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HERE WE ARE HERE: 
BLACK CANADIAN CONTEMPORARY ART

PRESENTED BY TD Bank Group
Until Sun Apr 22, 2018

Contemporary works by nine artists explore historical and current notions of Blackness in Canadian society. This original ROM exhibition challenges visitors to think differently about the deep-rooted histories and enduring presence of Black Canadians, and to delve further into the multi-faceted character of Canada.

BEHIND THE SCENES  Two exhibition artists share thoughts about their work.

BUSHRA JUNAID

This photo of child sugar cane workers in the Caribbean dates from my grandparents’ time. When I enlarged it I noticed adult figures behind the stalks, looking at the children. The image was originally produced for commercial purposes, but for me it raises questions about the role of children in the post-slavery era: What were their lives like? Could parents protect them? We’re not taught about this in school. This work is an opportunity to look at ourselves and look for a way forward.

CHANTAL GIBSON

In this work, titled Souvenir, I have painted two thousand souvenir spoons black, erasing the individual identity of each one. They stand in for a collective experience of Blackness; I want people to consider the degrading effects of misrepresentation and look at the individual human behind the stereotypes.

The piece challenges viewers to consider their own thinking—about Black people in Canada, about people of different cultures—and ask, What do I know and how did I learn this?

TALKS & PERFORMANCES

ROM CONNECTS
JESSICA KARUHANGA: WHEN BLUE FALLS IN TO THE OCEAN
Sun Mar 4  📅
PROGRAM PARTNER The Hal Jackman Foundation

ROM SPEAKS
NOURBSE PHILIP
Tue Apr 10  📅
M. NourbeSe Philip is a Toronto-based poet, writer and lawyer.
IRIS VAN HERPEN: TRANSFORMING FASHION

Opens Sat Jun 2, 2018

Explore the endless possibilities that come from interweaving design, art, and technology. Featuring original designs by Dutch designer and couturier Iris van Herpen, this exhibition showcases her 2008-2015 collections, which push the boundaries of traditional fashion and craftsmanship. To international acclaim, van Herpen uses innovative materials and inventive technologies, such as 3D printing, to create stunning, mystifying haute couture.

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“This for me fashion is an expression of art that is very closely related both to me and to my body. I see it as an expression of identity combined with desire, moods and a cultural setting.”

PHILIP BEESLEY: TRANSFORMING SPACE

Can architecture start, in primitive ways, to come alive? Philip Beesley thinks so. Working in the emerging field of responsive architecture, Beesley is one of Canada’s most forward-thinking architects. Complementing Transforming Fashion, Transforming Space is an immersive experience that merges chemistry, artificial intelligence and encompassing soundscapes into a visually stunning, interactive environment.

Philip Beesley: Transforming Space was created by Philip Beesley and the Living Architecture Systems group.

EVENTS

ROM FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE

TECHNO FASHION

Fri Jun 1
Doors open 7 pm

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SPRING 2018

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SPIDERS
Opens Sat Jun 16, 2018  
$1
Able to spin webs, dance, swim, and even grow back a lost limb, spiders are among the most amazing creatures on the planet! Come face to face with over 200 live and preserved arachnids, plus interactive and augmented reality experiences and a live venom-milking lab. Ignite your curiosity, conquer your fear, and see spiders in a whole new light.
An exhibition developed by the Australian Museum & toured internationally by Flying Fish.

EVENTS
ROM FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE
ARACHNOPHILE
Fri Jun 29
Doors open 7 pm  $1

ROM DAYTIME
DESIGNING DIOR: MOUNTING THE EXHIBITION
Thu Mar 8, 11 am  Free

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR
Closes Sun Mar 18, 2018  $1
Wildlife Photographer of the Year is developed and produced by the Natural History Museum, London.

LAST CHANCE!
VIKINGS
Closes Mon Apr 2, 2018  $1
The exhibition is a joint venture between and produced by The Swedish History Museum in Sweden and MuseumsPartner in Austria.

LEARN MORE
20% OFF admission to VIKINGS Until April 2, 2018
Use promo code ROMWB18 when buying tickets online or onsite.
Valid for 20% off per admission ticket. Limit 4 guests per coupon. Cannot be combined with other offers. Not valid during discounted hours of admission. No rainchecks, refunds or cash value. CASHIER CODE: 2215

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TALKS

ROM RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM
Tue Feb 27, 9 am-5 pm
ROM researchers and scholars share insights and the latest discoveries in art, culture and nature.

