

Royal Patrons' Circle

Member News | Fall 2012

For 28 years, RPC has supported the overall mission of the ROM to inspire wonder and build an understanding of world cultures and natural history. This special tradition of annual giving to the ROM enriches the collections, programming and international research that brings the Museum to life.



Dear RPC Members,

As team captain of the RPC Run for the ROM team, I am pleased to invite you to join us and show your support for the Museum by running or walking in the Scotiabank Toronto Waterfront Marathon Charity Group Challenge on Sunday, October 14, 2012. The option to run or walk 5k is also available to those who do not wish to run a full or half marathon.

The RPC team will be raising funds to support the ROM's highest priorities, including the future Gallery of Early Life, scheduled to open during the Museum's centennial year in 2014.

If you are interested in running or walking with the RPC team click [here](#) to join us! If you prefer to cheer us on from the sidelines, support the team with a [donation](#). All pledges over \$10 will receive an official tax receipt.

We have an RPC team goal of \$2,000 and any team member who sets a personal fundraising goal of \$1,000 or more and meets their target will have their registration costs refunded to them.

Thank you for your continued support of the ROM!

Sincerely,
Jayne Whitfield
Development Officer, RPC

P.S. If you have any questions about joining or supporting the team please feel free to contact Keiko Okutsu at 416.586.8064 or keiko@rom.on.ca.

Upcoming Events



RPC New Members Welcome Event September 19, 2012

RPC Members who joined in the last year are invited to a special event featuring the Teck Suite of Galleries: Earth's Treasures with ROM experts, followed by a cocktail reception. Janet Carding, ROM Director & CEO, will be in attendance.

Details

Date: September 19, 2012

Time: 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm

Entrance: Weston Entrance (100 Queen's Park)

This invitation has been extended to Members who are RPC Visionaries (three-year giving commitment) and to Members who have been a part of RPC for 10+ years for a chance to mix and mingle and share what everyone loves most about RPC and the ROM.

By invitation only.



Member Preview

***Observance and Memorial:
Photographs from S-21, Cambodia***
September 21, 2012

10:00 am to 8:30 pm (last entry 8 pm)

Join us for an **exclusive preview** of *Observance and Memorial: Photographs from S-21, Cambodia*.

This new exhibition presents 100 photographic prints made from original negatives abandoned by the Khmer Rouge at the notorious S-21 secret prison in Phnom Penh, Cambodia. They will be presented with important historical context that is necessary to properly understand them as artifacts of genocide, not simply as compelling photographic portraits.

A special welcome and introduction to the exhibition will take place at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm by Francisco Alvarez, Managing Director, Institute for Contemporary Culture (ICC).



RPC Patrons with ROM Technician Robert Mason.

RPC Behind-the-Scenes September 27, 2012

Please join us for four exclusive tours of the Louise Hawley Stone Curatorial Centre. ROM experts will tell you about their exciting work while touring you through their collection areas. Areas to be visited: South Asian Arts & Culture, H.H. MU Far Eastern Library, Anthropology and the DNA Lab. Tours will be followed by a wine and cheese reception.

Please **RSVP** by September 18, 2012 to Mischa Mueller at 416.586.5556 or email: rpc@rom.on.ca



Ryan Walker Photography.

Fact? or Fiction? October 16, 2012

Fact? or Fiction? returns! The ROM's beloved guessing game fundraiser is back for its 16th edition on Tuesday, October 16, 2012. Match wits with ROM curators during the infamous game, where you'll try to deduce the truth about mysterious objects from the ROM vaults. Then enjoy a gourmet dinner where the answers will be revealed and prizes awarded.

Tickets are \$500 and include a \$50 game ticket and \$450 dinner ticket.

Please visit rom.on.ca/factorfiction for more information or to purchase tickets.



Image: Bat Cave, April 2010

Pop-up Patrons' Family Lounge October 28, 2012

Enjoy the **ROM's family-oriented Halloween activities** and take the opportunity to relax in the pop-up Patrons' Family Lounge in the RBC Foundation Glass Room.

Featuring complimentary cookies, coffee, tea and juice.

*Must present RPC/YPC membership card for access.



