ANNUAL REPORT 2020



MUSEUM LONDON

A REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

It is an understatement to say that 2020 was a challenging year, as the pandemic played havoc with Museum London as it did with the rest of the world. What was to be a celebration of our 40th year at the Forks of the Thames and the 80th anniversary of our organization's founding, instead was an exercise in adapting to the realities of the COVID-19 outbreak.

The year started off normally but after COVID-19 hit in March, the Museum was shuttered for a six-month period. We were fortunate to qualify for the federal wage subsidy program, so we were able to keep our full-time staff working at home throughout this period. We did however need to shift our focus from inperson to online programming delivery.

COVID-19 aside, we continued to deliver strong exhibitions to our visitors. In addition to the ongoing *Taking The Long View*, we drew on our permanent collection to present *Realisms: Canadian Art, 1850 to the Present* as well as *Gaawiin Ogiibagidenaawaasiiwaawan / They Did Not Let It Go* which took the Robert Houle painting, *Ipperwash*, as the catalyst to discuss the 25th anniversary of the Ipperwash crisis. We also presented several history exhibitions. Both *100 Years of Nursing Education in London* and *Black Lives Matter, London* benefitted from important contributions from key community stakeholders. For its part, *Sit on It!* featured rarely seen chairs as well as artworks to convey unique stories about London, Londoners, and the history of seating. Although pandemic closures limited public access to the exhibitions, staff created video tours as an alternative way to enjoy them.

These exhibitions were once again complemented by a strong public programs schedule. Our online programs focused on maintaining the Museum's connection to the community virtually during periods when we were closed to the public. When the Museum reopened in the fall and briefly in this winter, we followed public health measures to protect visitors, staff, and instructors by not encouraging gatherings and instead providing personal mobile options such as free, unlimited access to virtual curator tours, talks, and tutorials as well as children's art kits for at-home use, and all-night projections for external viewing.

We have offered a rich diversity of new programs and exhibitions during the pandemic including the installation of seven new exhibitions and innovative new programs such as the Art Hour, Artist Minutes, and unlimited access to curator-led virtual tours.

Our education programming was also significantly affected by the pandemic. Scheduled field trips to Museum London ended on March 13, 2020 and we were still able to deliver 2735 educational programs in 2020, but we had to cancel 4390 programs as well during the year. We developed new multi-media curriculum-based websites featuring works from the permanent collection to continue to deliver educational programming to students online as well as new digital teacher resources cross-curricular lesson plans, developed in partnership with Indigenous educator Brenda Collins, and a French language smart board program, created by student teachers.

With the support of Canada Life, we were also able to create art kits to be sent to schools and we reached 1802 students in 76 classes at 21 schools with this program. It was a year where the Tour Guides and our Education Curator made the best of a bad situation.

We continue to be excited about the possibilities of the Centre at the Forks, thanks to the generous support of Museum London donors. Understandably and unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the Centre at the Forks was quieter than we would have hoped for during most of 2020 after engaging Londoners and visitors in an impressive variety of activities in the first 18 months of its existence. We know that the community is as anxious as we are to once again welcome visitors to the Centre and we will be doing so as soon as protocols allow. We continued to add to our art collection in 2020 including purchases of work by Esmaa Mohamoud, Larry Towell, and Kirtley Jarvis, as well as significant donations of works by James Morrice, Emily Carr, Ed Pien, Evan Penny, and Greg Curnoe. And our material culture collection was greatly enhanced by hundreds of objects given by dozens of generous donors in the community including items related to Black Lives Matter and the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Museum is very fortunate to receive significant funding annually from the City of London, the Canada Council for the Arts, and the Ontario Arts Council. Just as important, an integral part of our ability to provide engaging experiences is made possible by the financial support of members of the community who are committed to the Museum's mission and ongoing work.

Museum London values the great generosity of its donors who responded very positively throughout the past year. These individuals and organizations make it possible for us to preserve and tell the story of London and Londoners through art, artifacts, and programming. Thank you to all of our volunteers who exemplified patience, understanding and perseverance as we navigated, and continue to navigate, through the COVID-19 pandemic.

