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A Message from the Executive Director

As we launch a new season, we are excited to welcome you to experience art, history, and connection. Here are five things you'll see at Museum London in the days ahead:

- 1) Inspiring bravery & generosity:** In *Resilient London*, more than 70 people share personal stories about the challenges they've navigated. Articulated through words, specially chosen objects, and stunning life-size portraits, these stories are surprising, poignant, and moving celebrations of human resilience.
- 2) Our Museum, alive with (youthful!) energy:** With our new FUN@ML guide for kids, the return of Imagination Station on Sundays, school programs, PD Day art camps, and more—we're offering opportunities for kids to be creative, and for families to learn and play together. We're building the next generation of empathetic, engaged art and history lovers.
- 3) Gems from the collection:** *Out of the Vault* features a selection from among 6,700+ stunning new artifact images created as part of our digitization project, beamed onto the screens at the Centre at the Forks at nighttime. And, in late 2023, we're showing a new addition to our art collection, *The New Brunswick 5*. Camille Turner and Camal Pirbhai's work re-frames a 1786 fugitive slave ad. Using the language of fashion photography and marketing, it draws attention to Canada's underacknowledged history of slavery and joyfully reimagines a journey to freedom.
- 4) Old friends/New friends here at the Museum!** Words festival celebrates 10 years and will include renowned, provocative speakers you won't want to miss. Global MINDS Collective is a new partner, with a focus on mental health and well-being, that will offer guided meditations. Make this your place to re-connect with old friends, and to meet and mingle with like-minded people.
- 5) Different ways to contribute:** Your support makes everything possible, and we need you! If you agree with us that art, history, and culture are vital to our community and to our collective resilience, please donate, volunteer with us, buy from The Shop, and bring your friends to our exhibitions, events, and activities. We're grateful to you and excited to continue to serve you.

Looking forward to seeing you soon,

Julie Bevan

Executive Director



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Bevan".



Resilient London: Meet Your Neighbours

October 7, 2023 to May 12, 2024

Ivey Galleries, Second Level

Discover the incredible stories more than 70 brave and generous people from across the city! They're offering a peek into their journeys of resilience through their own personal objects, expressive words, and stunning portraits. Some stories celebrate victories over obstacles while others share their experiences with life-changing illnesses. Faith, family, and the power of community also take centre stage in these inspiring narratives.

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Christopher McNamara, *Sassy Cat Theatre*, Woodward Avenue, Detroit, 2022. Mixed media. Image courtesy of the Artist



Christopher McNamara, *Queen's Grill*, 1980–2022. Gelatin silver print on photographic paper. Image courtesy of the Artist

Christopher McNamara: Vivid Against the Little, Soft Cities

October 14, 2023 to February 11, 2024

Interior Gallery, Second Level

Through dioramas, photography, and video, Christopher McNamara envisions human environments that distill personal memory, family lore, and popular culture. His settings range from mid-century suburbs to blighted downtowns and rustic railways. These document social aspiration and economic realities, and provide places for the imagination, where we can project our own stories.

Christopher McNamara is an award-winning artist who creates single channel digital works, sound and video installations, and performances. He has exhibited across Canada and in the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, Netherlands, and Switzerland. He has performed at international festivals including Mutek (Montreal), Spark (Minneapolis) and Detroit Electronic Music Festival (Detroit).



Christopher McNamara
Image courtesy of Artist



Kick Back, Cool Down, Drink Up: Cigar Boxes, Fans, and Silverware from the Collection

October 21, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Brownlee Windows, Lower Level

Museum London's collection of cigar boxes, fans, and silverware embody important parts of the community's history. Cigar boxes, with their colourful images, illustrate a part of London's industrial past. Fans for their part, are fashion accessories, souvenirs, and, on occasion, promotional items. As for silverware, it was sometimes a gift to mark a milestone, and other times a status symbol, but always decorative.

From left to right:

Cigar Box Lid, 1883
Gift of Stephen Hale, 1977

Teapot, Late 19th Century
Gift of Evelyn Hayman, 1975

Fan, 1923
Gift of Verony Fry, 2006

Fall Launch Party

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**Join us to celebrate
our new exhibitions!**

Meet the participants of
Resilient London, along
with artist Christopher
McNamara, and connect
with friends.

EVERYONE'S WELCOME!

