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AGA KHAN MUSEUM PROGRAM GUIDE



ISTANBUL



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INTRODUCING CHEF MARK McEWAN

We are excited to announce that renowned chef Mark McEwan now brings his culinary magic to all food & beverage services at the Museum, including Diwan, Courtyard Café, and catering.

For Mark McEwan, his new role at the Aga Khan Museum is his most exciting challenge yet in a stellar career that has seen many firsts. In the 1980s, he became the youngest-ever executive chef at the upscale Sutton Place Hotel before revolutionizing the Toronto dining scene with his landmark restaurant North 44. He then created The McEwan Group, which now manages four critically-acclaimed restaurants (North 44, Bymark, ONE, and Fabbrica) in addition to two gourmet grocery emporiums at The Shops at Don Mills and TD Centre.



Diwan is participating in Winterlicious 2016!
Between January 29 and February 11, enjoy a \$28 Prix Fixe Lunch.
Starting January 14, reserve via opentable.com!



DIWAN

At the elegant Diwan at Aga Khan Museum, Chef McEwan offers a wide-ranging lunch menu that showcases his innovative approaches to Middle Eastern, North African, and South Asian cuisine.

Open 11:30 am to 2:30 pm Tuesday to Sunday, Diwan accepts walk-up service and reservations via opentable.com. For larger groups of 10 or more, a delicious prix fixe lunch menu is available through Group Reservations (416.646.4677 ext. 7730).

On select evenings this year, Chef McEwan will also be offering special themed dinners. Look for the latest updates and menus at agakhanmuseum.org.

BOOK A PRIVATE EVENT

Let Chef McEwan design the menu for your wedding, corporate event, private dinner, or reception! The Aga Khan Museum provides a one-of-a-kind setting for events large and small. Please contact private.events@agakhanmuseum.org or 416.646.4677 ext. 7733 for details.

ABOUT THE DAMASCUS ROOM

Diwan's stunning décor evokes the luxury of a private Syrian home in the early 19th century. Its wooden panels, hand-carved and painted, form part of the Aga Khan Museum's "Damascus Room" acquisition. The oldest examples of such panels date to the early 17th century in Aleppo, and similar rooms are preserved in Damascus, Hama, Sidon, and Antakya. The mirrors, partly original, and the repertoire of motifs of the Aga Khan Museum's "Damascus Room" suggest the influence of European Baroque and Rococo art.



A CITY TRANSFORMED

IMAGES OF ISTANBUL THEN AND NOW

February 6 to June 26, 2016

Explore the many faces of Istanbul through images captured centuries apart: the astonishing historical collection of the noted Turkish collector and art philanthropist Ömer Koç and contemporary works by one of Turkey's most celebrated living artists, Murat Germen.

Co-Curators

Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip (Aga Khan Museum)
and Bahattin Öztuncay (Ömer Koç Collection, Istanbul).

The city we now know as Istanbul has been an important cultural and economic hub for centuries. Under its many guises – first as Byzantium, then Constantinople, and finally Kostantiniyye/Istanbul – this magnificent place has witnessed a succession of empires, the migration of peoples, and astounding urban growth.

A City Transformed combines panoramas, albums, and interactive technology to showcase the visual richness of Istanbul, past and present. Such prominent 19th-century photographers as James Robertson, Sebah & Joaillier, and Abdullah Frères are exhibited with new work by the renowned photographer Murat Germen – some commissioned specially for this exhibition.

Making its world premiere at the Aga Khan Museum, *A City Transformed* brings Istanbul to Toronto through startling contrasts of time and place. Travel to a living city whose history is as varied as the people who call it home.

Organized by the Aga Khan Museum in collaboration with the Ömer Koç Collection, Istanbul.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

CURATOR'S TOUR

A City Transformed:
Images of Istanbul Then and Now
With Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip

Tuesday, February 9, 6:30–7:30 pm
\$20, \$18 members, \$12 students and seniors

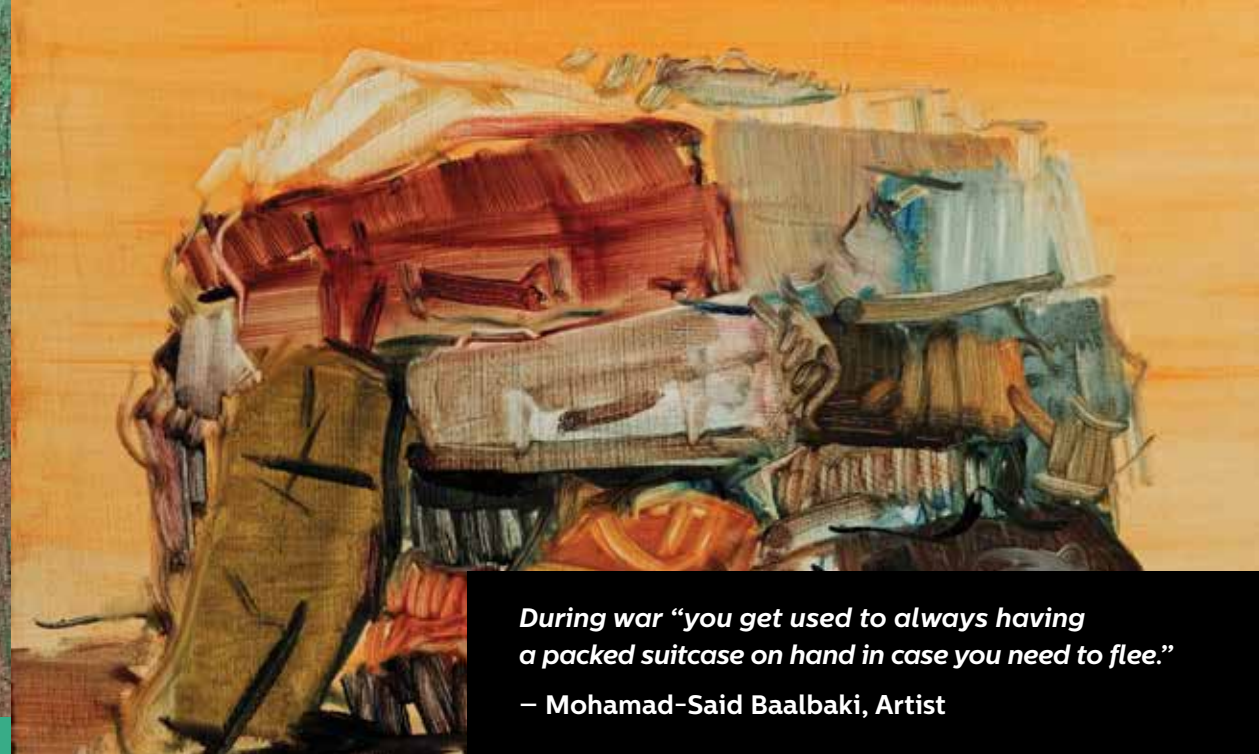
ILLUSTRATED TALK

Of Sultans and Photographs:
The Imperial Albums of 19th-century Istanbul

Thursday, February 18, 1–2 pm
Free with Museum admission

Music of the Sufi Circles of Istanbul

Thursday, March 24, 1–2 pm
Free with Museum admission



During war “you get used to always having a packed suitcase on hand in case you need to flee.”

– Mohamad-Said Baalbaki, Artist

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

CURATOR'S TOUR

**Abbas Kiarostami:
Doors Without Keys
With Amirali Alibhai**

Tuesday, January 12, 6:30–7:30 pm
\$20, \$18 members,
\$12 students and seniors
Reserve early — space is limited!

FILM SERIES

**Seeing Beyond the Visible:
The Films of Abbas Kiarostami**

Daily until March 27: In-gallery
January 28–March 27: Auditorium

Visit agakhanmuseum.org for details.

ABBAS KIAROSTAMI

DOORS WITHOUT KEYS

Until March 27, 2016

**What lies behind these doors without keys?
What have they witnessed, and why are they locked?**

Don't miss your chance to experience the world premiere of this evocative installation featuring doors photographed over two decades in Iran, Italy, France, and Morocco. *Doors Without Keys* poses questions whose answers are limited only by viewers' imaginations.

Experience the installation, see the films! The Aga Khan Museum and Toronto International Film Festival are co-presenting two retrospective series of Kiarostami's films. For details, visit agakhanmuseum.org and tiff.net.