With many of our volunteer roles being indefinitely paused, others transitioning to virtual roles, and the minority operating in-person with increased safety protocols, our 131 volunteers impressively still contributed 3048 hours of service. We are proud to recognize our Tour Guides, Retail & Art Sales Assistants, Outreach Assistants, Event & Program Assistants, and all of our various Board and Committee members who have helped with visitor experience and engagement throughout COVID-19 and continue to do so. Each of these groups of volunteers were flexible to what was needed of them throughout the year and adapted their roles to create a safer environment for our visitors, both on-site and virtually.

We look forward to hosting on-site activities again when the threat of infection from COVID-19 and its variants have lessened, which will be a gradual process as public gathering allowances increase. Until that time, please remain safe.

Brian Meehan Executive Director Ken Andrews Board Chair

HISTORICAL:

100 Years of Nursing Education in London

February 1 to September 6, 2020

Greeting Cards

April 11, 2020 to February 27, 2021

Black Lives Matter Protest Signs

August 1, 2020 to February 28, 2021

Sit on It

September 12, 2020 to January 15, 2021

VISUAL ART:

Realisms

January 18 to September 20, 2020

Dean Carson

January 25 to May 24, 2020

Resolution: A Century of Photographic Art

October 3, 2020 to May 16, 2021

MIXED COLLECTIONS:

Gaawiin

Ogiibaagininaawaasiin / They Did Not Let It Go

September 12, 2020 to January 24, 2021











Ways of Being: Yhonnie Scarce & Michael Belmore

Text: Julian Jason Haladyn, Miriam Jordan-Haladyn, Cassandra Getty

54 pages

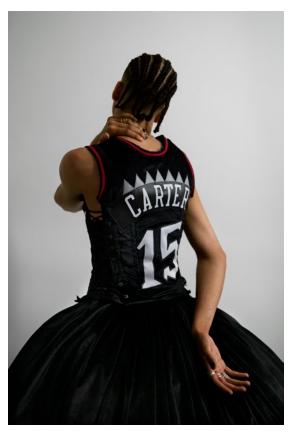
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This two-person exhibition brings into dialogue the work of the Australian Aboriginal artist Yhonnie Scarce (Kokatha and Nukunu peoples) and the Canadian First Nations artist Michael Belmore (Ojibway). Working primarily in glass, Scarce makes visible the oppressive histories of Aboriginal peoples in Australia, examining relations between human bodies and the land. Through his deliberate use of materials, especially metal and stone, Belmore's work similarly embodies Indigenous knowledge, material realities of the land, and the experience of living in relation to its sense of time.

Both artists explore notions of being in the world that express parallel histories of repression, colonial practices that set out to dehumanize. Ways of Being looks at the artistic practices of Scarce and Belmore as they critically celebrate Indigenous ways of knowing the world, which represent a valuable potential for rethinking our world in a time of global crisis.

Ways of Being is guest curated by Miriam Jordan-Haladyn (Oneida) and Julian Jason Haladyn. Both are academics, writers, and curators based in London.



ART PURCHASES:

Larry Towell Kent County, Ontario, 1996 gelatin silver print on paper Purchase, John H. and Elizabeth Moore Acquisition Fund, 2020

Esmaa Mohamoud One of the Boys (Black), 2019 archival pigment print Purchase, John H. and Elizabeth Moore Acquisition Fund, 2020 Esmaa Mohamoud Glorious Bones (#12), 2018 used football helmet, African wax print textile, adhesive Purchase, John H. and Elizabeth Moore

Acquisition Fund, 2020

Esmaa Mohamoud Glorious Bones (#16), 2018 used football helmet, African wax print textile, adhesive Purchase, John H. and Elizabeth Moore Acquisition Fund, 2020 Ted Goodden Riverforks Documentary, 1995 stained glass (lead, clear and stained glass, with painted details) Purchase, John H. and Elizabeth Moore Acquisition Fund, 2020

Kirtley Jarvis
Copyright, 2006
cotton yarn
embroidered on cotton
window blind
Purchase, John H.
and Elizabeth Moore
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ART GIFTS:

David Craven
When Push Comes to
Shove, 1985
mixed media on wood
panel
Gift of Gerald and
Eleanor Shear, Toronto,
Ontario, 2020

Gary Evans Hovercraft, 2007 oil on canvas Gift of Richard and Donna Ivey, Toronto, Ontario, 2020

