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Annual Autumn Art Sale Exceeds Expectations Again!



Despite the rain and wind, people came out in droves to see some of the region's top contemporary artists at the McMichael's 19th Annual Autumn Art Sale. For the third year in a row, the McMichael Volunteer Committee, who runs the sale, helped fifty Canadian painters and sculptors sell over \$110,000 worth of original art in just three days! Over 2,000 people attended the event, and all were impressed by the quality of the pieces on display.

One third of the money raised from the sale goes directly to children's educational programs and other initiatives at the McMichael. Over the past nineteen years, the Volunteer Committee has raised over \$200,000 to enhance the visitor experience at the McMichael and fund the innovative VOICES program.

Thank you to all the volunteers and staff for their excellent effort and to this year's sponsors: The Guarantee Company of North America, Investors Group, Portfolio Management Corporation, and John and Judy Rumble.

For more information on the 2010 *McMichael Autumn Art Sale* or to become a volunteer, visit www.mcmichaelvolunteers.com.

Photo pictured above:
 McMichael Volunteer Committee members celebrating the 19th Annual Autumn Art Sale's success. Photograph by Barry Westhead.

International Success for the McMichael

The McMichael and the Art Gallery of Ontario recently joined together to host



delegates from all over North America at the biannual National Docent Symposium. Over 100 docents from across Canada and the United States convened at the McMichael for two days of talks and tours about the Collection. The Symposium provides docents with an opportunity to participate in a dialogue about the role and mission of docents and to exchange ideas with other docents from similar organizations.

The McMichael is always looking for volunteers. We have a very strong docent program with extensive training and a fun-filled, collegial atmosphere. If you or someone you know would like more information about becoming a docent or volunteer, please contact Elaine Hoffman at 905.893.1121 ext. 2214.

Photo pictured above:

Symposium docents participating in a McMichael docent discussion. Photograph by Linda Morita.

MEMBERS' DOUBLE DISCOUNT DAYS! **November 19 to 22, 2009**

Just in time for the holiday season, *Members' Double Discount Days* are here from November 19 to 22, 2009, inclusive. Members enjoy 20% off selected items in the Gallery Shop and online.



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Current Exhibitions

Nunannguaq: In the Likeness of the Earth **October 10, 2009 to January 17, 2010**

To mark the fiftieth anniversary of Kinngait Studios and to celebrate the remarkable achievement of the internationally acclaimed artistic community of Cape Dorset (Kinngait), the McMichael presents *Nunannguaq: In the Likeness of the Earth*, an exhibition featuring a large selection of prints, drawings, and sculptures spanning three generations of Cape



Dorset artists. The exhibition focuses on the representation of the land in the traditional Inuit culture and examines the changes to this vision following the introduction of sedentary lifestyle and southern technologies.

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Ed Bartram: The Eye Within
October 17, 2009 to January 3, 2010

Discover the rugged Georgian Bay landscape through Ed Bartram's abstract and dynamic etchings.

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Woodland School
October 24, 2009 to May 9, 2010

The *Woodland School* exhibit examines the vibrant artworks by Norval Morrisseau, Daphne Odjig, Carl Ray, Alex Janvier, Blake Debassige, Saul Williams, Martin Panamick, Goyce Kakegamic, and other Woodland School artists.

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LAST CHANCE TO VIEW!
Diana Thorneycroft:
Canada, Myth and History
On until November 29, 2009

Discover the satirical works of Diana Thorneycroft in *Canada, Myth and History*. Through her compositions of modern-day life and historical events set against the landscapes of the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, Thorneycroft explores notions of Canadian identity and cultural ideologies, while deconstructing mythological narratives.

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Child's Play
On until February 14, 2010

Based exclusively on the McMichael's permanent collection, *Child's Play* is an educational exhibition exploring the theme of children in Canadian art.

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Upcoming Exhibitions

HOLIDAY FAVOURITE!

Maria Chapdelaine

December 5, 2009 to January 3, 2010

Experience the popular 1916 novel, *Maria Chapdelaine*--a story depicting life in rural Quebec--through Clarence Gagnon's brilliant illustrations.

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Tom Forrestall: Paintings, Drawings, Writings ***January 30 to April 25, 2010***

Explore the "magical realism" of Tom Forrestall's paintings, drawings, and journal sketchbooks by examining themes of nature and tensions between reality and the imagination. This retrospective exhibition chronicles the artist's curious observation and exploration of his surroundings, the nature of his creativity, and the source of his visions, through his works.

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Maurice Cullen and His Circle ***January 16 to March 21, 2010***

Comprised of nearly forty oil paintings, this exhibition features works by Maurice Cullen together with those of some of his contemporaries, James Wilson Morrice and William Brymner, and the future generation of artists he inspired, including his stepson, Robert Pilot, and future member of the Group of Seven, A. Y. Jackson.

These works reveal the complex relationships between the urban and rural boundaries which existed around such cities as Montreal and Quebec in the late 19th and early 20th century.

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- Unique Environment
- Elegant Atmosphere
- Personalized Experience
- Exclusive Venue and Art Viewing Available

"The McMichael gallery was just the alternative venue that we were looking for to host our wedding event because it reflected our enthusiasm for art, culture and the environment." *Anjali Misra and Ketan Shankardass, August 29, 2008.*

For more information, call 905.893.1121, ext. 2536 or email events@mcmichael.com.

November and December 2009

Programs and Events

November 15

Canadian Stories

The Group of Seven

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Sunday Concert Series

Rosemary Galloway

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November 21

Studio Courses and Workshops

Digital Photography (Beginner)

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November 22

Studio Courses and Workshops

Digital Photography (Intermediate)

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November 29

Studio Courses and Workshops

Scrapbooking for the Holidays

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November 29

ArtChat:

Tracing the Footsteps: An Inuit Journey

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December 6

Sunday Concert Series

Elaine Lau

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December 12

Lectures

NUNANARA: The Vast Arctic Landscape

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December 20

Canadian Stories

Art of the First Peoples

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December 25

Christmas Day, *Gallery Closed*

December 26

Boxing Day, *Gallery Open*

December 27

ArtChat

Maria Chapdelaine: A Québécois Saga

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December 29 and 30

Bonus Family Days!

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Some of the programs listed above require registration. To register, fill out the online form. For more information, call 905.893.1121 ext. 2240 or visit www.mcmichael.com.