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AGA KHAN MUSEUM PROGRAM GUIDE

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SUMMER MAY–AUG 2017
HERE
LOCATING CONTEMPORARY CANADIAN ARTISTS

July 22, 2017 to January 1, 2018

What can an ancient Roman carving in the Aga Khan Museum’s Collection tell us about being Canadian? The answers lie HERE. Encounter Museum-wide installations of video, textiles, painting, and sculpture that convey the diversity of more than 20 artists. Think differently about Canadian identity this summer and join us in celebrating Canada’s 150 years as a nation.

Adorned with acanthus leaves on one side and Kufic script on the other, a marble artifact in the Aga Khan Museum Collection is a testament to artistic ingenuity. Its original purpose? Architectural decoration for an ancient Roman structure. Yet, in the 10th century, it was repurposed to mark the grave of a leather merchant. The object bears the inscriptions of different cultures and different times. Its many layers speak to and through each other; its present is the sum of at least two pasts.

The contemporary artists featured in HERE suggest that Canadian identity, too, is made of many “inscriptions” and many stories. Whether Canadian-born or naturalized, permanent resident or ex-pat, these artists carry experiences from multiple geographies and generations, from neighbours old and new. Rich with questions, their works may point to a pathway for both individuals and nations. Building a future means recognizing our complex histories, finding spaces to grow, and allowing conversations to continue.

Curator
Swapnaa Tamhane

To learn more about the artworks shown on the front cover and above, visit agakhanmuseum.org/HERE.
REBEL, JESTER, MYSTIC, POET
CONTEMPORARY PERSIANS
Closing June 4, 2017
“Splendid, politically charged pieces.” — Vibhu Gairola, Toronto Life
Before it’s too late, experience this world premiere exhibition bringing together 23 of Iran’s most innovative contemporary artists — and discover a rare and multidimensional portrait of Iranian art today.
Curator
Dr. Fereshteh Daftari
Organized by the Aga Khan Museum with the cooperation of Mohammed Afkhami, Mohammed Afkhami Foundation
ARTISTS’ SYMPOSIUM
Rebels, Jesters, Mystics, Poets
Saturday, May 27, 2–5 pm
$15, $14 Friends, $10 students and seniors
Includes same-day Museum admission
Join us for lively roundtable discussions and artists’ talks exploring key questions such as “Who are Persians Today?”
Speakers include curator Dr. Fereshteh Daftari, scholar Dr. Ahmad Karimi-Hakkak (University of Maryland), and selected exhibition artists.
SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE
Vocodeliks
with Sussan Deyhim
Friday, June 2, 8 pm
$40, $36 Friends
Includes same-day Museum admission
Our exhibition Rebel, Jester, Mystic, Poet: Contemporary Persians draws to an unforgettable conclusion with a performance by Sussan Deyhim. Witness this multi-talented Iranian-American vocalist, composer, and performance artist in action.
CHANGING SPACES, CHANGING FACES
An artwork of exquisite beauty and extraordinary labour, Aisha Khalid’s tapestry Your Way Begins on the Other Side was the first contemporary work acquired by the Museum, and it has fascinated visitors since 2014. Like other fragile objects in our Collection, it now requires time away from the light of the atrium to extend its life. See it again before July 9, and watch for new creations in this space as we welcome the artists featured in HERE.
LEARNING AT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM
Travel the world and across time with this season’s educational programs. Enrich your experience of our exhibitions, and be creative in our Education Centre!

AFTERNOON LECTURES
Free with Museum admission

Rare Performing Arts Traditions from Pakistan
Thursday, May 18, 1–2 pm
From the highlands of the Karakorams to the emerald waters of the Makran coast, journey with Umair Jaffar across Pakistan to uncover musical traditions at risk of extinction.

Brave Warriors of Diez
Thursday, June 22, 1–2 pm
Explore the arms and armament of medieval Central Asia and Iran. Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip introduces the drawings and paintings of the Diez Albums (Berlin State Library).

Palmyra: Ancient City, Modern Landscape
Thursday, July 13, 1–2 pm
What clues about Palmyra’s public and daily life can be found in the site’s surviving artifacts? Dr. Clemens Reichel (Royal Ontario Museum, University of Toronto) offers an archaeological perspective.

What is Being HERE?
Thursday, August 3, 1–2 pm
Consider the meaning of place and identity as curator Swapnaa Tamhane shares her insights into HERE: Locating Contemporary Canadian Artists. After the talk, continue the conversation with Swapnaa for 20 minutes in the gallery.

WORKSHOPS

The Divine Line: An Introduction to Islamic Calligraphy
Sunday, June 11, 11 am–4 pm
$50, $45 Friends, $40 students and seniors
Discover the fundamentals of writing in elegant Thuluth script with Sehar Shahzad.

The Art of Islamic Pattern: The Arabesque
Sunday, July 9, 11 am–4 pm
$50, $45 Friends, $40 students and seniors
Delve into the history of the arabesque with Unaza Karim, then create unique patterns of your own.

