTON CRAFT STUDIOS

C CENTRE[3]

A ACCA BANQUET HALL

<b>DAY 6</b>	6:00 PM	Pop-Up Concert: Thomas Duxbury	AGH
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17			
	7:00 PM	Professional Artist Development with Alissa Sexton	AGH
	7:00 PM	In Conversation With Britt Wray: Finding Purpose in the Age of the Climate Crisis	AGH
<b>DAY 7</b>	6:00 PM	Screenprinting Workshop	C
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18			
	7:00 PM	Introductory Hip Hop Dance Class	AGH
	7:00 PM	HBSA/YAH Presents The Life-Sized City Film & Panel	AGH
<b>DAY 8</b>	1:00 PM	Mindful Drawing	AGH
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19			
	4:00 PM	Breaking Through the Vault	AGH
	7:00 PM	Pop-up Performance: Discocab	AGH
<b>DAY 9</b>	12:00 PM	Into the Vault: Lunch & Learn	AGH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20			
	5:00 PM	Fabulicious!	A
	8:00 PM	BIPOC hArt Dance Hosted by Mayumi Lashbrook	W
<b>DAY 10</b>	11:00 AM	Print Expo	AGH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21			
	1:00 PM	Blood and Water Film Screening & Panel	W
	7:00 PM	The Closing Concert: Whitehorse and Golden Feather	M

NOTE: EVENTS IN ORANGE REQUIRE TICKETS.





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**DAY 3**

**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 14**



**Block Party: Celebrating  
50 Years of Hip Hop**  
**Time: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**  
**Location: AGH**

**Free!**

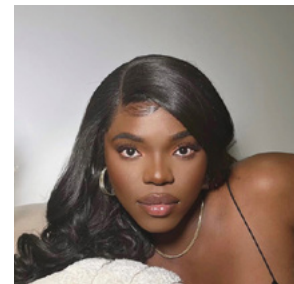
2023 marks 50 years since the birth of Hip Hop! Join the AGH in learning about, and celebrating, this resilient and multi-faceted music genre with an all-day party featuring breakdancing demos, DJ sets, live mural painting, and an artisan market featuring BIPOC-owned Hamilton businesses.

### Screenprinting Workshop

**Time: 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM**  
**Location: Centre [3]**

**\$125**

The AGH is thrilled to present this introductory level Screenprinting Workshop in partnership with Centre[3]. With guidance from screen printer Michael Schnittker, explore the art of screenprinting and design your own T-shirt. All printing materials are provided, including one T-shirt. Extra shirts will be available for purchase.



### Pop-Up Concert: Whitnesh

**Time: 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM**  
**Location: AGH Lobby**

**Free!**

Join us in the AGH lobby for an afternoon performance by Hamilton R&B artist, Whitnesh. Whitnesh captivates listeners with her rich and soulful voice and stands firmly for authenticity and inclusivity. She invites listeners on a journey of discovery and connection.

### Hip Hop Evolution Screening & Panel Discussion

**Time: 7:00 PM – 10:00 PM**  
**Location: AGH**

**\$15**

Join us at New Vision Music Hall for a screening of the award-winning series, *Hip Hop Evolution*, followed by a panel that will share behind-the-scenes details and discuss the Canadian hip hop scene at large.





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# DAY 4

## SUNDAY OCTOBER 15



### Family Fun Day

Time: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM

Location: AGH

**\$15**  
per family

Join us at the AGH for our Hamilton's Got Talent themed family day. This event welcomes people of all ages to explore the AGH, with child-friendly tours throughout the day. Stay for activities like a family yoga class, crafts, a dance party, and music performances by local artists and youth. Guaranteed FUN for the whole family!



### Introduction to Weaving Workshop

Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Location: Hamilton Craft Studios

**\$60**

In this hands-on class, you will have the unique opportunity to create a woven artwork. Under the guidance of a professional craftsperson, learn new techniques as you warp the tapestry loom, practice the hemstitching process, and incorporate unique materials into your designs.





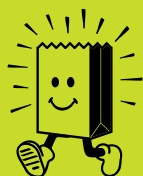
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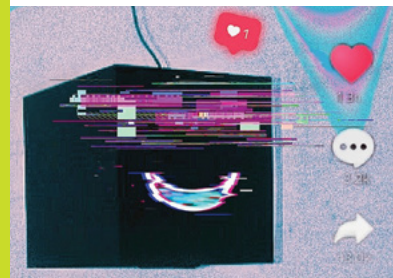
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**DAY 5**

**MONDAY  
OCTOBER 16**



## **Pop-Up Performance: For Your Entertainment**

**Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

**Location: AGH**

**Free!**

Visit the AGH for this remounted production from the Hamilton Fringe Festival! Experience the blur between reality and virtual fantasy as you question how much control you have outside of your algorithm. Features Strobe Lights, suitable for ages 13+.