Alfred Pellan Young Girl, circa 1942 charcoal on paper laid down on card Gift of Christopher Varley, Toronto, Ontario, 2020

Hugh Mackenzie Bird in Cage, 1965 tempera on masonite Gift of Christopher Varley, Toronto, Ontario, 2020 Ron Shuebrook Untitled, 2003 charcoal on rag paper Gift of Christopher Varley, Toronto, Ontario, 2020

Wanda Koop Magenta Airplane (News re: Bombardier), 2008 acrylic on canvas Gift of Christopher Varley, Art Dealer, Inc., Toronto, Ontario, 2020



Evan Penny Camille, 1999 lost wax bronze casting with chemical patina Gift of the artist, Toronto, Ontario, 2020

Evan Penny Camille, 2014 pigmented platinum silicone with epoxy and glass fibre substrate, human hair and UVstable plastic eyes Gift of the artist, Toronto, Ontario, 2020



Robert Reginald Whale Portrait of Clarissa Brooke (1830-1868), circa 1850s-1860s oil on canvas Gift of Michael Hood, with Susanna Hood, in memory of Ruth Evelyn Charesworth Hood (1933-2019), 2020

Robert Reginald Whale Portrait of H. Edward Watts (1865-1930), circa 1870s oil on canvas Gift of Michael Hood, with Susanna Hood, in memory of Ruth Evelyn Charesworth Hood (1933-2019), 2020 Greg Curnoe The Back Yard Remembered, 1967 oil on canvas Gift of Rob and Sandra May, London, Ontario, 2020

Beverley Lambert Red Window, 1967 acrylic on canvas and wood Gift of Joan Ennis Schmidt, Regina, Saskatchewan, 2020

Jay Isaac Hanging Centrepiece, 2001 oil on canvas Gift of Jamie Shields and Shawna Cohen, Toronto, Ontario, 2020

Evan Penny
Female Stretch,
Variation #2, 2011
pigmented platinum
silicone with epoxy/
glass fibre substrate,
UV-stable plastic eyes,
natural horse/human
hair, and fabric
Gift of the artist,
Toronto, Ontario, 2020

Larry Towell Children of Gaza Strip, May 1993, 1993 gelatin silver print on paper Gift of the artist, Bothwell, Ontario, 2020 John Munnoch Untitled (Thames River, looking across to old courthouse site of current Museum London), 1902 oil on canvas In memory of Dr. John and Patricia Douglas, 2020

Paul Peel Untitled (Bringing Home the Flock), 1881 oil on canvas Generously donated by Bettina Scott (nee Murton) and James Menzies Scott in loving memory of Herbert E. Murton, 2020



Esmaa Mohamoud Glorious Bones (#42), 2018

used football helmet, African wax print textile, adhesive Gift of the artist, Toronto, Ontario, 2020

Emily Carr Untitled (Forest),

undated oil on paper mounted on plywood Gift of Judith and Wilson Rodaer. London, Ontario, in memory of Maj-Gen N. Elliot and Mrs. Isabel Rodaer, 2020

James Wilson Morrice Jamaica, circa 1915-1916

oil on canvas Gift of Judith and Wilson Rodger, London, Ontario, in memory of Maj-Gen N. Elliot and Mrs. Isabel Rodger, 2020

Barbara Caruso Colour Lock, Black Series, #15, 1975

acrylic on canvas Gift of the Estate of Nelson Ball, 2020

Ted Goodden Ivey Park: Local Colour, 1997

stained glass (lead, clear and stained glass, with painted details) Gift of Terry Sefton, London, Ontario, 2020

Ted Goodden At the High Lunch,

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Ted Goodden Talking to Mac (Pet Shop Window), 1997 stained glass (lead, clear and stained glass,

with painted details) Gift of Terry Sefton, London, Ontario, 2020

Ted Goodden Dream About the Heart of London, 1994

stained glass (lead, clear and stained glass, with painted details) Gift of Terry Sefton, London, Ontario, 2020

Kirtley Jarvis No Comment, 2003

embroidered textile and bicycle spokes Gift of the artist, London, Ontario, 2020

Ed Pien

The Giant, 2014-2018 ink and Flashe on panelled paper Gift of the artist, Toronto, Ontario, 2020

