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AGA KHAN MUSEUM PROGRAM GUIDE



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NEW LECTURE SERIES

ISLAM AND MUSLIMS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

See all 6 lectures for \$50. Cost per lecture \$10.

Since opening in 2014, the Aga Khan Museum has presented exhibitions and programming that engage with the diversity of Muslim civilizations and the ways cultures can connect through the arts. In spring 2016, we're excited to extend this engagement through an annual series of lectures encouraging discussion and debate about world issues.

Our 2016 lecture series tackles the theme "Islam and Muslims in the 21st Century." Featuring scholars and journalists who are leading thought-provoking conversations about Muslims and Islam today, it addresses questions of identity and belonging, youth and integration, and immigration and settlement. The series also invites you to take part: each lecture will be followed by a Q&A session, giving you the opportunity to share your thoughts about key issues shaping Canada and the world in the 21st century.

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ISLAM AND MUSLIMS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

Media, Muslims, and Free Speech

Sunday, April 17, 2–3 pm

Throughout his 48 years of reporting and supervising coverage of Canada at the *Toronto Star*, Haroon Siddiqui explored Canada's model of pluralism and the representation of Islam and Muslims in the media.

The Qur'an in the 21st Century

Sunday, May 1, 2–3 pm

Walid Saleh, Associate Professor and Chair of the Institute of Islamic Studies, University of Toronto, is a pioneer on the study of the textual and interpretative relationship between the Qur'an and the Bible.

Of Hockey and Hijab: New Reflections on Being Female, Canadian, and Muslim

Sunday, May 15, 2–3 pm

Sheema Khan, columnist for *The Globe and Mail*, is the author of *Of Hockey and Hijab: Reflections of a Canadian Muslim Woman* (2009). Her recent work questions the understanding of gender roles among Muslim men and women.

Hybrid Identities: Muslim Arab Youth and the West

Sunday, June 12, 2–3 pm

Bessma Momani is Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Waterloo and 2015 Scholar of the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Foundation. Her book *Arab Dawn: Arab Youth and the Demographic Dividend They Will Bring* (2015) is optimistic about the future of the Middle East.

Communing with the Divine:

Contemporary Mystical Traditions and the Arts

Sunday, June 26, 2–3 pm

Ali Asani, Professor of Indo-Muslim Religion and Cultures and Director of Prince Alwaleed bin Talal Islamic Studies Program at Harvard University, is an expert on the historical and contemporary Shia and Sufi devotional traditions in South Asia and the Ismaili mystical traditions.

Refugees, Immigrants, and Citizens: The Muslim Diaspora Experience in the West

Sunday, July 10, 2–3 pm

Doug Saunders is a journalist and author of *The Myth of the Muslim Tide: Do Immigrants Threaten the West?* (2012). His recent work explores Muslim migration into the West.



PERFORMING ARTS

This spring, we're thrilled to partner with Roy Thomson Hall to bring legendary Sufi singer Abida Parveen to Toronto! Parveen's boundary-breaking career has established her pre-eminence in a traditionally male-dominated musical form. Don't miss her performance at Roy Thomson Hall Sunday, May 15 at 8 pm, marking the culmination of our Great Poets Series.

For the latest details plus news about upcoming events this spring and summer, please visit agakhanmuseum.org.





MARVELLOUS CREATURES

ANIMALS IN ISLAMIC ART

Opens May 7, 2016

They roam the pages of legends, tales, and fables. They have inspired artists for centuries. This spring, the marvellous creatures of air, water, fire, and earth come together in a richly imaginative exhibition originally organized by the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Qatar — and now expanded to include key works from the Aga Khan Museum and other international private and public collections.

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Fire-breathing dragons and birdlike *simurghs*, imperial stallions and noble griffins, clever hares and crafty jackals: meet the incredible menagerie in this family-friendly exhibition for all ages!

Marvellous Creatures: Animals in Islamic Art presents a breathtaking variety of artworks from the 7th to 21st centuries. Featuring manuscripts, textiles, ceramics, jewellery, glass, and metalwork — in addition to sculptures and mixed media works by contemporary Lebanese artist Mohamad-Said Baalbaki — the exhibition proves the enduring fascination with these creatures across many cultures and shares the stories that first brought them to life.

Originally organized by and exhibited at the Museum of Islamic Art in Doha, Marvellous Creatures is modified for the Aga Khan Museum.