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HOME GROUND

CONTEMPORARY ART FROM THE BARJEEL ART FOUNDATION

Closing January 3, 2016

An eye-opener – Nigel Hunt, CBC Arts Unit

See this powerful exhibition before it closes!

From photography to installation, sculpture to painting, the works in *Home Ground* are united by an awareness of struggle — the struggle to cross geopolitical borders; the struggle to create a sense of belonging; and the struggle to find homes elsewhere. Rediscover the meaning of home through the eyes of 12 contemporary Arab artists.

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COMING SOON!

**Lecture Series:
Islam and Muslims
in the 21st Century**
Spring and Fall

Hear cutting-edge scholars and experts tackle some of today's most pressing issues. This exciting six-part lecture series explores representations of Muslims in the media, Canada's niqab debate, law and ethics in a secular state, and more. Visit agakhanmuseum.org for the latest details.

LEARNING AT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM

Our education programs offer worlds of discovery. Explore the arts of Muslim civilizations through studio workshops and talks, courses, and tours. You'll find something for every age and interest!



WORKSHOPS & COURSES

Workshop on Ink in Arabic and Persian Manuscripts Sunday, February 28, 10 am–12 pm

\$70, \$63 members, \$40 students and seniors
An expert in print-culture history, the University of Alberta's Ted Bishop shares his professional secrets. Enjoy this hands-on workshop held in conjunction with the Art, Science, and Faith Lecture Series, produced in partnership with the Pontifical Institute, Toronto and the Ismaili Centre, Toronto.

Sufism and the Mystic Poets of Islam

Sundays, January 31 – March 20, 12–2 pm
\$280, \$240 members, \$200 students and seniors
Appreciate the beauty of Sufi poetry in this new eight-week course. Through illustrated talks and a gallery visit, Reza Tabandeh (University of Toronto) explores the masterful writing of Rumi and other Sufi poets.

Geometric Design: Making Rosette Patterns

Sunday, March 6, 10 am–1 pm
\$50 (Members' discount not available)
Learn how to create an intricate eight-fold rosette pattern on paper! Engineer and artist Shakil Akram Khan returns for an engaging workshop and illustrated talk.

AFTERNOON LECTURES

NOW ON THURSDAYS!

Free with Museum Admission

Inspired by Light: Making the Aga Khan Museum Thursday, January 28, 1–2 pm

What inspired the exquisite interiors of the Aga Khan Museum? How were finishes and materials chosen throughout? Discover the details behind the detailing with Shamez Mohamed (Imara Ltd).

Of Sultans and Photographs: The Imperial Albums of 19th-century Istanbul

Thursday, February 18, 1–2 pm
How was photography introduced to the Ottoman Empire? Who were the favoured photographers of the Sultan's court? Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip traces the evolution of royal albums that captured Istanbul's architectural wonders.

Music of the Sufi Circles of Istanbul

Thursday, March 24, 1–2 pm
Join Irene Markoff for an illustrated talk and demonstration that will evoke the mystical cityscape of our newest exhibition, *A City Transformed*.



MARCH BREAK 2016

March 14–18, 9 am–4 pm

Ages 6–8

Full Week: \$300, \$270 members

Daily: \$60, \$54 members*

10% discount for siblings.

Spend your March Break exploring the world at the Aga Khan Museum. Enjoy a different theme each day with fun activities, hands-on crafts, and up-close encounters with the treasures of the Museum. Topics include Mythical Creatures, Tales of Wonder, Silk Route Explorers, and more! Register for a full week, or select one or more of our themed activity days.

*For individual camp day registrations and extended care options, please inquire at booking via learn@agakhanmuseum.org or 416.646.4677 ext. 7726.

NEW! PD DAY CAMPS

January 22, February 12, and June 10, 9 am–4 pm

Ages 6–8 and 9–12

\$60, \$54 members*

10% discount for siblings.

Kids, make your next PD Day extra special. Spend a day exploring the Museum, and creating your own art to take home with you!

*For extended care options, please inquire at booking.

OUTREACH PROGRAM EXHIBITION

Frederick Roberts Youth Photography Workshop Exhibition

Saturday, March 19, 5–6 pm

Auditorium Lobby

Be sure to catch an exhibition of work produced during this extraordinary workshop, in which 20 students learn a new language that will last a lifetime! Come for a sneak peek at the Museum, or visit the Ismaili Centre, Toronto this May for the full exhibition. Visit agakhanmuseum.org for the latest details.