Ed Pien

Corridor, 2009 rope, canvas and sand Gift of the artist, Toronto, Ontario, 2020



MATERIAL CULTURE PURCHASES:

Pablum Box, circa 1930s Memorial Cross, 1951, Lt. Col. Edwin Seaborn

MATERIAL CULTURE GIFTS:

GIFT OF BARBARA ROSSER, AILSA CRAIG, ONTARIO, 2020

Vaisler's Three-piece Suit Vaisler's Hanger

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First World War Medic Helmet

GIFT OF KARI COSTLEY-WHITE, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

Josiah Blackburn's Paint Box

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GIFT OF MARY MITCHELL, GUELPH, ONTARIO, 2020

Doll, circa 1902 Cup and Saucer Ruth and Roy Campbell, Photograph, circa 1900

GIFT OF ASHLEY BILCLIFFE, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

"Racism is a Pandemic" Black Lives Matter Demonstration Sign

GIFT OF SPENCER BRADBURN, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

Union 10 Distillery Hand Sanitizer Bottle

GIFT OF AVIEL HASSAN KARMALI AND NASHILA DHARSHI, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

Jar of Melted Crayon Hearts "Thank You" Note "Thank You" Note

GIFT OF JASON DICKSON AND VANESSA BROWN, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

Brown & Dickson and Grow & Bloom "Stay Safe" Hoarding

GIFT OF MARIDON DUNCANSON, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

Emerson Nichols China Calendar, 1965

GIFT OF THE ESTATE OF CHARLES W. FEE, 2020

Mountain Rose "June Clover" Bottle

GIFT OF DEL HUBER, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

View of Presenting Colours to 33rd Battalion, CEF Photograph, June 21, 1915 View of Presenting Colours to 33rd Battalion, CEF Photograph, June 21, 1915 Sir Adam Beck Secondary School Football Team Photograph, 1929 Chapman's Two-Ringed Geography Binder

GIFT OF DR. ROD LIM, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

"COVID-19 Warrior" Socks "COVID-19 Warrior" Socks "Stronger Together" Photo Collage

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Black Lives Matter Face (BLM) Mask Black Lives Matter Face (Say Their Names) Mask

GIFT OF PATRICIA MUSTY, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

Face Mask
"Potions" Face Mask
Face Mask
Face Mask
White, Plastic Ear
Protector
Ear Protectors





GIFT OF REVEREND JOHN COMISKEY, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

Signed Poster – Theatre London, Artistic Director, Robin Phillips, 1983-84

GIFT OF CLEVELAND BROWNLEE, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

Signed "Rookie" Jersey, 2010 Baseball Black Baseball Bat Custom-made Bat Gold Bat – 100 All-Time Player Award, 2018

GIFT OF GEORGIA SIFTON, ST. THOMAS, ONTARIO. 2020

2-Piece Woman's Suit, Wolf Bros., London London Knights Program, 1972

GIFT OF TRUDY DRINKWALTER, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

RCAF Wedge Cap 420 "Snowy Owl" Squadron Emblem, Signed

Photograph of Frederick George **Tipple** Pilot Officer Certificate Fred Tipple, Photograph Newfoundland Patch, Military Canada Patch (2) Canada Patch, Military RCAF Eagle Pin RCAF Button. Compass RCAF Buttons, 4 Large, 4 Small Air Gunner, RCAF Patch Air Gunner, RCAF Patch Flying Log Book Service Pay Book Identity Card Booklet, Information re: wearing medals Driving License, Overseas Authorization for uniform purchases Postcard, Canadian Pacific S.S. Duchess of Richmond General Service Button Medal Set (1939-45 Star, France and Germany Campaign Star, Defence Medal,

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GIFT OF THE KEENLEYSIDE FAMILY, BURLINGTON, ONTARIO, 2020 Nurse's Uniform Photograph of Jean Houston wearing nursing uniform

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GIFT OF KATHY ROBERTSON, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

Basinette

GIFT OF ELIZABETH CLAIRE MCKENZIE (WARD) AND JOHN OWEN WARD, 2020 Framed Needlepoint, early 1800s

