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**AGA KHAN MUSEUM** PROGRAM GUIDE



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# A THIRST FOR RICHES

CARPETS FROM THE EAST IN PAINTINGS FROM THE WEST

June 6 to October 18, 2015

Featuring stunning objects from the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Don't miss this fascinating exhibition in its only Canadian venue!

Cover page and above right:  
Detail of *A Musical Party*,  
Gabriel Metsu, 1659,  
The Metropolitan Museum of Art,  
New York.

Above left:  
Detail of "Ornamental Lotto" Carpet,  
Turkey, ca. 1600, The Metropolitan  
Museum of Art, New York.

In an exclusive Canadian showing, *A Thirst for Riches: Carpets from the East in Paintings from the West* points to the active history of trade between Europe and Muslim civilizations while exploring how beautiful objects acquire new meanings as they are exchanged.

Drawing from the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York — supplemented by loans from other institutions — the exhibition pairs mid-17th-century Dutch paintings featuring Eastern carpets with actual carpets produced in the Near and Far East during the same period. Did these carpets symbolize wealth and worldliness — or did they signify vanity and excess? *A Thirst for Riches: Carpets from the East in Paintings from the West* is a powerful reminder of the cultural impact of trade.

*This exhibition is based on the exhibition Carpets of the East in Paintings from the West, organized by the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 2014.*

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

### CURATOR'S TOUR

#### **A Thirst for Riches**

**Carpets from the East in Paintings from the West**

with Dr. Filiz Çakır Phillip

**Tuesday, June 9, 6:30–7:30 pm**

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



# VISIONS OF MUGHAL INDIA

THE COLLECTION OF HOWARD HODGKIN

**February 21 to June 21, 2015**

Experience the beauty of *Visions of Mughal India: The Collection of Howard Hodgkin*. This stunning exhibition offers a glimpse into the art produced in the Mughal court, the Deccani Sultanates, and the Rajput kingdoms from the late 16th to mid-19th centuries. All works are from the private collection of artist Howard Hodgkin, whose own paintings are displayed in the complementary exhibition *Inspired by India: Paintings by Howard Hodgkin*.

Organized by the Aga Khan Museum in association with the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford.

Above:  
Detail of *Elephants Fighting*,  
ascribed to Khurshid Banu,  
Mughal, northern India, ca. 1610.

## SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

### LECTURE

#### The Majesty of Mughal Decoration

**Friday, May 8, 6:30–7:30 pm**

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

Join George Michell, world authority on South Asian architecture, for this fascinating talk.

Co-presented with the Centre for South Asian Studies, University of Toronto, Mississauga

### SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES

#### Miyan-Ki-Daane - Raags of Tansen

**Saturday, April 18, 7 pm and**

**Sunday, April 19, 11 am**

In collaboration with the Raag-Mala Music Society of Toronto

#### Footsteps of Babur

Homayun Sakhi, Rahul Sharma,  
and Salar Nader

**Friday, May 8, 8 pm**

Presented in partnership with the Aga Khan Music Initiative and supported by Small World Music

**Visit our website for our full roster of live arts & film programming!**



# INSPIRED BY INDIA

PAINTINGS BY HOWARD HODGKIN

**February 21 to June 21, 2015**

Immerse your senses in Howard Hodgkin's brilliantly coloured paintings from 1970 to 2014, exhibited for the first time alongside works from his private collection.

Organized by the Aga Khan Museum with appreciation to Howard Hodgkin.

Above:  
Detail of *In the Garden of the Bombay Museum*,  
Howard Hodgkin, 1978–82.

**CLOSING APRIL 26**

# THE LOST DHOW

A DISCOVERY FROM THE MARITIME SILK ROUTE

Last chance to experience the mystery of *The Lost Dhow*! Never before seen in North America, this exhibition features hundreds of rare Tang dynasty (618–907 CE) artifacts recovered from a shipwrecked dhow in 1998. John Vollmer leads a final curator's tour **Thursday, April 16 at 6:30 pm**. Visit [agakhanmuseum.org](http://agakhanmuseum.org) for details.

