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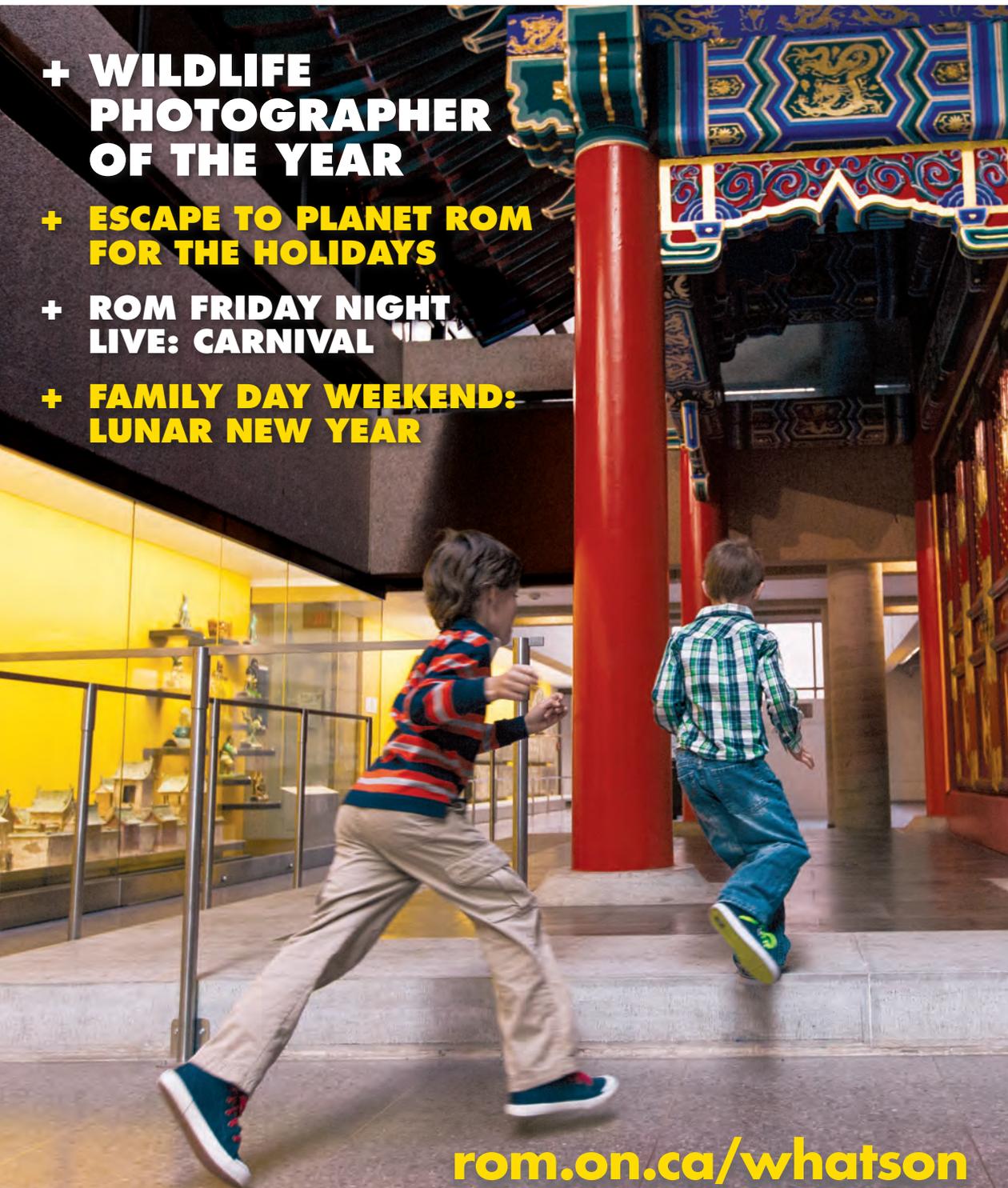
WINTER 2015/16

+ **WILDLIFE
PHOTOGRAPHER
OF THE YEAR**

+ **ESCAPE TO PLANET ROM
FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

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LIVE: CARNIVAL**

+ **FAMILY DAY WEEKEND:
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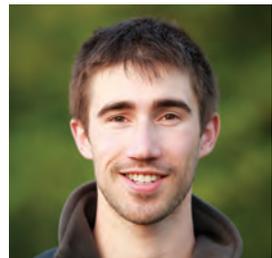