ROM CONNECTS: ANNUAL VAUGHAN LECTURE
AS FAR AS YOU CAN LEECH
Tue Feb 27, 6 pm
ROM Curator Dr. Sebastian Kvist comes to grips with the evolution and diversity of this enigmatic group of organisms.

ROM DAYTIME
MÉTIS ORAL HISTORIES: A STORM FOOL VISITS THE ROM
Thu Mar 22, 11 am
Métis storyteller Ron Evans shares traditional stories as a sacred inheritance from the storytellers who entrusted them to him.

WORKSHOPS

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AMASSING A COLLECTION: XINJIANG AND IMPERIAL COURT ART
Tue Mar 27, 7 pm
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Mon Apr 16, 7 pm
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Mar 30–Apr 27
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PROGRAM PARTNER TEN81 Lifestyle

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MARCH BREAK VIKING ADVENTURE

Travel back to the Viking era! Legendary explorers on land and sea, imaginative myth-makers and skilled craftspeople, the Norse left a multi-faceted legacy. The Museum will be buzzing with activities which reflect the Viking spirit:

- **Viking Voices**: Who will you meet from the Viking village today? Talk with explorers, warriors, farmers, and artisans about their daily lives.
  
  **PROGRAM PARTNERS** Torvik, Wulftorpe

- **Rune-ology**: Wouldn’t it be great to know an alphabet where the letters had magical powers? Learn the meaning of runes and use them to spell your name.

- **ROM Quest: Traders & Marauders**: Rough waters, epic battles, and bustling markets await those brave enough to travel the path of the ancients.
  
  **PROGRAM PARTNER** Archaeological Institute of America, Toronto Chapter

- **Viking Family Lounge**: Join in Viking games, compete in feats of strength, challenge your mind, or just have a roaring good time!

- **Viking Bling**: Fashion your own jewellery using spirals, braids, and symbols—just as skilled Norse artisans did.

- **Shield Wall**: Grab a shield, join the front line and imagine yourself as a Norse warrior. Ready? Set? CHAAARGE!

Visit our website for activity times, and more family fun.

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MARCH BREAK CAMP

Mon Mar 12–Fri Mar 16 $10

Power up young imaginations in this lively week of learning, movement and making. Explore wild frontiers in Seafaring, discover ancient imaginings in Relics & Runes, or solve mysteries in Science Sleuths. Eight programs are offered, plus extended care. An original and diverse day camp for ages 5 to 14.

FAMILY FUNDAYS

Drop-in activities 11 am-4 pm

Come along for a day of discovery packed with exciting themed experiences and hands-on activities inspired by our exhibitions and collections.

**MOTHER’S DAY**
Sun May 13

**FATHER’S DAY**
Sun Jun 17

See website for additional dates and themes.

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separately ticketed pre-registration required ASL interpretation

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ROMKids JUNIOR
8-week sessions start
Tue Apr 3, Wed Apr 4, Sat Apr 7
Inspire your toddler’s imagination and sense of discovery as you tour galleries and meet other parents and children during play-based activities. For ages 2 to 4, accompanied by an adult.

SATURDAY CLUB
8-week morning, afternoon and full-day sessions start Sat Apr 7
Weird Science, Clay Creations, Dungeons and Dragons and more! Get inventive with fun-filled science experiments, art projects, and imaginative educational adventures. For ages 5 to 14.

SUMMER CLUB
First session starts Tue Jul 3
A lively, creative day camp with a wide selection of hands-on programs. For ages 5 to 16.

ROM SLEEPOVERS
Fri Mar 2, Fri Apr 6
Your ultimate backstage pass: Explore one of the ROM’s most popular galleries—opened up just for you! Meet ROM experts and touch real artifacts, craft a masterpiece, and show off at our PJ karaoke party. Then bunk down for the night and dream of prehistoric adventures while a giant dino keeps watch. For children age 5 and up, accompanied by an adult.

BABY & ME: STROLLING THE ROM
6-week sessions start
Mon Apr 9, Thu Apr 12, Fri Apr 13
Tour the ROM and enjoy adult learning and conversation in a baby-friendly atmosphere while your little one marvels at the new sights!

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