

FALL SEPT–DEC 2019

# EXPLORE

AGA KHAN MUSEUM PROGRAM GUIDE



AGA KHAN MUSEUM

# 5 YEARS OF CONNECTING CULTURES

Join us for our fifth anniversary celebrations! We first opened our doors on September 18th, 2014, becoming North America's first museum dedicated to Islamic art, changing perceptions, and sparking dialogue.

From Spain to China, Japan to Scandinavia, and Mughal India to modern Syria, we've had the honour of presenting hundreds of world-renowned artists, musicians, and thought leaders over the past five years.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to connecting cultures: our ever-curious visitors, our generous supporters, and our tireless volunteers and staff!

Let's celebrate together at our First Five Fest on August 31 (12–10 pm) and September 1 (12–6 pm) with live music, tasty food, art, and activities for all ages.

## SHOP

Finish your holiday shopping early this year with our one-of-a-kind fall collection of fine jewellery, fashion, and home décor.



## DIWAN

Delicious flavours, a delightful menu, and an authentically designed space make for an irresistible dining experience.

## VIBRANT VENUE

For your next big occasion — from weddings and holiday parties to conferences — we are the elegant and inspired choice.



# AFRICA!

Experience new dimensions of a vast and complex continent with a world-class lineup of art, performances, and talks in our fall season, *Africa!*

## CARAVANS OF GOLD, FRAGMENTS IN TIME SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 – FEBRUARY 23, 2020

*Caravans of Gold*, a groundbreaking exhibition, transports you to medieval times when western Africa was at the heart of a global economy, stretching to Europe, the Middle East, and beyond – a history largely left out of our Western textbooks.

You'll encounter stunning masterpieces set beside new archeological discoveries, revealing how western Africa fuelled the world with ideas, luxuries, and coveted commodities, like ivory, salt, and gold. You'll also meet the legendary Mansa Musa – thought to be one of the wealthiest people of all time.

Featuring major loans from Mali, Morocco, and Nigeria – never before seen in Canada – you won't want to miss this surprising look into medieval history.

*Caravans of Gold, Fragments in Time: Art, Culture, and Exchange across Medieval Saharan Africa* is organized by the Block Museum of Art and has been made possible in part by the National Endowment for the Humanities: Exploring the human endeavor, as well as by Northwestern University's Buffett Institute for Global Studies. Two anonymous donors made possible the exhibition's travel to the National Museum of African Art, Smithsonian Institution. Additional support is provided by the National Endowment for the Arts, the Myers Foundations, the Alumnae of Northwestern University, the Robert Lehman Foundation, the Elizabeth F. Cheney Foundation, and the Illinois Arts Council Agency.

## BUILDING BLACK: CIVILIZATIONS SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 – FEBRUARY 23, 2020

Contemporary Ghanaian-Canadian artist Ekow Nimako speaks to Africa's remarkable history and its powerful future in an Afrofuturist exhibition, featuring a series of surrealist sculptures built with over 100,000 black LEGO® Bricks.

## CHALLENGING WHAT WE KNOW

Our season's vibrant array of educational programming spotlights the history of African art and cultural exchange. Illuminating showcases from African embassies, thought-provoking local artists, and speakers from the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art and Northwestern's Block Museum of Art will challenge us to rethink the world's past, present, and future.

## PAN-AFRICAN MUSIC AND FILM

From Madagascar's Toko Telo to the Okavango African Orchestra, our pan-African focus comes to life in our 2019/20 Performing Arts season, *Listening to Each Other*, which pays tribute to the role of the performative arts in connecting communities, preserving culture, and spurring social change.

2019 Performing Arts programs supported by



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## FREE MUSEUM ADMISSION!

When you purchase a ticket to a performance, talk, or workshop, you get to explore the Museum for free, including our Museum Collection and special exhibitions.



### NUIT BLANCHE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 7 PM — SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6, 7 AM

**Arrivals and Encounters: Sama**  
Our dusk-till-dawn art celebration will transport you, revealing the ephemeral and the enduring.