GET READY FOR SUMMER CAMP

Dress to Impress (Ages 6–8) and Silk Route Adventures (Ages 9–12)
July 17 to 21, 9 am–4 pm
$300, $270 Friends per session
Our Camps are packed with fun and educational activities for kids between the ages of 6 and 12.

Panel Discussion: Medieval History: East Meets West
Wednesdays, May 10 to June 14, 6–8 pm
$210, $180 Friends, $150 students and seniors
50% parking discount available during the course
In this six-week course with Andrew Watts, learn how advancements in architecture, science, and medicine were shared between East and West when trade flourished along the Silk Routes.

PANEL DISCUSSION

Canadian Artists Being HERE
Saturday, July 22, 2–4 pm
$20, $18 Friends, $12 students and seniors
Join curator Swapnaa Tamhane and artists from the HERE exhibition for a panel discussion exploring what “here” means for Canadian artists today.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

Family Sundays
Sundays, 12–4 pm
Free with Museum admission
Drop into our Education Centre for art activities themed to our current exhibitions. Designed for children ages 5–12. Adult accompaniment required.

LOOK FOR US AT THE TORONTO PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Enjoy free art activities at branches across the city on these Saturdays:
Fort York Library
Saturday, May 6, 11 am–12 pm

Thorncliffe Library
Saturday, May 13, 2–3 pm

S. Walter Stewart Library
Saturday, July 8, 10:30–11:30 am

The Aga Khan Museum is a proud partner of MAP Family Saturdays. For more information, visit torontopubliclibrary.ca.

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PERFORMANCES

This spring and summer, find a new perspective! Hear a familiar instrument with fresh ears. Revisit history in a new light. Discover the contemporary spirit of an ancient art form.

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SAMAH: Dance of Bharatanatyam
to the Mystic Poetry of South Asia
Friday, June 16, 8 pm
Starting at $45, 10% off for Friends
Includes same-day Museum admission
Join acclaimed dancer-choreographer Janaki Rangarajan for an evening that pushes the frontiers of Bharatanatyam, an ancient Indian dance form, to new horizons. Live music and the poetry of Bulleh Shah, Kabir, and Rumi provide inspiration.

Sacred Spirit
with Parvathy Baul
Thursday, August 24, 8 pm
$40, $36 Friends
Includes same-day Museum admission
Be inspired and transported as Parvathy Baul takes to our stage, interpreting the sacred Bengali musical form called Baul through song and dance.

HOT DOCS FILM FESTIVAL

Come to the Museum for on-screen action this spring, when our auditorium becomes a venue for Hot Docs, North America’s largest documentary festival. Enjoy multiple screenings for one discounted price with a special Ticket Package. For details and to purchase tickets, please visit hotdocs.ca.

The Other Side of the Wall
(Pau Ortiz, 2017, 68 min., PG)
Sunday, May 7, 1 pm
$17
With their mother sentenced to prison, two teenaged Honduran immigrants suddenly become the sole providers for their younger siblings and struggle to balance their adolescent dreams with newfound adult responsibilities.

69 Minutes of 86 Days
(Egil Håskjold Larsen, 2017, 70 min., PG)
Sunday, May 7, 3:30 pm
$17
From an unfamiliar Greek port to the quiet streets of Uppsala, Sweden, a brave three-year-old Syrian refugee makes the journey through Europe with her family to find comfort and a fresh start in a new home.

Step
(Amanda Lipitz, 2017, 83 min., PG)
Sunday, May 7, 5:45 pm
$17
Meet the fierce and inspiring “Lethal Ladies” of the Baltimore Leadership School for Young Women — a dynamic step dance team battling the odds to make it to the championship and become successful graduates.

Quest
(Jonathan Olshefski, 2017, 105 min., 14A)
Sunday, May 7, 9:15 pm
$17
Set against the backdrop of a country now in turmoil, this intimate film follows an African-American family in North Philadelphia whose home music studio serves as a creative sanctuary from strife.
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

World Fiddle Day
Saturday, May 20, 10 am–10 pm
$25 for the day
Enjoy the best of world music on bowed strings through morning workshops, a free afternoon jam session, and an evening concert led by guest artists Kousha Nakhaei, Amely Zhou, Anne Lindsay, Pascal Gemme and Yann Falquet, and DnA. For more information, visit worldfiddledaytoronto.ca
A community partnership presented with World Fiddle Day Toronto, Small World Music, and the Ismaili Centre, Toronto.

FILM
The Sultan and the Saint
(Alexander Kronemer, 2016, 58 min., NR)
Thursday, June 8, 7:30 pm
$12, $10 Friends
How did the 13th-century encounter between Malik Al-Kamil, Sultan of Egypt, and St. Francis of Assisi help change the course of history? Find out in the Canadian premiere of this powerful docudrama.
A community partnership presented with Unity Productions Foundation and the Ismaili Centre, Toronto.

POP-UP PERFORMANCES
Saturdays and Sundays (12 pm, 1 pm, 3 pm)
Wednesdays (5 pm, 6 pm, 7 pm)
Free
Unplugged, informal, and often surprising, our Pop-Up Performances take musicians all over the Museum — and listeners all over the world. Get introduced to instruments and musical traditions you’ve never encountered before. Meet local musicians, and find out how cultures connect. These 30-minute performances will open your ears and your imagination.
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COMING THIS FALL
Look out for Conversation Nation, an inspiring Canada 150 series showcasing the cultural diversity of our country’s performing arts scene! Experience music and cross-cultural conversations.