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BEHIND THE SCENES



DON GUTOSKI
Overall competition winner
(London, Ontario)



CONNOR STEFANISON
Winner: Rising Star Portfolio Award
(Burnaby, British Columbia)



JOSIAH LAUNSTEIN
Finalist: 10 Years and Under category
(Pincher Creek, Alberta)

The Wildlife Photographer of the Year (WPY) annual competition receives over 40,000 entries. Of these, only 100 are selected to be exhibited. Nine of this year's awarded images, including the overall winning photo, were submitted by Canadians. We asked three dedicated photographers about their lives behind the lens.

Are you a professional photographer or is this a hobby?

DON: I am an amateur photographer. As my wife says, all our vacations are "fur and feather" trips!

CONNOR: With so many great wild places around Vancouver, I was able to frequently practice photography and develop my skills. I am now a professional photographer.

JOSIAH: I hope I can be a wildlife photographer when I grow up. I was really excited when I sold my first print and now people are beginning to collect my pictures.

What was one of your most challenging moments?

DON: I look at each event not as challenging but as fun.

CONNOR: My American Dipper photo! I had to set up my equipment on a slippery rock wall surface in a river, while trying to minimize my impact on the birds. I'm lucky to have achieved the image without preventing any feedings and without having any of my gear fall into the river!

JOSIAH: On the day I took the picture of the snowy owl, it started snowing hard. We found five owls in the last 40 minutes of light. The blowing snow made it hard to focus: every time we photographed the owls we had to re-position the truck to block the wind.

What advice would you give to beginning wildlife photographers?

DON: Buy the best lens you can afford, learn how to use your equipment, study your subject, and then be patient. Special photos come not only from great subjects but also from great thinking and planning.

CONNOR: Shoot locally, worry about composition more than equipment, and shoot for yourself rather than images you assume your audience would like to see.

JOSIAH: When I photograph what I love I take my best pictures. Get out in nature as much as you can—and take your camera with you!

SEE DON'S WINNING PHOTO, CONNOR'S AMERICAN DIPPER PHOTO (CREEKSIDE NURSERY), AND JOSIAH'S SNOWY OWL PHOTO IN THE 2015 WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR EXHIBITION.



Natural Frame (detail) © Morkel Erasmus (South Africa)

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR

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Until Mar 20, 2016

One hundred breathtaking new photos celebrate wildlife and the natural world in ways you've never seen before, captured by diverse photographers from around the globe.

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Wildlife Photographer of the Year is developed and produced by the Natural History Museum, London.

OPENING SOON

TATTOOS

Apr 2–Sep 5, 2016

Explore the multifaceted 5,000 year old practice of tattooing, its history, meaning and the global revival of the phenomenon of body art.



This exhibition was designed and produced by the musée du quai Branly. Image © musée du quai Branly, photo (detail) Thomas Duval.

CHIHULY

Jun 25, 2016–
Jan 2, 2017

Experience groundbreaking explorations in colour and light by one of the world's foremost artists working in glass today.



Dale Chihuly, *Persian Ceiling*, 2012. 25 x 15'. Montreal Museum of Fine Arts, installed 2013. © Copyright 2012 Chihuly Studio. All rights reserved. This exhibition is organized by the Royal Ontario Museum in cooperation with Dale Chihuly. The work displayed is protected by copyright and any copying is expressly prohibited.



CLOSING SOON!

POMPEII: IN THE SHADOW OF THE VOLCANO

Until Jan 3, 2016

Almost two thousand years ago, a volcano in southern Italy erupted suddenly, burying the nearby Roman city of Pompeii. Buildings, frescoes and objects of daily life lay undiscovered for over 1,600 years. Join the 180,000 people who have already experienced this breathtaking exhibition before it closes.

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EVENTS

ROM SPEAKS: SCIENCE

Conversation, cocktails and community add up to fresh takes on fascinating topics.



Turtle Flight (detail) © David Doubilet (United States)

UNDER THE SEA: CELEBRATING PHOTOGRAPHY BENEATH THE WAVES

Tue Jan 26, 7 pm

An evening of storytelling and remarkable underwater marine photography with acclaimed National Geographic photographer David Doubilet and marine biologist Jennifer Hayes.