Patrons' Preview *BIG!* Exhibition October 30, 2012

Join us for an exclusive after-hours viewing of *BIG!* opening in the Patricia Harris Gallery of Textiles & Costume, followed by a wine and cheese reception.

More details to come soon!

Image left: "Water sleeve" evening gown
Vivienne Tam, Jade Collection Fall 2011
Digitally printed silk
USA
2012.37.1 Gift of Vivienne Tam
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Supported by The Dorothy Strelsin Foundation.



ROM Family Gathering December 2, 2012

Mark your calendars for our annual Family Gathering. You and your family will enjoy fun crafts and activities, festive treats, and a visit from Santa. Invitations will be sent by e-mail and are for up to 4 adults (one must be the cardholder) and 4 children.

Invitations are non-transferable.
Registration is required.

To register, call 416.586.5700, or visit rom.on.ca/whatson.

Past RPC Events



RPC Corporate Appreciation Day August 25, 2012

In appreciation of their support, RPC Corporate Members at the Companion (\$3,000+) level have the additional benefit of Corporate Appreciation Day. On this day families from these companies enjoy complimentary access to the ROM.

On August 25, RPC Corporate Members enjoyed a special visit to the Museum taking in family favourites such as the James and Louise Temerty Galleries of the Age of Dinosaurs and the Life in Crisis: Schad Gallery of Biodiversity.

Patron Update

New Members

Thank you and welcome to our most recent RPC Members:

John and Katia Bianchini
 Marie Luise Burkhard
 Julie Di Lorenzo & Robert Graham
 Kathleen Gabriel & Brian Van Dommele
 Jim and Diane King
 Dr. Elizabeth Kocmur
 Sonja M. Koerner
 Anne Koyama & Scott MacKenzie
 Steven & Shelley McGirr
 Susan & Charlie Pielsticker
 Charlene Richmond
 Javier Rojas
 Carol Rothbart
 Benjamin Rusonik
 Robina Teed & Matthew Teed-Arthur
 Tony & Bernadette Zappacosta

Thank you to our \$10,000 plus Members for their generous support of the ROM through RPC.

RPC - Benefactor (\$25,000 +)

Gail & Bob Farquharson
 Mr. & Mrs. Albert Milstein
 James & Louise Temerty
 Richard Wernham & Julia West
 Anonymous

RPC - Guardian (\$15,000 - \$24,999)

Mr. & Mrs. Avie Bennett
 Jack L. Cockwell
 John Hunkin & Susan Crocker
 Alan & Patricia Koval

RPC - Guarantor (\$10,000 - \$14,999)

John and Katia Bianchini
 Bonnie Brooks
 Joy Cherry Weinberg
 Jennifer Ivey Bannock
 Dr. Robert & Mrs. Ruth Josephson
 Brenda & James McCutcheon
 TD Bank Group
 Rita Tsang
 Anonymous

Let's ROM

Dinosaur Hunters

[Catherine Forster](#)

Little Giants: Baby Dinosaurs from South Africa

September 9, 2012, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[Paul Sereno](#)

A Saharan Odyssey: Dinosaur Giants, SuperCrocs & Ancient Humans

September 16, 2012, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[Phil Currie](#)

Mega Claws and Teeth: the Argentina-Canada Dinosaur Project

October 7, 2012, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[Scott Sampson](#)

Dinosaurs of the Lost Continent

October 21, 2012, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[David Evans](#)

In Search of African Dinosaurs New Discoveries from South Africa and Sudan

November 25, 2012, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

[David Krause](#)

The Bizarre and Marvelous Dinosaurs of Madagascar

December 8, 2012, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

What is a dinosaur hunter? They are explorers, adventurers, scientists and kids at heart. The ROM has gathered together the world's foremost palaeontologists for a not-to-be-missed speaker series for the whole family.

Complimenting the *Ultimate Dinosaurs: Giants from Gondwana* exhibition, the Dinosaur Hunter Speaker Series shines a spotlight on the unique individuals who battle some of the harshest climates and working conditions to discover and dig out of solid rock some of the oldest creatures to ever roam the earth.