DIWAN DINING ON THE PATIO
Our outdoor terrace sizzles with grilled dishes and signature drinks perfect for patio season. Relax at lunch, or enjoy a cocktail or mocktail with friends. Open from Victoria Day to Labour Day, weather permitting. Check agakhanmuseum.org for hours and special menus.
To book Diwan’s patio for your next special event, email private.events@agakhanmuseum.org or call 416.646.4671.

PRIVATE EVENTS
With reflecting pools, a light-filled atrium, and an auditorium that seats over 335 guests, the Aga Khan Museum is a stunning venue for your next private or corporate event.
For details, email private.events@agakhanmuseum.org or call 416.646.4671.
DANCING IN THE PARK

Music moves outdoors this summer! Enjoy community folk dances and workshops, dance-inspired films, rhythms that will keep you moving — and delicious food to fuel you for the action. All events are free.

Celebrating Community
Friday, June 9, 7–10 pm
Saturday, June 17, 7–10 pm
Friday, June 23, 7–10 pm
Saturday, July 8, 7–10 pm
On four summer evenings, take part in interactive performances and workshops on the Diwan Patio. Learn new or familiar folk dances, including the Gujarati Garba, Punjabi Bhangra, and Afghan Attan.

Dance Films Under the Stars at the Aga Khan Park
Saturday, August 12, 9 pm
Saturday, August 26, 9 pm
Bring your blanket and be moved by dance on film.

Music That Makes You Move at the Aga Khan Park
Saturday, July 22, 6:30 pm
Saturday, August 19, 6:30 pm
Feel the rhythm as local dance bands jam in the Park.

Aga Khan Park Tours
May 2 to September 4, 4:15 pm
$10 adults, $5 students and seniors
Museum admission not required
Discover the centuries of architectural history that have inspired our Park and its many plantings.

Yoga in the Park
July 5 to August 30, 8–9 am
$12, $10 Friends (per session)
Enjoy all nine sessions for $90! $81 Friends
Stretching and gentle movement in a magnificent setting: the perfect way to start your morning. In July, our popular yoga sessions led by certified yoga instructor Arzina Murji move outdoors to the Aga Khan Park. Walk-ups welcome.

Canada Day Celebrations
Saturday, July 1, 12–3 pm
Let’s celebrate Canada’s 150th birthday in the Aga Khan Park with food and fun-filled activities.

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DINE
With spectacular views of the Park in bloom, Mark McEwan’s Diwan offers you a front row seat on spring and summer. Enjoy dishes inspired by our exhibitions and the cuisines of India, North Africa, and the Middle East. Open for lunch Tuesday to Sunday, 11am to 2:30pm (openable.com). Reserve Diwan for your wedding reception, private dinner, or corporate event. For details, contact private.events@agakhanmuseum.org or 416.646.4671.

SHOP
The Aga Khan Museum Shop is proud to feature one-of-a-kind jewellery, ceramics, and home accessories by local and international artists. Visit this spring and summer for all that and more, including a wedding registry and corporate gift plan. Shop in person or online at shop.agakhanmuseum.org.

HOURS AND TICKETS
Monday: Closed (except holiday Mondays)
Tuesday: 10am–6pm
Wednesday: 10am–8pm
Thursday–Sunday: 10am–6pm
Museum admission is free every Wednesday from 4–8pm. Join us!

HOLIDAY HOURS
Victoria Day: May 22, 10am–6pm
Canada Day: July 3, 10am–6pm
Simcoe Day (Civic Holiday): August 7, 10am–6pm
Labour Day: September 4, 10am–6pm

General Admission
Friends: Free
Adults: $20
Seniors (65+): $15
Students*: $12
Children & Youth (6–13): $10
Family Package*: $50
*For more information, please visit agakhanmuseum.org

TOURS
Enrich your experience at the Museum by taking a tour with a knowledgeable Museum guide: $10 adults, $5 students and seniors, plus admission (no admission required for Park tours). Book these tours at the Tickets Desk when you arrive. For details, visit agakhanmuseum.org/visit/tours.

Group Sales
Do you have a group of 10 or more? Are you a hotel professional, meeting planner, or tour operator? To discuss special rates and options, call Group Reservations at 416.646.4678 or visit agakhanmuseum.org/visit/group-visit for details.

School Visits
Teachers, bring your students to the Aga Khan Museum for a fun, Ontario Curriculum-driven session of exploring and creating. Customize your own visit, or choose from a roster of Aga Khan Museum school programs. For details on school programs, visit agakhanmuseum.org/learn or email learn@agakhanmuseum.org.

ACCESSIBILITY
The Aga Khan Museum is wheelchair-accessible. Drop-offs at the street-level entrance can be made prior to parking. A limited number of wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about accessibility, please call 416.646.4677 ext. 7700.

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HOW TO GET HERE
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