GIFT OF JUDITH AND WILSON RODGER, LONDON, ONTARIO, 2020

"Wrap-sody" scarf/ scarf hood, made in Japan





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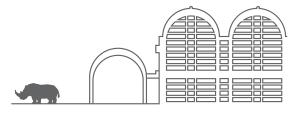
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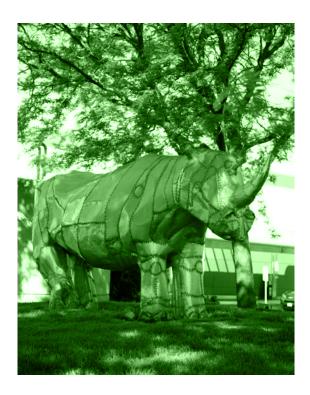
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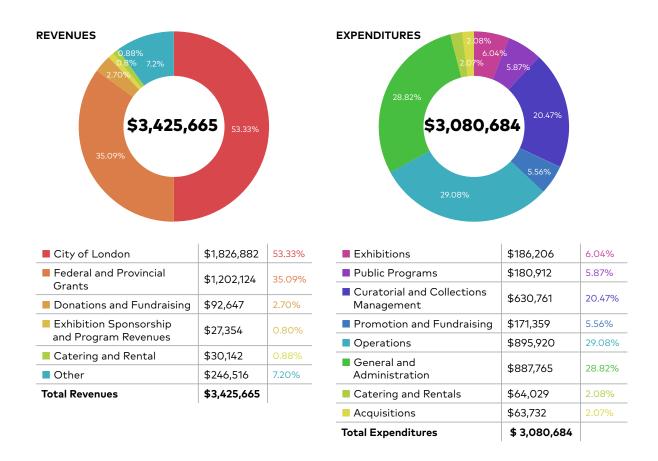
Brian Meehan and Kate Young

Sustaining \$100 - \$249

Jennifer Black
Heather Carey
Judith Louise Kutt
Gloria McGinn-McTeer
Klaus Meyer
Nancy Poole
Thomas Stoiber

Friendship Up to \$99

Jim Fentin Fred Hassan Anna Maria Hendrikx Heather McLean Elizabeth Peloza Jamie Faye Ryan Catherine Vermue Museum London received core support from the City of London in the amount of \$1,821,182. In addition, \$968,895 was received from the Government of Canada through various agencies and \$233,229 from the Ontario Government. This funding was supplemented by the support of our volunteers and staff in fundraising, by personal and corporate donations, exhibition and program sponsorship, and support from our endowment funds.



As well as the Operating Fund, the Museum has a Capital Fund and an Investment Fund.

The value (less amortization) of land, building, furniture, and equipment as of December 31, 2019 was \$10,304,263. Total 2019 building expenditures were \$449,940. \$436,549 was directed to life cycle maintenance and funded by the City of London. The remaining \$13,391 was related to the Centre at the Forks, funded through donations.

The Investment Fund has a balance at December 31, 2019 of \$6,270,057 of which \$2,634,631 is reserved as an operating endowment and \$3,635,426 which is restricted funds set aside for specific purposes.

A complete set of statements is available upon request.

OUR MISSION

We inspire and educate our community by preserving and sharing our art and history.

OUR VISION

Where our community discovers exceptional art, rich history, and new possibilities. For more than 70 years, Museum London has preserved, interpreted and shared the story of London and Londoners through the exhibition of art and artifacts and the presentation of public programs. We are a non-profit charitable organization that acquires and exhibits art and artifacts for the purpose of study, education and enjoyment.

Museum London is home to 45,000+ regional historical artifacts detailing a fascinating record of London's economic achievements, and our citizens' accomplishments. Our art collection has more than 5,000 regional and Canadian works. Museum London has a rich tradition of being at the heart of London's cultural community, connecting artists with audiences, the community with its heritage, and the past with the present and future.

We gratefully acknowledge the support of the City of London, the Canada Council for the Arts, the Ontario Arts Council and the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

In the spirit of Truth and Reconciliation we would like to acknowledge that Museum London operates within the traditional territory of the Anishinaabeg, Haudenosaunee, Attawandaron (Neutral), and Wendat peoples. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties. This territory is the homeland of the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation, Oneida Nation of the Thames, and Munsee Delaware Nation. We also recognize the contributions of Métis, Inuit, and other Indigenous peoples, both in shaping and strengthening this community in particular, and our province and country as a whole.

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