

Diaspora Dialogues' 905 Roadshow is coming to the Art Gallery of Mississauga

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MISSISSAUGA – This November, the Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM) and Diaspora Dialogues presents The 905 Roadshow: A Creativity Cabaret, a mash-up of reading, performances, and more featuring Mississauga's best.

Since 2005, Diaspora Dialogues has supported the creation and presentation of new fiction, poetry and drama that reflect the complexity of Toronto—and Canada—back to residents through the eyes of its richly diverse communities. Their focus is on the development of both artist and audience, and on working toward redefining the “mainstream” in the arts sector, and ensuring it is as diverse as the country itself.

The AGM is pleased to partner with Diaspora Dialogues to present an evening of readings, performances and art to the public featuring some of Mississauga's very own. The event will take place on Thursday, November 26 at the Art Gallery of Mississauga (300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga) beginning at 6:00 p.m. Admission is free.



Artists and performers include:

Chelsea Tao, The Ink Movement

Chelsea is thrilled to be leading the Ink Movement's second annual Youth Poetry Slam. Her love of poetry has allowed her to perform in poetry slams throughout the GTA and publish her work in literary journals across the country. She hopes to encourage artistic expression in her second year of being on the Ink Movement's executive team.



Sheniz Janmohamed

Sheniz Janmohamed is an author, artist educator and spoken word artist. She has performed nationally and internationally for over 10 years and has been featured at various venues including the Jaipur Literature Festival and the Aga Khan Museum. She is also the author of two collections of poetry: *Bleeding Light* (Mawenzi House, 2010) and *Firesmoke* (Mawenzi House, 2014). Sheniz facilitates creative writing workshops and retreats for writers of all ages and is currently completing her Arts Education certification at The Royal Conservatory in Toronto. www.shenizjanmohamed.com



Shaista Latif

Shaista Latif is a multidisciplinary artist. She is a director, facilitator, writer, dramaturge and storyteller. Her first play *Graceful Rebellions* was developed in the Young Creators Unit at Buddies. *Graceful Rebellions* premiered at the 2013 Rhubarb Festival and was also presented at the Halifax Queer Acts Festival the same year. Most recently Latif assistant directed *The Wanderers* (Cahoots Theatre Company) and is currently working as a co-facilitator for PrideCab, an LGBT youth program at Buddies. Shaista has trained extensively in New York City with established storytellers and writers. She is a Second City Conservatory Graduate and a 2012 Canadian Comedy Award Nominee.



The Real Sun

The Real Sun's latest body of work, 'Horizon' is a sacred journey of healing through Acoustic Soul music and Spoken Word Poetry. Her songs are affirmations for self-love, letting go, growth, and resilience. As a singer, songwriter and performer, her voice dances in melodies that captures a unique tone of profound depth and loving light; accompanied by her own expressions of piano or guitar. The Real Sun has performed internationally on stages across Canada, US, Japan, Korea, Peru, Singapore, and Egypt.



Pratap Reddy

Pratap Reddy was born in India and moved to Canada in 2002. He's a financial analyst by day and a writer by night (to be more precise, the wee hours of the morning). He has done a creative writing course from the Humber School of Writing. He writes short fiction about the agonies and the angst (on occasion, the ecstasies) of immigrants from India.



Anna Yin

Anna Yin was born in China and immigrated to Canada in 1999. A finalist for Canada's Top 25 Canadian Immigrants Award in 2011 and in 2012, Anna has authored five poetry books, including *Wings Toward Sunlight* (2011) and *Inhaling the Silence* (2013). Anna won the 2005 Ted Plantos Memorial Award, the 2010/2014 MARTY Literary Arts Awards and the 2013 Professional Achievement Award from CPAC. Her poems and translations have appeared in the New York Times, Arc Poetry, CBC Radio, Rogers TV, China Daily, World Journal, Poetry in Transit, Rice Paper, Room, and more. Anna is the Ontario representative for the League of Canadian Poets and Mississauga's Inaugural Poet Laureate.



ABOUT THE ART GALLERY OF MISSISSAUGA

The Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM) is a public, not-for-profit art gallery located in the Mississauga Civic Centre right on Celebration Square across from Square One Mall. The AGM is proud to admit people free of charge, serve communities, and provide positive visual art experiences for all visitors.

Engage. Think. Inspire. This phrase opens the dialogue at the AGM. The Gallery connects with the people of Mississauga through the collection and presentation of relevant works from a range of periods and movements in Canadian art. Expressing multiple ideas and concepts, this visual art translates into meaningful cultural and social experiences for all audiences. The AGM employs innovative education, artist projects and other forms of dialogue to advance critical enquiry and community connection to the visual arts. The mandate of the Gallery is to *“bring art to the community and the community to art.”*

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