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm // Throughout the Museum // Pay what you can

Image: Angela Antonopoulos



Members of the Youth Coalition Combating Islamophobia with Museum London staff and volunteer in front of installation

London Remembers

Until October 22, 2023

Front Entrance, Main Level

Messages of remembrance, love, and healing greet you when you walk through our entranceway. *London Remembers* marks the second anniversary of the Islamophobic killing of Talat Afzaal (74), Salman Afzaal (46), Yumnah Afzaal (15), and Madiha Salman (44). It is a community art project led by London artist Aruba Mahmud and the Youth Coalition Combating Islamophobia (YCCI) to honour the family and unite the community towards ending hate.



Detail of *London Remembers* installation

Camille Turner and Camal Pirbhai: *The New Brunswick 5*

October 26, 2023 to June 9, 2024

Front Entrance, Main Level

The New Brunswick 5 memorializes a 1786 wanted ad issued by Caleb Jones in the place known today as Fredericton, New Brunswick. The ad calls for the recapture of Isaac, Ben, Nancy, Flora, and Lidge, whom the slave-owner, Jones, claimed as his property. Appropriating the look of fashion photography, artists Camille Turner and Camal Pirbhai reimagine the freedom seekers as part of the contemporary world, setting off on their journey to freedom. This work was acquired for our collection in 2022 and this is the first time it has been exhibited at Museum London.

Camille Turner and Camal Pirbhai have been working collaboratively since 2012. Their photo-based projects often explore hidden histories, Canadian identity, and Afrofuturism. In 2022, the Jamaican-born, Los Angeles-based Turner received the Artist Prize at the Toronto Biennial of Art. Pirbhai, a textile artist, is lead designer and principal of Studio la Beauté in Toronto.



Camille Turner and Camal Pirbhai, *The New Brunswick 5*, from *Wanted* series, 2011–2018. Colour photograph on vinyl, light box. Purchase, John H. and Elizabeth Moore Acquisition Fund, 2022



Camal Pirbhai and Camille Turner
Image courtesy of the Artists and
Danna Heitner Advisory, Toronto



MEDIAH, *SPECTRAL VANE*, 2023.
Hybrid mural artwork, digital animation component.
Image: Angela Antonopoulos

MEDIAH: SPECTRAL VANE

June 10, 2023 to March 3, 2024

Atrium, Main Level

MEDIAH is Evond Blake, a Toronto-born artist based in London, Ontario. Through paintings, prints, murals, animation, and virtual reality experiences, MEDIAH has established an aesthetic of bold colours and planar forms that impart a sense of constant transformation and speed.

MEDIAH's practice blurs the line between "post graffiti"—a term coined in the early 1980s to describe the migration of graffiti from the street to institutions—and the dynamics of contemporary abstraction. The artist has participated in festivals, biennials, and exhibitions including 2023's NFTSE (Valencia, Spain), the GFA Biennial (Sao Paulo, Brazil), Art Basel CBS Mural Collaboration (Miami, USA), the City of Gold Festival (Johannesburg, South Africa), 2015's Pan Am Games, and Toronto's Nuit Blanche (2011, 2018).



Evond Blake (MEDIAH)
Image courtesy of the Artist



George Wenige with Cyclists, around 1928,
RC41074, Western University Archives

Getting Around London

Until April 21, 2024

Community Gallery, Second Level

Explore how people once navigated the city through this exhibition of historic images from the mid-19th to the mid-20th centuries. It begins by highlighting the Deshkan Zibii / Thames River and shows how horses, bicycles, automobiles, trains, and airplanes connected citizens of London to each other and to the world. *Getting Around London* also asks you to consider the future, something that our current climate emergency makes particularly urgent.



Victoria, 1880, RC80866, Western
University Archives



London Rowing Club Regatta, around 1903,
Courtesy of the London Public Library

Out of the Vault

October 6, 2023 to March 24, 2024

Centre at the Forks window, nighttime

Since December 2022, Museum London has been working with photographer, Alex Walker, to digitize some 6,700 objects out of our collection of 50,000. Objects chosen for digitization include everything from large stoves to small pins, and from beautiful dresses to utilitarian housewares. The screens feature a sampling of those photographs. Admire them here and stay tuned to look them up on the artifact database currently in development.

Note: During private events and on statutory holidays, the projections will not be on view.
You can call ahead to double check.

Baseball Cap, Early 21st Century, Gift of Steven Gordon, 2015

Straw Boater, 1920s, Gift of Mrs. James P. Dunn, 1971

Felt Hat, 1940s-1950s, Gift of Phyllis Harper, 1995



London: A History

Ongoing

Lawson Family Gallery, Lower Level

Have you ever wondered how London has come to be the city we know today? This exhibition presents a glimpse of our community and how it has evolved over time. Featuring over 300 historical artifacts, images, and stories about the Forest City, it will give you some insight into the people, events, and issues that have shaped the community.