FOR FAMILIES

Family Day

Monday, February 15, 10 am–6 pm

Celebrate Family Day with special activities in the galleries and Education Centre. Check the website for updates!

Family Sundays

Every Sunday, 12–4 pm

Ages 5–12

Free with Museum Admission.*

Just for kids: enjoy a variety of activities with our Education team, including storytelling, art projects specially themed to our latest exhibitions, and gallery exploration.

*Adult accompaniment required.

Family Exploration Kit

Ages 5–12

Free with Museum Admission.

You'll discover all the ingredients for an art adventure in our free exploration kits, available at the Tickets Desk.



PERFORMING ARTS

Learn about upcoming performances and film screenings at the Museum! Look for a 2016 schedule in our *On Stage* guide and at agakhanmuseum.org.

Highlights include a curated series of films by Abbas Kiarostami and performances by DakhaBrakha (pictured), the Vahdat Sisters, Ramneek Singh, and more!



JOIN TODAY!

Be the first to experience exhibitions, and always visit for free. Enjoy discounts, invitations to exhibition previews, and more!

EXPERIENCE MORE

Experience a greater level of engagement at the Supporting Level or higher! Benefits include exclusive preview receptions, access to the Patrons' Lounge, and invitations to behind-the-scenes events.

To join or to learn more:

agakhanmuseum.org/join or 416.646.4667

HOURS AND TICKETS

Monday: Closed
(except holiday Mondays)
Tuesday: 10 am–6 pm
Wednesday: 10 am–8 pm
Thursday–Sunday: 10 am–6 pm

FREE WEDNESDAYS!
Did you know Museum admission is free every Wednesday from 4–8 pm? Join us!

General Admission*

Members: Free
Adults: \$20
Seniors (65+): \$15
Students (ID: 15–25): \$15
Children (3–14): \$15

*Tickets grant access to the Permanent Collection and all special exhibitions.

HOW TO GET HERE

The Aga Khan Museum is located at 77 Wynford Drive, close to Don Mills Road and Eglinton Avenue East in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. Please visit agakhanmuseum.org for directions, parking information, and TTC routes.

TOURS

Offered Tuesday to Sunday.

Adults: admission plus \$10;
Students and seniors: admission plus \$5

Gallery Tour:

11 am and 3 pm, with extra 6:30 pm tour on Wednesdays.

Architecture Tour:

12:30 pm

Special Exhibitions Tour:

1:30 pm

Group Tours

Interested in booking a tour for 10 or more people? Please call Group Reservations at 416.646.4677 ext. 7730 to discuss special group rates and options for your visit.

Multimedia Guides

Enhance your experience by exploring the Museum with a Multimedia Guide! Download our Multimedia Guide app to your smartphone via Google Play or iTunes — or rent a Multimedia Guide for \$5 at the Museum.

ACCESSIBILITY

The Aga Khan Museum is wheelchair-accessible. Drop-offs at the street-level entrance can be made prior to parking.

A limited number of wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information about accessibility, please call 416.646.4677 ext. 7700.

CONTACT US

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416.646.4677 ext. 7730

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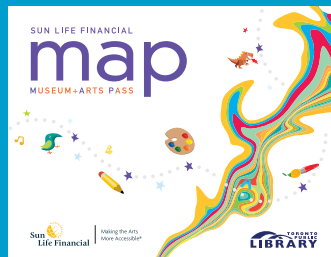
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Cover: Detail of *Muta-morphosis – Istanbul Historical Peninsula #01*, 2013 by Murat Germen; Photo courtesy of the artist.

Page 4: "Golden Horn and Suleymaniye Mosque, built for Suleyman I"; Photochrom print from the presentation album "Constantinople"; Photo by Photoglob Zürich, appr. 1890; Omer M. Koç Collection.

Page 5: Detail of *Muta-morphosis – Istanbul #16*, 2010 by Murat Germen; Photo courtesy of the artist.

Page 6: *Untitled* by Abbas Kiarostami, image courtesy of the artist.

Page 7: *Heap (I)* by Mohamad-Said Baalbaki, Photo by Siegfried Bucker © Mohamad-Said Baalbaki; Siegfried Bucker.

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