Curator

Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip (Aga Khan Museum)

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

CURATOR'S TOUR

Marvellous Creatures: Animals in Islamic Art
with Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip

Tuesday, May 10, 6:30–7:30 pm

\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors

FOR KIDS AND FAMILIES

Marvellous Creatures PD Day Camp

Friday, June 10, 9 am–4 pm

Ages 6–8 & 9–12. \$60, \$54 Friends

Kids, spend a day exploring the Museum, and creating your own art to take home with you!

For details about our April 15 PD Day Camp, visit agakhanmuseum.org.

Family Sundays

Every Sunday, Drop-in program between 12–4 pm

Ages 5–12. Free with admission to the galleries

Make your Sunday afternoons an art adventure! Create a fantastic creature inspired by our newest exhibition, solve puzzles, and more! Adult accompaniment required.



SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

SHOWCASE PERFORMANCE

Erkan Oğur & Ismail H. Demircioğlu

Friday, April 1, 8:30 pm

Concert tickets starting at \$45;

Two Turkish masters present ancient songs of Anatolia.

Co-presented with *Turkuaz TV*

TALKS

Istanbul Transformed

Thursday, April 7, 6:30 pm

\$10, \$8 Friends/seniors, students free

Edhem Eldem (Boğaziçi University) probes a changing city. *In partnership with the Canadian Society for the Advancement of Turkish Studies*

Istanbul Was a Fairy Tale

Tuesday, May 24, 6:30–8:30 pm

\$10, \$8 Friends/seniors, students free

Author Mario Levi introduces three generations of a Turkish-Jewish family.

In partnership with the Turkish Consulate

A CITY TRANSFORMED

IMAGES OF ISTANBUL THEN AND NOW

Closing June 26

Don't miss your chance to see Istanbul as never before in this stunning exhibition of historical and contemporary images!

Travel back to the 19th century via evocative photographs, albums, and panoramas exhibited for the first time in North America – then leap forward to today's vibrant metropolis with acclaimed Turkish artist Murat Germen's surreal cityscapes. Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip leads a curator's tour Tuesday, April 5 at 6:30 pm. Visit agakhanmuseum.org for details.

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AGA KHAN PARK

This spring and summer, look for family-fun programming in the Park, including pop-up performances, art activities, and more.

Beginning May 7, we also unveil a new Aga Khan Park Tour (offered Tuesday to Sunday at 4 pm plus 10:30 am on weekends). Discover the centuries of architectural history that inspired our Park, and gain an insider's view of the flowers and bushes planted there.

NEW! Toronto by Nature Tour

Begins Spring 2016

This spring, we're partnering with Toronto Bicycle Tours, Toronto Botanical Garden, and CF Shops at Don Mills to present a nature-inspired e-Bike tour from downtown. This day-long adventure provides a green escape within the city! Check for updates at torontobicycletours.com/toronto-by-nature.

DOORS OPEN TORONTO 2016

Enjoy free architecturally-inspired tours, pop-up performances, and a variety of programming – including two lively auditorium talks – as we participate once again in this popular city-wide event.



Is Architecture Art?

Saturday, May 28, 2 pm

Free tickets available day-of on first-come, first-served basis. Top local architects share their thought-provoking responses in this panel discussion co-produced by the Toronto Society of Architects.

The Madman (*majnun*): Courtly Love in Medieval Islam and Christendom

Sunday, May 29, 2 pm

Free tickets available day-of on first-come, first-served basis. Join Michael Barry, celebrated author and professor in Princeton University's Near Eastern Studies Department, as he explores love in centuries past!



LEARNING AT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM

Our education programs offer worlds of discovery. You'll find something for every age and interest!



SUMMER CAMP

Session 1: July 11–15, 9 am–4 pm
Session 2: July 18–22, 9 am–4 pm
Session 3: July 25–29, 9 am–4 pm
Session 4: August 8–19, 9 am–4 pm (two weeks)
One-week sessions: \$300, \$270 Friends
Two-week session: \$600, \$540 Friends
Extended care hours available from 4–6 pm, additional \$60
10% discount for siblings

Packed with art activities for ages 6–8 and 9–12, our Summer Camps 2016 are offered in four exciting sessions! Visit agakhanmuseum.org for details.