From left to right:

Telegraph Machine, Late 19th Century
Gift of Mr. John W. Howard, 1977

Sparton Radio, 1930s
Gift of Mr. Scott Prout, 1982

Television, Circa 1949
Purchased with funds from the Friends of the Museum, 1995



Taking the Long View: The Museum London Art Collection

Until March 4, 2024

Volunteer & Moore Galleries, Second Level

Visit our popular display of contemporary and historical artwork from the Museum's permanent collection.



Clark McDougall, *Site*, 1977.

Acrylic on board.

Gift of the Volunteer Committee, 1978

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Sunday Tours

Ongoing

2:00 to 3:00 pm

Meet at the Welcome Desk

Free

Drop in and join our knowledgeable guides for an exploration of our exhibitions. Tours are capped at 15 people. For larger groups call 519-661-0333 to arrange a private tour.



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Public Programs and Events

Forest City Film Festival's Experimental Program

Friday, October 20

7:00 pm

Cost: \$15 Regular, \$12 Senior/Student through the Forest City Film Festival website and box office

The Forest City Film Festival is proud to present its experimental program in partnership with Museum London. This screening showcases short films of exceptional artistic merit from the festival, followed by a filmmaker Q&A.

This screening is part of the festival's full program of regionally connected and curated films taking place October 14th–22nd.



Fall Exhibition Launch Party

Thursday October 26, 2023

7:00 to 10:00 pm

Cost: Pay what you can

Join us to celebrate a new season and launch five exhibitions, *Resilient London: Meet Your Neighbours*; *Christopher McNamara: Vivid Against the Little, Soft Cities*; *Camille Turner and Camal Pirbhai: The New Brunswick 5*; *Kick Back, Cool Down, Drink Up: Cigar Boxes, Fans, and Silverware from the Collection*; and *Out of the Vault*. Meet the participants of *Resilient London*, along with the artist Christopher McNamara, and connect with like-minded friends.

Words: London's Literary & Creative Arts Festival

November 3 to 12

Words celebrates its 10th anniversary festival with onsite and online events to build resilience as we confront the crises of our moment.

Words will host over 40 writers and artists and addresses the theme "Crisis, Creativity & Care," with appearances by Emma Donoghue, Sheila Heti, Ann-Marie MacDonald, Larry Towell, Robyn Maynard, Lido Pimienta, Vincent Lam, Téa Mtonji, and many more!

Words is open to everyone, and most events are free or pay as you can. Tickets for the opening reception on Friday, November 3 are \$20.

Championing Mental Health System Transformation: Launch of the Global MINDS Collective

Friday, November 10

7:00 to 9:00 pm

Cost: \$125

Join us for a fundraiser to celebrate the launch of the Global MINDS Collective - an organization focused on fostering resiliency, mental health, and well-being locally and globally through innovative design, collective action, and mindfulness.

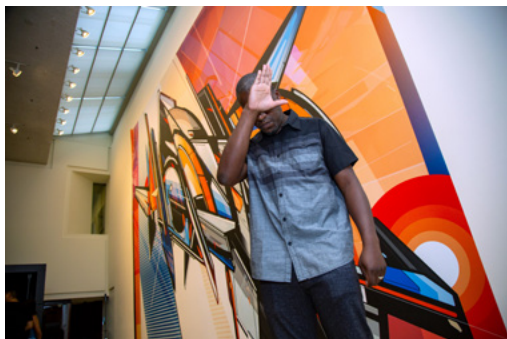


Image: Angela Antonopoulos

Art Now! Artist Talk with Evond Blake (MEDIAH)

Thursday November 16

Lecture Theatre, Lower Level

7:30 to 8:30 pm

Free

Listen to London-based artist Evond Blake discuss his creative practice and *SPECTRAL VANE*, an artwork commissioned by Museum London. This talk is presented in partnership with the Western University Art Now! Speaker Series.



Magisterra at the Museum

Sunday, October 1 – 3:00 to 5:00 pm

Thursday, November 9 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Thursday, January 25 – 7:00 to 9:00 pm

A series of classical music performances in our Lecture Theatre with each concert focused on a different theme.

Purchase tickets at magisterra.com.