VAUGHAN LECTURE A LIFE IN THE PAST LANE: FOUR DECADES DOWN AND A NEW Dawn TO COME

Tue Feb 23, 7 pm

Journey from the mountains of British Columbia to the Newfoundland coast to the shores of Hudson Bay: ROM Assistant Curator Dave Rudkin recounts his pursuit of Canada's extraordinary record of ancient life.

Supported by the Vaughan Lecture Fund

DARWIN DAY LECTURE THE FUTURE OF SCIENCE: WHO WILL BE THE NEXT CHARLES DARWIN?

Tue Feb 9, 7 pm

Dan Riskin, evolutionary biologist, author, and co-host of Discovery's *Daily Planet*, explores what sets brilliant scientific thinkers apart.

INSTAGRAM 101 WORKSHOP

Sat Feb 13, Sun Feb 14
Drop-in 11 am–4 pm

Led by experts from *Canadian Geographic Magazine*, learn how to use your mobile phone to take, publish and share nature photographs.

ROM COLLOQUIUM

Tue Feb 23, 9 am–5 pm

ROM experts present their latest research, undertaken in Toronto and around the world.



Dave Rudkin, ROM Assistant Curator of Invertebrate Palaeontology



ROM DAYTIME

Take a break for new ideas and new friends!
Talks at 11 am, followed by coffee.
Free with Museum admission.

Thu Jan 14: **CREATING TEXTILE AND FASHION
EXHIBITS AT THE ROM**

Thu Jan 28: **WILD IMAGES**

Thu Feb 11: **MOZART NOIR**

Thu Feb 25: **EDITORIAL CARTOONS**



ADULT SLEEPOVER: DINOS IN THE DARK

Fri Jan 15–Sat Jan 16

Sleep in the Museum?? Why not—you're not afraid of extinct reptiles prowling in the night, are you? Meet ROM experts and learn more about the Mesozoic era and its super-size inhabitants.

ROMTEEN FRIDAYS

Fri Feb 12, doors open 6 pm

Grab your friends for a new kind of Friday night fun, exclusively for ages 13 to 18. Explore your way through eats, beats, gallery adventures, music and dancing!



ROM FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE: CARNIVAL

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Fri Feb 5, doors open 7 pm

It's February. It's cold and dreary. Are you ready for pumping music, extravagant costumes (optional, but we'd love to see them!), grand galleries and fantastic food?

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MORE EVENTS,
DETAILS AND TICKETS:
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KIDS AND FAMILIES

ESCAPE TO PLANET ROM for the holidays

Sat Dec 26–Sun Jan 3
Activities 11 am–4 pm
Free with Museum admission

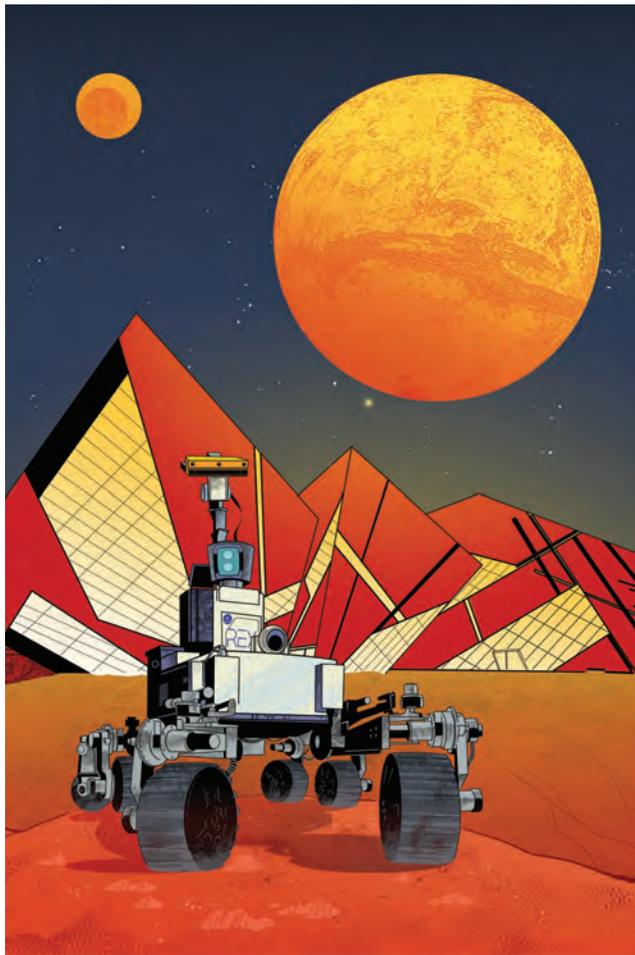
Pack your space gear because this is going to be an epic adventure! Check out a prototype Mars rover, courtesy of the Canadian Space Agency. Explore the solar system with new video games in the Space Arcade. See stars and planets through ancient eyes, check out meteorites from Mars and the Moon, and be surprised by extreme balloons and the Zero Gravity Circus.