FOR FAMILIES

A Reflection of Heaven on Earth with Unaiza Karim
Sunday, April 3, 10 am–3 pm
\$50, \$45 Friends, \$40 students and seniors
Family Packages available. Visit agakhanmuseum.org.
Spend the day crafting a garden collage with traditional techniques and materials! Suitable for adults with children 7+.

“Mahmoud the Wanderer” and Other Stories from One Thousand and One Nights
Sunday, April 10, 1–2 pm
\$8 per person

Discover Arab folktales with world-renowned storyteller Chirine El Ansary. Suitable for families with children 5+. In partnership with the 2016 Toronto Storytelling Festival.

PRIVATE EVENTS

A spectacular venue for receptions, private dinners, or corporate events large and small, the Aga Khan Museum is one of Toronto's architectural gems. Its unique rental spaces include a 350-seat auditorium and 17-acre Park complete with reflecting pools. Please contact private.events@agakhanmuseum.org or 416.646.4677 ext. 7733 for details.



WORKSHOPS

Islamic Geometric Art Workshop with Aneesa Patel

Sunday, April 17, 10 am–3 pm
\$50, \$45 Friends, \$40 students and seniors
Create your own patterns on paper and clay tiles in this workshop inspired by our Collection!

Silkscreen Art Workshop with Kingi Carpenter

Sunday, May 1, 10 am–3 pm
\$50, \$45 Friends, \$40 students and seniors + materials fee (\$40)
Using the Collection as your muse, master the basics of photo-emulsion silkscreening and print your own designs.

Self-Portraits in Miniature Painting with Tazeen Qayyum

Sunday, June 5, 10 am–3 pm
\$50, \$45 Friends, \$40 students and seniors + materials fee (\$25)
Discover the art of portraiture through our Collection, then create your own miniature painting in this hands-on workshop.

The Story of Alif with Sheeraz Wania

Sunday, June 12, 10 am–3 pm
\$50, \$45 Friends, \$40 students and seniors
Develop your very own *tuğra* (calligraphic monogram) after learning how Arabic script has evolved over centuries.

AFTERNOON LECTURES

NOW ON THURSDAYS!
Free with Museum Admission

From Constantinople to Istanbul

Thursday, April 21, 1–2 pm
Shermeen Beg re-imagines the patrons and architects behind Istanbul's architectural wonders.

Songbirds and Dragons in Persian and Mughal Art

Thursday, May 26, 1–2 pm
Explore two marvellous creatures with Michael Barry.

Star-taker: The Toledo Astrolabe from the Aga Khan Museum Collection

Thursday, June 16, 1–2 pm
How did medieval Islamic science perfect this ancient invention? Patricia Bentley explains.



STUDENT EXHIBITION

Our Stories, Our Images, Our Futures

Tuesday–Saturday, 11 am–4 pm,
April 30 – May 31
Free Admission
Exhibition Hall, Ismaili Centre, Toronto
Don't miss this eye-opening exhibition of photographs made by youth in Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Hyderabad, and Toronto! An Open Exhibition at the 2016 Scotiabank CONTACT Photography Festival.

AGA KHAN MUSEUM LECTURES

Science and Religion in Islam: Conflict or Creative Engagement?

Wednesday, April 20, 6:30 pm
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors
How did early Muslim scholars shape the development of science and knowledge? Using scientific manuscripts from our Collection, Jamil Ragep (Institute of Islamic Studies, McGill University) traces these influences. Part of the Inspired by Signs Lecture Series produced in partnership with the Pontifical Institute, Toronto and the Ismaili Centre, Toronto.

The Persian Romance of Alexander the Great

Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 pm
\$20, \$18 Friends, \$12 students and seniors
Not to be missed! Michael Barry bridges art, mysticism, and poetry in this illustrated talk.

ADULT COURSE

Cultural Exchange: The Art of the Silk Routes

Wednesdays, April 6 – June 1 (no April 27), 6–8 pm
\$280, \$240 Friends, \$200 students and seniors
50% parking discount available
How were ideas, technology, and products traded on routes stretching from Asia to Europe? Sudharshan Durayappah leads an artistic journey through the Silk Routes.

DINE

Enjoy a culinary adventure at Diwan! Chef Mark McEwan offers tantalizing flavours of the Middle East, the Indian subcontinent, and North Africa.

Reserve via opentable.com for lunch 11:30 am to 2:30 pm, Tuesday to Sunday.

