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The Art Gallery of Mississauga opens engaging showcase focused on culture, diversity and inclusion

A Journey Through the Lands of Our Lives

MISSISSAUGA, ONTARIO, November 16th, 2020 - The Art Gallery of Mississauga is offering a free engaging experience that invites visitors to immerse themselves with artists and community from November 7, 2020 until January 7, 2021.

border crossings merges renowned artist **Frances Ferdinands** and her installation, *26*, in the Main Gallery; a series of 26 hand-painted slippers marking the 26 years of the Sri Lankan civil war, and 6 paintings with interactive community-engaged arts projects. Also in the Main Gallery, **Bhavna Bhatnagar** displays a variety of her clay and paper tole works in *Rhythm* and **James Fowler** continues work on his painting *Anthem* as part of his exhibition *Being Alone Together*, a conversation about the isolation artists experience as they create. Artist in residence **Raheel Patel** continues to inform and celebrate sustainable art practices by upcycling mirrors and objects that reflect folk art history.

border crossings: creating parallel histories is an interactive community-engaged arts project that uses the trans-formative power of art to challenge preconceived ideas around literal and metaphorical boundaries. The showcase consists of artists Debbie Miller, Kwesi Millington, and Jesse Louttit using various forms of art to express their visual inspiration and journey.

Submissions from community through workshops, online events and call to actions brings a curated collaboration of storytelling through art. We all have a border crossing story to tell.

“This showcase is for the community to experience, be involved and interact. We are excited that the Minister of Culture will be able to see this impeccable project that speaks to the times we are living in both physically and emotionally” President of the Board of Directors, for the Art Gallery of Mississauga, Leslie Silvestri says.

The *border crossing* project is generously funded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation, Ontario Arts Council and the City of Mississauga.

The Art Gallery of Mississauga is located at 300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga.

For more information artgalleryofmississauga.com

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About Art Gallery of Mississauga

The Art Gallery of Mississauga (AGM) is a public, not-for-profit, art gallery that was founded in 1987, opening its doors in the new Mississauga Civic Centre that same year. The AGM presents a changing calendar of contemporary, thought-provoking, engaging and accessible exhibitions featuring regional, national and international artists. We thrive alongside long-time partners and welcome new collaborators to always be presenting and encouraging those artists that are established, new and upcoming.

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