From inside such tranquil spaces as Mongolian yurts, a First Nations' teepee, and a geodesic dome you will discover the many faces of Toronto: sleepless city, site for sacred discovery, and scene of unexpected encounters.

**Sama**, Arabic for listening, is the night's inspiration and we invite you to experience genre-blurring live music, whirling dervishes, opera performances, a virtual reality art installation, theatre, and much more!

Nuit Blanche is supported by the City of Toronto, Ontario Arts Council, and Canada Council for the Arts.

### 5TH ANNUAL DUENDE FLAMENCO FESTIVAL

NOVEMBER 13–23

In our fifth year, we bring you bold and innovative dance from two of the world's top flamenco performers — Eduardo Guerrero and Isaac Tovar — along with iconic local dancers and acclaimed Spanish cinema.

*Event pricing and ticket package details available online: [agakhanmuseum.org/Duende2019](http://agakhanmuseum.org/Duende2019)*

**FREE FILMS**  
Camarón. Flamenco y revolución  
Wednesday, Nov. 13, 7 pm  
Polígono Sur  
Wednesday, Nov. 20, 7 pm

**PERFORMANCES**  
Esmeralda Enríque's Spanish Dance Company & Opening Reception with Tablao Flamenco Toronto  
Saturday, Nov. 16, 6 pm  
Dance a Mile in My Shoes/Bells  
by Carmen Romero and Bageshree Vaze  
Sunday, Nov. 17, 7 pm  
Desplante by Eduardo Guerrero  
Thursday, Nov. 21, 8:30 pm  
Encuentro by Isaac Tovar  
Saturday, Nov. 23, 8 pm



### FREE POP-UP PERFORMANCES

Enjoy intimate performances from a diverse lineup of talented local artists in the Museum's public spaces and galleries.

Wednesdays: 5, 6, and 7 pm  
Saturdays & Sundays: 12, 1, and 3 pm

Generously supported by  
**THE READY COMMITMENT**



## SEPTEMBER

### LAST CHANCE TO SEE THE MOON!

Enjoy performances, talks, and interactive activities Wednesdays from 4 to 8 pm, under Luke Jerram's Moon sculpture, extended until September 15.

For details, visit: [agakhanmuseum.org/FarewellMoon](http://agakhanmuseum.org/FarewellMoon)

### 12 LUNCHTIME TALK

**Behind the Scenes of Our First Five Years**  
How do you build a museum? Join five of our senior staff to hear stories about everything from building design to exhibition planning.  
Thursday, 1 pm  
Free with Museum admission

### 28 PERFORMANCE

**Toko Telo**  
Experience alluring folk music from three of Madagascar's stars, including one of the world's top guitarists.  
Saturday, 8 pm  
\$40, \$36 Friends, \$30 students and seniors

### PATRONS' APPRECIATION DAYS

SEPTEMBER 28–29, 2019

THANK YOU to our Patrons' Circle Supporters

For more information, please contact: [friends@agakhanmuseum.org](mailto:friends@agakhanmuseum.org)

### 7 PERFORMANCE

**Stree Shakti: Celebrating Women in Music with Arati Ankalikar-Tikekar**  
See one of India's top classical vocalists, performing songs associated with female deities.  
Saturday, 7 pm  
\$40 orchestra, \$30 balcony, and 10% off for Friends

An associate partnership with Raag-Mala Toronto

### 22 KEYNOTE TALK

**Telling the Story of Medieval Africa with Dr. Kathleen Bickford Berzock**  
Hear the curator of *Caravans of Gold* discuss western Africa's remarkable influence during the medieval era.  
Sunday, 2 pm  
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

### 30 PERFORMANCE

**Emel Mathlouthi: Album Release Concert**  
Enjoy the otherworldly electronic melodies of a Tunisian singer known as the "voice of the Tunisian revolution."  
Monday, 8:30 PM  
\$25, \$22.50 Friends, \$18.75 students and seniors

Presented in collaboration with Collective Concerts and the Canadian Arab Institute

### PRESTOPERKS

Show your PRESTO card to save 20% off general admission and 10% off on-site Shop purchases.

### TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY

**The Museum + Arts Pass Program**  
Borrow a free family pass to the Museum with your Toronto Public Library card! Passes are available at 50 branches. To learn more visit: [tpl.ca/mappass](http://tpl.ca/mappass)

### Become a Friend of the Museum

Take advantage of exclusive benefits, including free admission to all of our exhibitions and special previews for a full year. Plus, you'll receive discounts on our performances, courses, and lectures, as well as at the Shop, Café, Diwan Restaurant, and on parking.

For a full list of levels and benefits visit our website at [agakhanmuseum.org/support/friends.html](http://agakhanmuseum.org/support/friends.html) or call 416.646.4667.

## OCTOBER

### 1 INSIGHT TOUR

**Saharan Pathways of Islamic Art with Dr. Michael Chagnon**  
Travel across the Sahara Desert, gaining insight into masterpieces from medieval African empires.  
Tuesday, 6:30 pm  
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

### 11–12 FILM

**Toronto Middle Eastern and North African Film Festival**  
Dive into new worlds with a showcase of powerful dramas and documentaries.  
Friday, Oct. 11: 5–9 pm  
Saturday, Oct. 12: 2–7:30 pm  
Day Pass: \$50, \$45 Friends, \$37.50 students and seniors  
Weekend Pass: \$85

An associate partnership with the Toronto Middle Eastern and North African Film Festival

### 19 PERFORMANCE

**Sublime Sitar with Pandit Budhaditya Mukherjee**  
Experience the exquisite music of one of India's top sitarists and winner of a 2019 Padma Bhushan award.  
Saturday, 7:30 pm  
\$40 orchestra, \$30 balcony, and 10% off for Friends

An associate partnership with Raag-Mala Toronto.

### 24 LUNCHTIME TALK

**Travels in Africa: Word and Image with Dr. Michael Chagnon**  
Challenge what you know about history with a look at medieval texts and stunning artworks from *Caravans of Gold*.  
Thursday, 1 pm  
Free with Museum admission

### Art TO

Art Toronto  
October 25–27, 2019

The Aga Khan Museum is proud to be a cultural partner of Canada's international fair for modern and contemporary art, celebrating its 20th year.

Metro Toronto Convention Centre  
North Building  
255 Front Street West, Toronto  
For details, visit [arttoronto.ca](http://arttoronto.ca).

## NOVEMBER

### 1 OFFSITE PERFORMANCE

**Naseer Shamma & Orontes: Flamenco Night at the Bluma Appel Theatre, 27 Front St. East**  
Feel Flamenco rhythms from one of the world's pre-eminent oud masters and a Syrian guitar quartet.  
Friday, 7:30 pm  
For tickets, please visit [stlc.com](http://stlc.com).  
A co-production with Canadian Arabic Orchestra

### 3 PERFORMANCE

**Charisu**  
Be whisked away by classical pieces from Iranian and Canadian composers in this spirited chamber concert.  
Sunday, 3 pm  
\$40, \$36 Friends, \$30 students and seniors

An associate partnership with Charisu

### 8 PERFORMANCE

**Festival of Arabic Music and Arts: Maghrebian Night**  
Enjoy the rhythms of Libya, Tunisia, Algeria, and Morocco in a classical music concert that brings North Africa to life.  
Friday, 7:30 pm  
\$50 orchestra, \$45 balcony  
10% off for Friends, students, and seniors

An associate partnership with Canadian Arabic Orchestra

### 9 PERFORMANCE

**Okavango African Orchestra**  
Don't miss this Juno-winning group that unites musicians from seven African countries to create fresh musical languages.  
Saturday, 8 pm  
\$35, \$31.50 Friends, \$26.25 students and seniors

