

## The Art Gallery of Hamilton wins prestigious Canadian Venue Award

Canadian Special Events Magazine recognizes the AGH as “Best Museum or Gallery Space”



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The Art Gallery of Hamilton was named “Best Museum or Gallery Space” at the inaugural Canadian Venue Awards, which are organized by *Canadian Special Events Magazine*.

These awards recognize and celebrate the exceptional achievements of venues across Canada. From outstanding venue management, innovative venue design, and in-house catering to top-tier event planning and customer service, these prestigious awards highlight venues that excel in creativity, business operations, and service excellence. Winners in the 28 different award categories set new standards of excellence in Canada’s event industry and represent the very best in venue management and experience.

**"We are honoured to be recognized by the Canadian Venue Awards for excellence as a community space where people gather for special events and celebrations," says Shelley Falconer, President and CEO at the Art Gallery of Hamilton. "Thank you to *Canadian Special Events Magazine* for recognizing the AGH in the category of 'Best Museum or Gallery Space.' This award is a testament to the outstanding work done by our Wedding & Event Services team for each and every event we host."**

The Art Gallery of Hamilton provides the ultimate setting for weddings, receptions, workshops, corporate functions, and fundraising initiatives. Located in the heart of downtown Hamilton, the Gallery's renowned permanent collection, state-of-the-art facilities, and variety of outstanding exhibitions make the AGH an unparalleled choice for any special event.

With four distinct event spaces, our partnerships with trusted local service providers, and impeccable food service with our in-house chef and Scarlett House Catering Group, the AGH adds an extraordinary touch to any special occasion. All the event spaces at the Gallery are easily customizable to fit the unique needs of each occasion.

At 2,500 square feet, the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Pavilion is the AGH's largest event space, and it can accommodate a cocktail reception of 200 guests or meeting/dinner seating for 175 guests. The glass-enclosed Pavilion features an in-house sound system and drop-down screen, with direct access to the beautifully landscaped Irving Zucker Sculpture Garden.

The Wedding & Event Services team helps to manage every aspect of an event – such as designing floor plans, creating customized menus and bar services, coordinating audio-visual rentals, and providing a dedicated event coordinator on the day of the event.

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is more than just a place to experience art – it is an important place for community to come together and celebrate special moments in life.

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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, International, and Contemporary art, numbers more than 11,000 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.

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