EXTENDED HOURS AND DISCOUNTED ADMISSION

Sun Dec 27–Wed Dec 30, and Sat Jan 2
4:30–8:30 pm

This holiday season, relax in the evening, explore over 30 galleries, and pay less* for general admission!

*Conditions apply. See website for details.



ROM BIG WEEKENDS

Special weekends jam-packed with activities turn your visit into a stimulating, hands-on experience for all ages. Free with Museum admission.

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DINOS RULE THE ROM

Sat Jan 16–Sun Jan 17
Activities 11 am–4 pm

This dynamic weekend is plenty of R-O-A-R-ing fun! Talk with palaeontologists and hear about their latest discoveries. See what experts do with fossils in a pop-up prep lab. And get down and dirty in the Dino Discovery Lab as you dig, decipher footprints, and make a copy of your own "fossil".



FAMILY DAY WEEKEND: LUNAR NEW YEAR

Sat Feb 13–Mon Feb 15
Activities 11 am–4 pm

In many cultures, a new year means honouring traditions as well as a new beginning. Celebrate the New Year as our lions bring good luck and fortune through dance, and taste delicious seasonal foods. Join the ROM in the Family Games Room for chess and *yunnori*, charades and a New Year's quiz—hilarity will ensue!



SATURDAY CLUB

8-week morning, afternoon and full-day courses starting Sat Jan 9

Weird & Wonderful, Days of Knights, Mondo Mixed Media, and more! Enjoy supervised art projects, science experiments and hands-on educational adventures inspired by the Museum's collections. For ages 5 to 14.

Supported by Philip and Berthe Morton Foundation

ROMKIDS' DAY CAMP

Fri Jan 22 and Fri Feb 12

Which is better on a January Friday: PD day boredom or Myths, Monsters & More? In February, explore Spaces and Places. Drop off the kids for active learning and fun. For ages 5 to 14.

ROM SLEEPOVER

Fri Feb 19, 5 pm

A real Night at the Museum! Get exclusive access to the galleries, meet ROM experts, enjoy a movie, and make your own souvenir. PJ karaoke and a late-night snack round out Toronto's ultimate backstage pass.

MARCH BREAK CAMP

Mon Mar 14–Fri Mar 18

For kids 5 to 14. Programs such as Heroes & Heroines and Lost Civilizations will take their imaginations into a different world—sign up today!

MOM & ME and ROMKIDS JUNIOR

are great ways to get to know the Museum with your young child and other adults. Winter and spring sessions available now.



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**FOR QUICK ENTRY,
BUY ADVANCE
TICKETS ONLINE AT
ROM.ON.CA**

REGULAR HOURS

Open daily 10 am–5:30 pm,
most Fridays to 8:30 pm*
Closed Dec 25



Open daily 10 am–4:30 pm,
Fridays to 7:30 pm*

Healthy and comfort foods for the whole family: deli sandwiches, salads, mac'n'cheese, burgers, pizza and more—with a sweet table to die for.

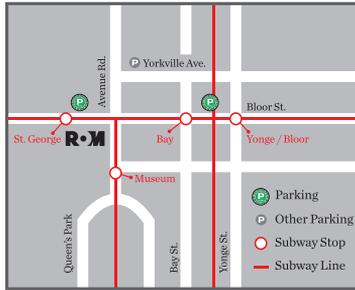
ROM BOUTIQUE

Open daily 10 am–6:30 pm,
Fridays to 9 pm*

Nowhere else will you find such unique treasures: home décor, jewellery, clothing, and fun stuff for kids, all inspired by our collections. Make us your first stop for holiday gift ideas!

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GETTING HERE



ACCESSIBILITY

The ROM is committed to enabling participation for all levels of ability, with tactile tours, ASL-interpreted tours, audio tours and more.

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