Presented in collaboration with Batuki Music

### 27 FALL FILM SERIES

**Mali Blues**  
Travel to the home of the blues in this documentary about Mali's rich music scene that's now in peril.  
Wednesday, 6 pm  
Free

## DECEMBER

### 1 TALK

**Trade Networks and Empires: African Art's Many Golden Ages with Dr. Augustus Casely-Hayford**  
Hear the Director of the Smithsonian National Museum of African Art discuss how art can carve out empires and shape history.  
Sunday, 2 pm  
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

### 5 LUNCHTIME TALK

**Picking up the Pieces: Reimagining Black Civilizations with Ekow Nimako**  
Find out what inspired our feature artist to devote 600 hours to building a 6x6 ft. sculpture out of black LEGO Bricks.  
Thursday, 1 pm  
Free with Museum admission

### 21–22 OFFSITE PERFORMANCE

**Rebirth of the Sun at the Ismaili Centre, Toronto**  
Celebrate the winter solstice with ancient stories told through music, song, chants, dances, and whirling dervishes.  
Saturday, 4 pm and 8 pm & Sunday, 4 pm  
\$30, \$27 Friends, \$22.50 students and seniors

Co-production with the Ismaili Centre, Toronto  
With support from Canada Council for the Arts

### LIGHT UP THE DARK

Our spectacular 3D video projection returns for the holidays! Watch as the Museum's facade transforms into a dynamic work of art.



## COMING MARCH 2020

### EXHIBITION SANCTUARY

MARCH 21 – AUGUST 23

Step inside a space dedicated to exploring the idea of sanctuary. Thirty-six artists from around the world, including Brendan Fernandes and Mona Hatoum, have designed spectacular woven rugs in response to their personal reflections on sanctuary — whether that means safe haven, sacred space, place of beauty, or something entirely unique.

Organized by the FORSITE Foundation with the support of ALRUG.

Programming subject to change. For a complete and up-to-date listing of our events, visit [agakhanmuseum.org](http://agakhanmuseum.org)

### FAMILY PROGRAMMING

Bring the kids and enjoy fun hands-on activities for the whole family!

**Family Sundays**  
Sundays, 12–4 pm  
Make art and memories in our Education Centre.  
Free with Museum admission

**Family Exploration Activities**  
Pick up a complimentary activity guide and take your family on an exploration of the galleries.  
See Ticket Desk for details.



### TEACHERS, BRING YOUR CLASS!

Get in for free with your OCT card and plan your class trip to the Museum. Customize your class visit, or choose from a roster of school programs for Pre-K to Grade 12. For curriculum links and booking details, visit [agakhanmuseum.org/learn](http://agakhanmuseum.org/learn) or email [learn@agakhanmuseum.org](mailto:learn@agakhanmuseum.org).



### GAIN NEW KNOWLEDGE ON OUR TOURS

**Museum Collection, Special Exhibitions, and Architecture**  
Ever wonder what inspired the building's architect or the pieces in our Museum Collection? Take part in our daily tours offered at various times.  
\$10 adults, \$5 students and seniors  
Museum admission required



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## ABOUT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM

The Aga Khan Museum is a centre for innovation and creativity dedicated to connecting cultures through the arts. With exhibitions, performing arts, films, talks, workshops, and more, the Museum showcases the contributions of Islamic civilizations and serves as a catalyst for intercultural dialogue.

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## HOURS

Monday: Closed\*

Tuesday: 10 am–6 pm

Wednesday: 10 am–8 pm

Thursday–Sunday: 10 am–6 pm

**Museum admission is free every Wednesday  
from 4–8 pm.**

\*Open holiday Mondays, 10 am–6 pm: September 2 (Labour Day)

October 14 (Thanksgiving Day)

For up-to-date information about modified hours, please visit [agakhanmuseum.org/hours](https://agakhanmuseum.org/hours).

## SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

December 24: 10 am–4 pm

December 31: 10 am–4 pm

December 25: Closed

January 1: 10 am–8 pm

December 30: 10 am–6 pm