## **Sound Bath**

**Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Location: AGH Pavilion**

**\$15**

Join us in the AGH Pavilion to experience the healing and meditative power of sound baths. Sound therapy is a harmonizing experience recommended for many physical and emotional ailments. Throughout the session, the body will release endorphins and serotonin, allowing a jump start to restore your entire system. It is recommended that participants bring a yoga mat, water, and a sweater or blanket.



## **Daily Art Practice: Mindfulness in Artmaking**

**Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Location: AGH Fischer Gallery**

**\$5**

With guidance from artist Breanna Shanahan, challenge yourself to create 10 drawings or watercolor artworks in 30 minutes and a short exercise with clay. This workshop helps practice mindfulness and steps away from the preciousness of a single idea, instead fostering healthy habits rooted in making. The event is open to all ages, and no experience is required! Art materials will be supplied.





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**DAY 6**

**TUESDAY  
OCTOBER 17**



**Pop-Up Concert:  
Thomas Duxbury**  
Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM  
Location: AGH Lobby

**Free!**

Thomas Duxbury is an independent artist based in Hamilton, Ontario, known for his unique blend of blues and indie rock sounds. Join us in the AGH lobby to witness his signature style that incorporates rhythms and melodies reminiscent of surf music from the 1960s, 1950s-inspired ballads, and rock and roll riffs; Duxbury has created a sound that is both familiar and fresh!



**Professional Artist Development  
with Alissa Sexton**

**What Galleries Want: How to prepare your  
art career to be attractive to curators and jurors**

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: AGH Fischer Gallery

**\$15**

In advance of the upcoming open call for submission for the 2024 AGH Art Sale, Art Sales + Services is pleased to present curator and artist consultant Alissa Sexton to share What Galleries Want. During this virtual workshop geared towards artists, Alissa will share valuable insight into preparing your online presence to be attractive to galleries and how to best put together a submission for a juried show. This event is offered in-person and online.



**In Conversation with Britt Wray:**

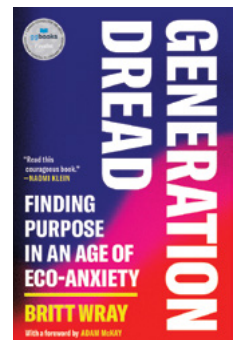
**Finding Purpose in the Age  
of the Climate Crisis**

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: AGH Pavilion

**\$15**

The AGH joins forces with Epic Books and Toronto-based author Britt Wray to discuss her recent book *Generation Dread* and her ongoing research into the emotional and psychological impacts of the planetary health crisis. Learn how to recognize climate-related fears and anxieties and use these feelings to become an engaged steward of the planet.







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**DAY 7**

**WEDNESDAY  
OCTOBER 18**



### Screenprinting Workshop

**Time: 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Location: Centre[3]**

**\$125**

The AGH is thrilled to present this introductory level Screenprinting Workshop in partnership with Centre[3]. With guidance from screen printer Luther Griggs, explore the art of screenprinting and design your own T-shirt. All printing materials are provided, including one T-shirt. Extra shirts will be available for purchase.

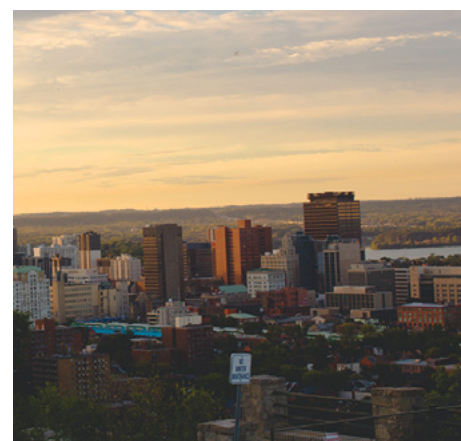
### Introductory Hip Hop Dance Class

**Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Location: AGH Pavilion**

**\$15**

This year, Hip Hop turns 50! Join us for a Hip Hop dance workshop from Defining Movement Dance, where you'll be introduced to the foundational grooves, culture, and history of this dynamic and feel-good social Street Dance style.