Youth and Family Programs

Imagination Station

Sundays, 1:00 to 4:00 pm

October 15, 22, 29

November 12, 19, 26

December 3, 10, 17

January 7, 14, 21, 28

Cost: \$5 per child

Drop-in Sunday afternoons for a fun, hands-on art activity with family and friends. Our staff will introduce a range of materials and techniques inspired by our collections and exhibitions.

Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Art & History Activity Cart

Starting Saturday, October 28

Saturdays and Sundays

11:00 am and 4:00 pm

Free

Museum London's Art & History Activity Cart will offer free, self-guided activities to enhance your experience.

Find it located in the atrium.



Afterschool Art Club (Age: 6 to 12)

Thursdays, October 5, 12, and 19

4:30 to 6:30 pm

Cost: \$60 for entire session,
registration required

Under the guidance of an experienced Museum London arts instructor, each week participants will discover a new artistic medium and explore its possibilities!



Image courtesy of Benji Nova

Graffiti Gathering with Artist Benji Nova (Age: 13 to 16)

Thursday, November 16

Centre at the Forks Studio

7:00 to 8:30 pm

Cost: \$15

Registration Required

All materials are included. No aerosols will be used.

Bring the whole family to enjoy an evening of graffiti-filled fun! This takes place the same time as the Art Now! Artist Talk with Evond Blake (MEDIAH). Learn the tricks, tools, and techniques of traditional and non-traditional graffiti to create your very own piece with local artist and muralist Benji Nova.



PA Day Camps (Age: 6 to 12)

Centre at the Forks Studio

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Beforecare 8:00 to 8:30 am

Aftercare 4:30 to 5:00 pm

Cost: \$65 each, per child, registration required

Transportation Creation

Friday, October 6

Zoom into action and develop new ways of moving paint around a canvas! Accelerate your creativity by touring the exhibition *Getting Around London* and discover how Londoners traveled in and around the city over time.

Local Recollection

Friday, November 17

Create your own mixed media memory map. What does your neighbourhood include and what memories have you made there? Paint, draw, and paste images on a map of your own. Visit the exhibition *Resilient London* and discover the fascinating people who have traveled from around the world to call London home.

Mini Model Makers

Friday, January 19, 2024

Build your own gallery! Design and construct your own mini model gallery with artworks and artifacts to display inside. Discover the work of exhibiting artist Chris McNamara and be inspired to create from a new perspective.

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Education Programs

Art, History, and Studio Programs

Ongoing, 2023–24 School Year

Museum London offers immersive, curriculum-based experiences for students based on the region's art and history. Teachers can choose from grade-specific programming led by experienced tour guides who will engage students with artifacts and art from the Museum's extensive collections and exhibitions.

Visit museumlondon.ca/school-programs to learn more.

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Students apply their understanding of the elements and principles of art by using code to create artwork inspired by pieces from Museum London's collections. Based upon emerging methods from the field of creative coding, this program brings together art, coding, and computational thinking for students to experiment with new ways to create and express themselves using digital technologies.

For more information, please contact Devon Elliott, Curator of Education: delliott@museumlondon.ca.

Shop Museum London

Open Tuesday to Sunday from
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Thursday until 8:00 pm

Your one-stop shop for unique gifts: art, hand-crafted ceramics, jewellery, one-of-a-kind works by local artisans, and so much more!

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Outstanding food and service in a stunning space with fabulous river views. For hours, menus, and reservations, visit:

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Rhino Lounge

Open Wednesday to Sunday from
11:00 am to 5:00 pm, Thursday until 8:00 pm

A fully licensed café featuring housemade cronuts, croissants, light meals (vegan options), and an assortment of craft beer and wine.

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Accessibility

There are two accessible parking spaces at the main entrance, a wheelchair accessible ground-level main entrance with push button doors, an elevator, accessible washrooms, and a complimentary transport chair.

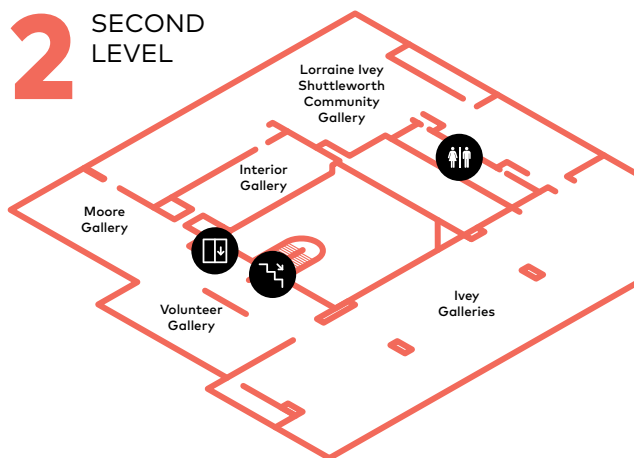
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Get Involved