This fall from September to December, six world-renowned palaeontologists will descend on the ROM for a lively free meet-and-greet, followed by a family friendly ticketed talk in our theatre.

Interested in dinosaurs? Do your kids want to grow up to be a palaeontologist? These are definitely the people you want to talk to!

Tickets available online now.

Face to Face: Exclusive Events for ROM Members

Kelly Richardson: *Mariner 9* 2012 North American Premiere

September 6 - 16, 2012

Thorsell Spirit House

Kelly Richardson's *Mariner 9* transforms the Royal Ontario Museum's Thorsell Spirit House into an immersive environment, transporting the viewer into the centre of a Martian dust storm several centuries in the future. The Martian landscape becomes a battlefield of real and imagined spacecraft in this panoramic video installation that is at once dystopian and alarmingly beautiful.

Currelly Society Lecture

September 12, 2012

[Currelly Society](#) members and their guests are invited to attend a lecture by Dr. Alexandra Palmer, Senior Curator (Textiles & Costume) as she offers a fun and innovative way to view the ROM's collection.

*By invitation only. For Currelly Society members.

For questions, or to learn more about the Currelly Society, please contact Janice Correa at 416.586.5578 or janicec@rom.on.ca

[Rock, Fossil, Gem, Mineral and Meteorite Identification Clinic](#)

September 19 and November 21, 2012

Bring your specimen to the Museum for identification by ROM experts. Visitors with rocks, minerals, gems, fossils, or suspected meteorites can have them identified at the special ID clinic held six times a year. Now in its 15th year, ROM ID Clinics were voted one of the "Reasons to Love Toronto" by Toronto Life magazine.

Hope for the Future of Planet Earth Making a Difference: An Evening with Dr. Jane Goodall

September 25, 2012

A rare opportunity to hear world-renowned primatologist and UN Messenger of Peace, Dr. Jane Goodall as she reflects on the incredible insights her research has offered into our closest animal relatives

Dr. Goodall will speak about the extraordinary changes the world has seen since 1960 when she first began her

The fall brings a new season of Face to Face events with ROM curatorial staff. Click on the below links to confirm your space at these highly anticipated events!

[Paul Denis: Sailing to Byzantium](#)
September 18, 2012, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Trudy Nicks: Sovereign Allies/Living Cultures: First Nations of the Great Lakes](#)
October 16, 2012, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

[Kim Tait: To the Moon and Back](#)
November 20, 2012, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

chimpanzee research in Gombe Stream National Park in Tanzania. Dr. Goodall will also discuss the current threats facing the planet, the need for change, and her reasons for hope in these complex times.

[Cocktail Reception with Dr. Goodall](#): 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
\$135 Members, \$150 public

[Public Lecture](#): 7:30 pm – 9:00 pm
\$60 Members, \$65 public

[Ross King: Leonardo and the Last Supper](#)
October 3, 2012, 7:00 pm

Two-time Governor General's Literary Award-winner Ross King returns to Canada to tell the story behind the creation of Leonardo da Vinci's transcendent painting *The Last Supper*. King's new book *Leonardo and the Last Supper* is both a record of Leonardo's last five years in Milan and a biography of one of the most famous works of art ever painted. Drawing on his gripping book, King will reveal why *The Last Supper* ensured Leonardo's universal renown as a visionary master of the arts.

Presented by the Canadian Art Foundation in collaboration with Random House and the Institute for Contemporary Culture at the ROM. Sponsored by BMO Financial Group.

[Polish Heritage Day](#)
November 24, 2012

Celebrate Polish culture and heritage with a full day of live performances, hands-on activities for kids, shopping, dining and much more!

Governors' Update



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An Important Piece of the ROM Puzzle: Building the Gallery of Early Life

Our planet is 4.5 billion years old. For four billion of those years, some sort of life has been present and the story is a vast, sweeping tale, full of dramatic natural events, mass extinctions, global ice ages and the astonishing, inspiring ability of life to persevere. Over the past century, ROM researchers have contributed significantly to unravelling the pieces of the evolutionary puzzle.

The Gallery of Early Life will be a model for future galleries and for museum worldwide. The ROM is uniquely positioned to tell this story of life on Earth because of its