### HBSA/YAH Presents The Life-Sized City Film & Panel

**Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**

**Location: AGH Fischer Gallery**

**\$15**

The Young Architects of Hamilton will be showing the TVO documentary *The Life-Sized City: Hamilton*, using it as a launch pad to discuss art, architecture, and community building as it relates to the Hamilton area today.



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**DAY 8**

**THURSDAY**  
**OCTOBER 19**




### Mindful Drawing

**Time: 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM**

**Location: AGH Fischer Gallery**

**Free!**

Take a moment for yourself and create an artwork simply for the sake of making it. Let's take some time away from the idea that artwork must have a purpose and look a certain way to be valid. Together, we will join lines, make marks, create patterns and use these acts as a means of self-reflection, mindfulness, and meditation. There are no wrong ways to do this.

### Breaking Through the Vault

**Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Location: AGH Fischer Gallery**

**Free!**

High school and university students! Drop by The Gallery to join us for Breaking Through the Vault! A monthly poetry club that fosters connection, exploration, socialization, and creation alongside the AGH and Hamilton You Poets. This innovative program reimagines the world we live in through art and poetic liberty, offering collaboration on multi-channeled projects, podcasts, writing support, and an audio tour of the city.



### Pop-up Performance:

**Discocab**

**Time: 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Location: AGH Lobby**

**Free!**

A Cabaret night featuring artists who identify as Disabled/ Neurodiverse/Deaf/Mad+ in their own performance medium! Enjoy accessible live performances of all kinds —fully-fledged, excerpts, and processes. Brought to you by the creatively strange brains of The ADHD Project and The Audition.





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**DAY 9**

**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 20**



### Into the Vault: Lunch & Learn

**Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM**

**Location: AGH**

**\$15**

Take advantage of your Friday lunch breaks and join us at the AGH October 13 or 20 for inspiring curator-led discussions and Vault tours all within an hour!



### Fabulicious!

**Time: 5:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**ACCA Banquet Hall**

**\$20**

Afro Canadian Caribbean Association (ACCA) will be presenting a Fabulicious afternoon of Art, Music & Food at their Banquet Hall on Barton Street.

*\*Please note this venue is not wheelchair accessible.*

### BIPOC hArt Dance

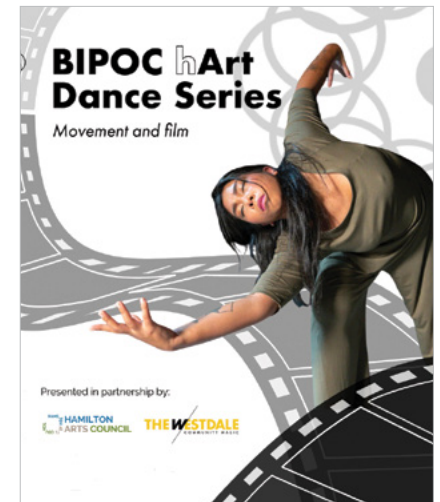
**Hosted by Mayumi Lashbrook**

**Time: 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM**

**Location: The Westdale**

The BIPOC hArt Dance Series (BHDS), presented in partnership between Hamilton Arts Council and The Westdale, exists to support the professional ambitions of dance artists and develop infrastructure for professional dance presentation within Hamilton. This evening, The Westdale will present the screening premiere of short dance films created by featured dance and movement artists.

**\$10**



# The Life-Sized City -Hamilton-


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# DAY 10

# SATURDAY OCTOBER 21



## Print Expo

**Time: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**Location: AGH Pavilion  
& Fischer Gallery**



On our last Festival day, join us for an afternoon at the AGH and meet talented print-based artists from Hamilton and surrounding areas. Shop for comics, zines, prints, illustrations, and more from numerous unique vendors! Admission is free, but be sure to bring some cash to support the incredible artists!

## Blood and Water Film Screening & Panel

**Time: 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

**Location: The Westdale**



Join us at the Westdale for a screening of Layla Staats' film *Blood and Water*, which documents Staats' path as a generational survivor of residential schools to reclaim her Mohawk identity. A panel discussion will follow featuring Staats and Speakers of Truth.



## The Closing Concert: Whitehorse and Golden Feather

**Time: 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM**

**Location: The Music Hall**



We invite you to celebrate the final night of the 2023 AGH Festival with good music, good drinks, and good company! Bar open at 7 pm, and music from the talented Golden Feather and Whitehorse begins at 8 pm!



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