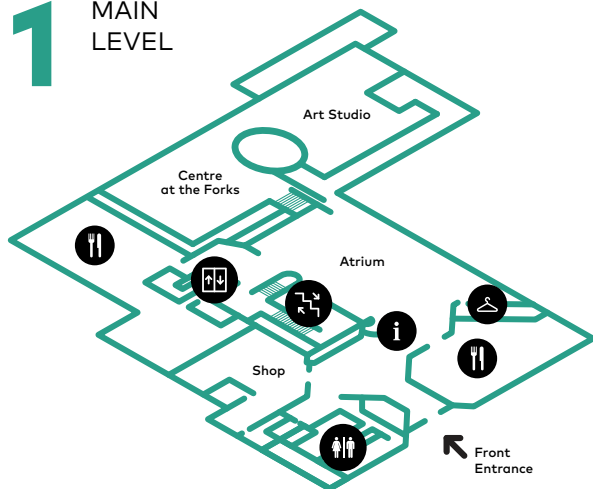
We have a variety of volunteer opportunities available including Tour Guides, Camp Assistants, Retail & Art Sales Assistants and more!

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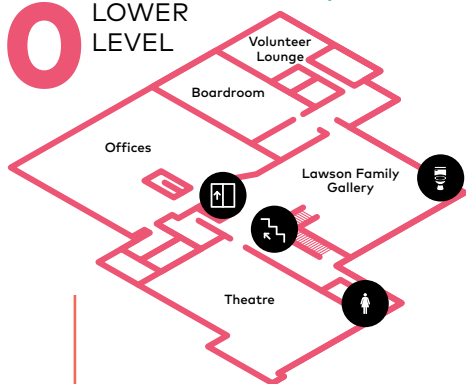
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**Help us keep
the art and
artifacts safe.**



**Please don't touch
the exhibits.**

They are fragile and your touch
can harm them over time.



For everyone's enjoyment,
follow these guidelines to help
protect and preserve the objects.

Transportation & Parking

We are a 5 minute walk from the bus hub at Queens Ave. and Richmond St. Park in our lot (Municipal Lot #19) at a rate of \$2.50/hour and a flat rate of \$6 after 6:00 pm. Vouchers must be purchased at the machine (credit card or coins) or use the HonkMobile app (Zone 2186). Use promo code **CORE** for 2 hours of free parking. Nearby on-street metered parking is also available.

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With humility and respect we acknowledge that Museum London sits at the forks of the Deshkan Zibi on the traditional lands of the Anishinaabek, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak and Attawandaron.

Our Purpose

Honouring and amplifying our interconnections

Our Vision

A leading art and history resource that connects communities, inspires change, challenges ways of thinking, and ignites creativity towards a more just world

Our Mission

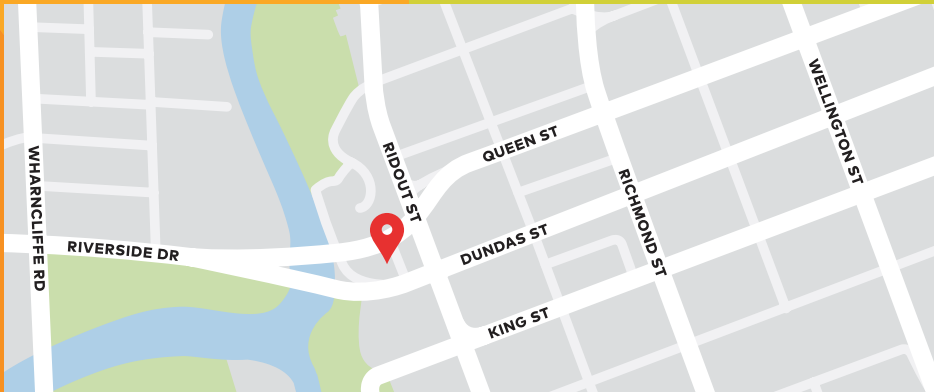
Museum London mobilizes art and history to build community and co-create an inspired future

Hours

Tuesday to Sunday
11:00 am to 5:00 pm
Thursdays until 8:00 pm

Admission is free
Everyone welcome

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