

## Aga Khan Museum expands its education outreach with \$86,100 Ontario Trillium Foundation grant

**January 28, 2022 – Toronto, ON** – The Aga Khan Museum is thrilled with the results of its transformative upgrades to its online and in-person education programs. The work was made possible thanks to an \$86,100 Resilient Communities Fund grant awarded by the Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) in late 2020. The Resilient Communities Fund grant was created by OTF to help the non-profit sector to rebuild and rebound from the impacts of COVID-19.

“With the generous support of the Ontario Trillium Foundation, we boosted the reach and impact of our intercultural education programs at a time when students and teachers are actively searching for innovative, engaging, and impactful experiences that meet their needs and are easily accessible on demand,” said Dr. Ulrike Al-Khamis, the Museum’s Director and CEO. “By expanding our online and outdoor offerings, we are better equipped than ever to help our diverse learning audiences explore the arts and their potential for intercultural understanding in a safe, inclusive, and welcoming setting.”

With OTF’s support, the Museum has successfully expanded its celebrated curriculum-linked School Visits program into the virtual sphere, making it accessible to classroom and home learners. These digital programs have empowered students to participate in many of the Museum’s Education offerings both synchronously and asynchronously. The OTF grant also supported the installation of tent anchors in the Aga Khan Park. As a result, the Museum has extended its outdoor programming season from five months to 10, creating a more welcoming environment for the community to gather safely in the fresh air.

Looking forward, the Museum is committed to providing accessible online Education programs to students in Ontario and beyond as well as physically distanced on-site/in-person programs, including outdoor activities, in the core areas of Education, Performing Arts, and Exhibitions. This investment will have a long-term impact on its outdoor and Education programs and will continue to serve the community beyond the pandemic.

**ABOUT THE ONTARIO TRILLIUM FOUNDATION:** [The Ontario Trillium Foundation \(OTF\)](#) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, and one of Canada’s leading granting foundations. Last year, nearly \$112M was invested into 1,384 community projects and partnerships to build healthy and vibrant communities and strengthen the impact of Ontario’s non-profit sector. In 2020/21, OTF supported Ontario’s economic recovery by helping non-profit organizations rebuild and recover from the impacts of COVID-19.

**ABOUT THE MUSEUM:** The [Aga Khan Museum](#) in Toronto, Canada, has been established and developed by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC), which is an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). The Museum’s mission is to foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the contribution that Muslim civilizations have made to world heritage while often reflecting, through both its permanent and temporary exhibitions, how cultures connect with one another. Designed by architect Fumihiko Maki, the Museum shares a 6.8- hectare site with Toronto’s Ismaili Centre, which was designed by architect Charles Correa. The surrounding landscaped park was designed by landscape architect Vladimir Djurovic.

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