For details about special pre-show dinners and more (including Summerlicious 2016), visit agakhanmuseum.org.



JOIN TODAY!

Friends of the Museum are 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.

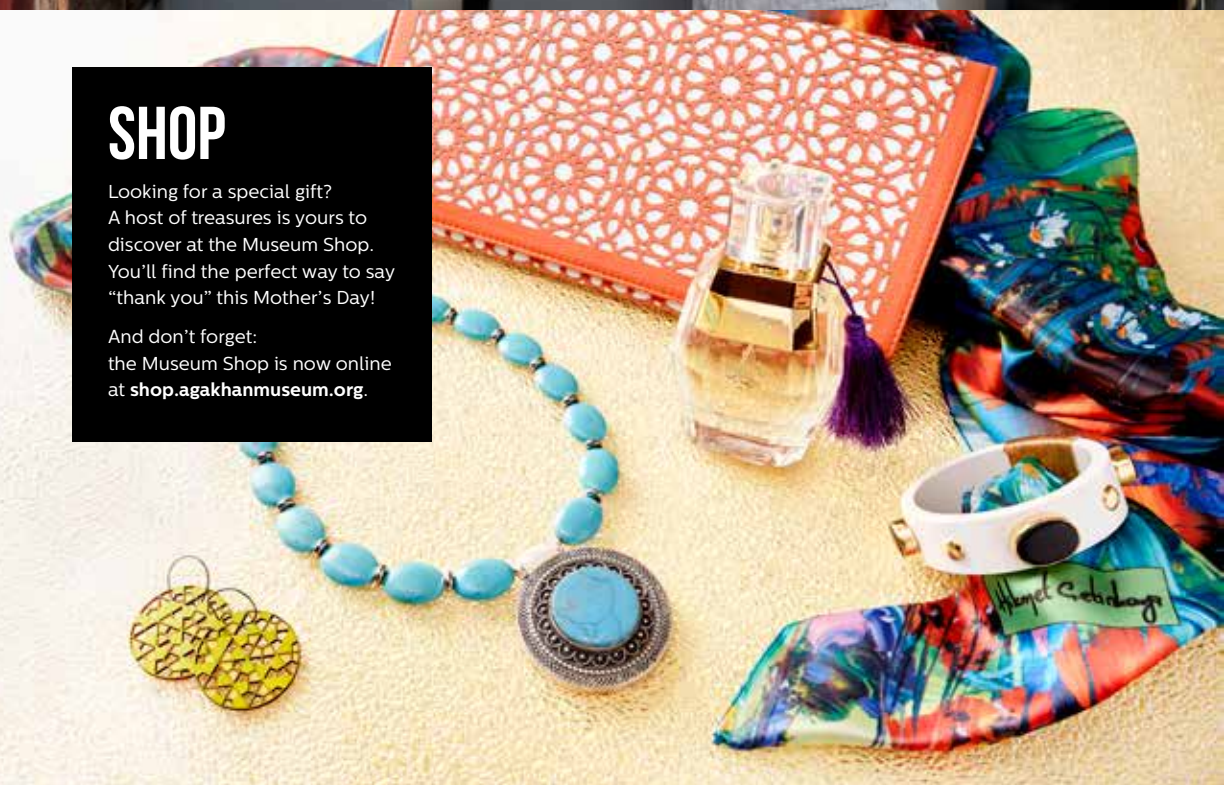
To join or to learn more:

agakhanmuseum.org/join or 416.646.4667

SHOP

Looking for a special gift? A host of treasures is yours to discover at the Museum Shop. You'll find the perfect way to say "thank you" this Mother's Day!

And don't forget: the Museum Shop is now online at shop.agakhanmuseum.org.



HOURS AND TICKETS

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

Open Victoria Day
May 23, 10 am–6 pm

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

General Admission*
Friends: 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

Aga Khan Park Tour: 10:30 am and 4 pm on Saturdays and Sundays; 4 pm only Tuesday to Friday (weather permitting). Adults: \$10; Students and seniors: \$5. Museum Admission not required.

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.

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.

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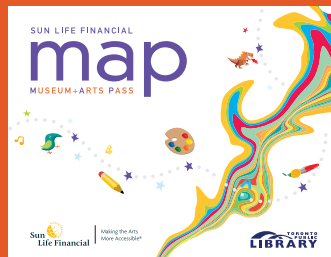
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