In association with



*The Lost Dhow: A Discovery from the Maritime Silk Route* is jointly organized by the Asian Civilisations Museum of Singapore, the Singapore Tourism Board, and the Aga Khan Museum. The objects in the exhibition are from the Asian Civilisations Museum, Singapore. Acquisition of the Tang Shipwreck Collection was made possible by the Estate of Khoo Teck Puat.



## THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM COLLECTION

Dating from its origins in the 8th century through to the 19th century and covering a broad geography from Spain to Southeast Asia, the Aga Khan Museum’s Permanent Collection contains some of the most important artistic and scientific works of Muslim civilizations.

### Above: IVORY HORN (OLIPHANT)

Like many objects in the Aga Khan Museum Collection, this rare ivory tusk is an exceptional example of cross-cultural exchange. Carved in 11th- or 12th-century Italy, it bears a hunting scene inspired by Fatimid court culture (909–1171). Six centuries later, it acquired mounts of English silver.

### DIRECTOR’S TOUR

**Tuesday, June 23, 6:30–7:30 pm**

\$20 adults, \$18 members, \$12 students and seniors  
Aga Khan Museum Director and CEO Henry Kim shares his insights about the Aga Khan Museum’s Permanent Collection.

# DINE



### DIWAN AT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM

Dine in a setting that “captivates the eye like no other Toronto restaurant” (Amy Pataki, *Toronto Star*). Chef Patrick Riley oversees the meticulous preparation of dishes inspired by the great cuisines of Turkey, Iran, North Africa, Central Asia, and the Indian subcontinent.

Open for lunch Tuesday to Sunday.  
For reservations, call 416.646.4670.  
To book a private dining experience for groups of 45 or more, please contact [private.events@agakhanmuseum.org](mailto:private.events@agakhanmuseum.org).

### THE ART OF PAKISTANI CUISINE

**Friday, June 5 and Saturday, June 6, 7:30 pm**

Join Chef Riley in welcoming Mussa Khan, a master chef from the Islamabad Serena Hotel, for this exclusive evening of Pakistani cuisine. **Space is limited** — call 416.646.4670 to reserve your seat.

# SHOP



Discover what Stealth Shopper Rita Zekas calls “a treasure den” filled with “great gifts for everyone” (*Toronto Star*).

Our Shop features merchandise exclusively designed for the Museum by local and international designers. Gift certificates are also available.

**Join the Aga Khan Museum and receive a 10% discount at Diwan, Courtyard Café, and the Museum Shop!**

## LECTURES

Wednesdays, 1–2 pm

Free with Museum admission, these public lectures introduce visitors to special highlights from the Museum's unique manuscript collection. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis on the day of the lecture or can be pre-booked online.

### Scheherazade's Tales

An Early Manuscript of *1001 Nights*  
Dr. Selma Zecevic, York University  
Wednesday, April 15

The tales of Scheherazade — who saved her life by weaving tales over 1001 nights for King Shahryar — have long captured the Western imagination. How and why did this happen? Join Dr. Selma Zecevic for this illustrated talk.

### Akhlaq-e Nasiri

A Manual on Political Ethics in the Aga Khan Museum's Manuscript Collection  
Dr. Maria Subtelny, University of Toronto  
Wednesday, May 13

How did artists of the Mughal court depict ethical themes? Dr. Maria Subtelny examines the 17 paintings illustrating *Akhlaq-e Nasiri* (Ethics of Nasir), composed by 13th-century Iranian philosopher and scientist Nasir al-Din Tusi.

### The Qur'an: An Introduction

Dr. Ruba Kana'an, Aga Khan Museum  
Wednesday, June 17

What is the Qur'an, and how is it organized and decorated? Dr. Ruba Kana'an provides insight using manuscripts in the Aga Khan Museum Collection.

## COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

### From Cairo to Samarqand: Discovering the Cities of Muslim Civilizations

Tuesdays, April 28 to June 16, 1–3 pm  
\$320 adults, \$288 for members, \$250 students and seniors  
Explore major palaces, monuments, and gardens in historic cities! Through images and lectures, Dr. Ruba Kana'an, the Aga Khan Museum's Head of Education and Scholarly Programs, leads participants in this eight-week voyage to Damascus, Jerusalem, Istanbul, and beyond.

### The Art of Geometric Patterns

Saturday, May 16, 10 am–1 pm  
\$65, \$58.50 members, \$45 students and seniors  
Be inspired by centuries-old geometric patterns and create beautiful art! Toronto-based artist and educator Huma Durrani introduces motifs commonly used in traditional Muslim arts and guides participants in proper paper-cutting techniques. Limited to 15 registrants.

### Constantinople Music Ensemble and Guests

Saturday, June 6, 2–4 pm  
\$20 adults, \$18 for members, \$12 students and seniors  
Discover the Middle East and Asia through their musical traditions and instruments! Kiya Tabassian and his musicians present a hands-on workshop for all ages.  
*In collaboration with the Ismaili Centre, Toronto*



## BOOK LAUNCH AND SIGNING

### Companion to Muslim Cultures

Dr. Aryn B. Sajoo  
Wednesday, April 22, 6:30–7:30 pm  
\$20 adults, \$18 for members, \$12 students and seniors  
Dr. Aryn B. Sajoo presents his edited collection of essays by some of today's finest scholars.  
*In collaboration with the Institute of Ismaili Studies, London*

## ARTIST'S TALK IN THE GALLERIES

### Tazeen Qayyum

Tuesday, June 2, 6:30–7:30 pm  
\$20 adults, \$18 members, \$12 students and seniors  
Experience the exhibition *Inspired by India: Paintings by Howard Hodgkin* through the eyes of Toronto-based painter Tazeen Qayyum.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Family Fun in the Education Centre

Every Sunday from 12–4 pm  
Sundays are Family Days at the Aga Khan Museum! Drop into the Museum's classrooms to participate in art games, solve puzzles, or make an animal mask.

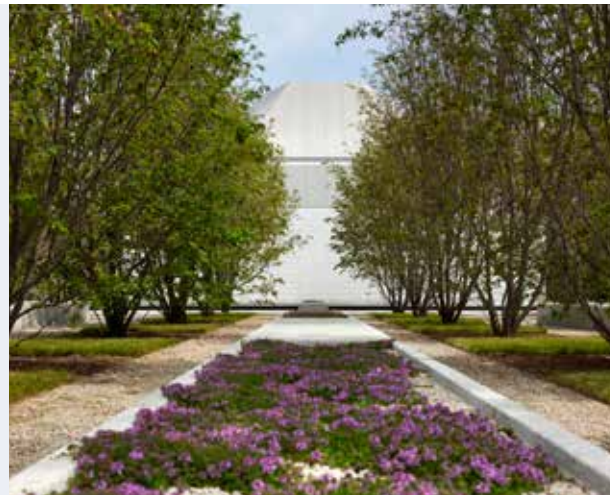
### Family Exploration Kit

Parents, make your visit an art adventure! Ask for your free kit at the Tickets Desk.  
Suitable for ages 5 to 12. Adult accompaniment is required. Free with admission to the galleries. Members always visit for free.

## PARK

As the weather warms, enjoy the sights and scents of our park. Designed by Lebanese-Serbian landscape architect Vladimir Djurovic, the park contains a formal garden inspired by a traditional *chahar bagh* (four-part garden). Wander the path or simply relax beside the reflecting pools. The park is open to the public daily from dawn to dusk.

For rental inquiries, please contact [private.events@agakhanmuseum.org](mailto:private.events@agakhanmuseum.org).

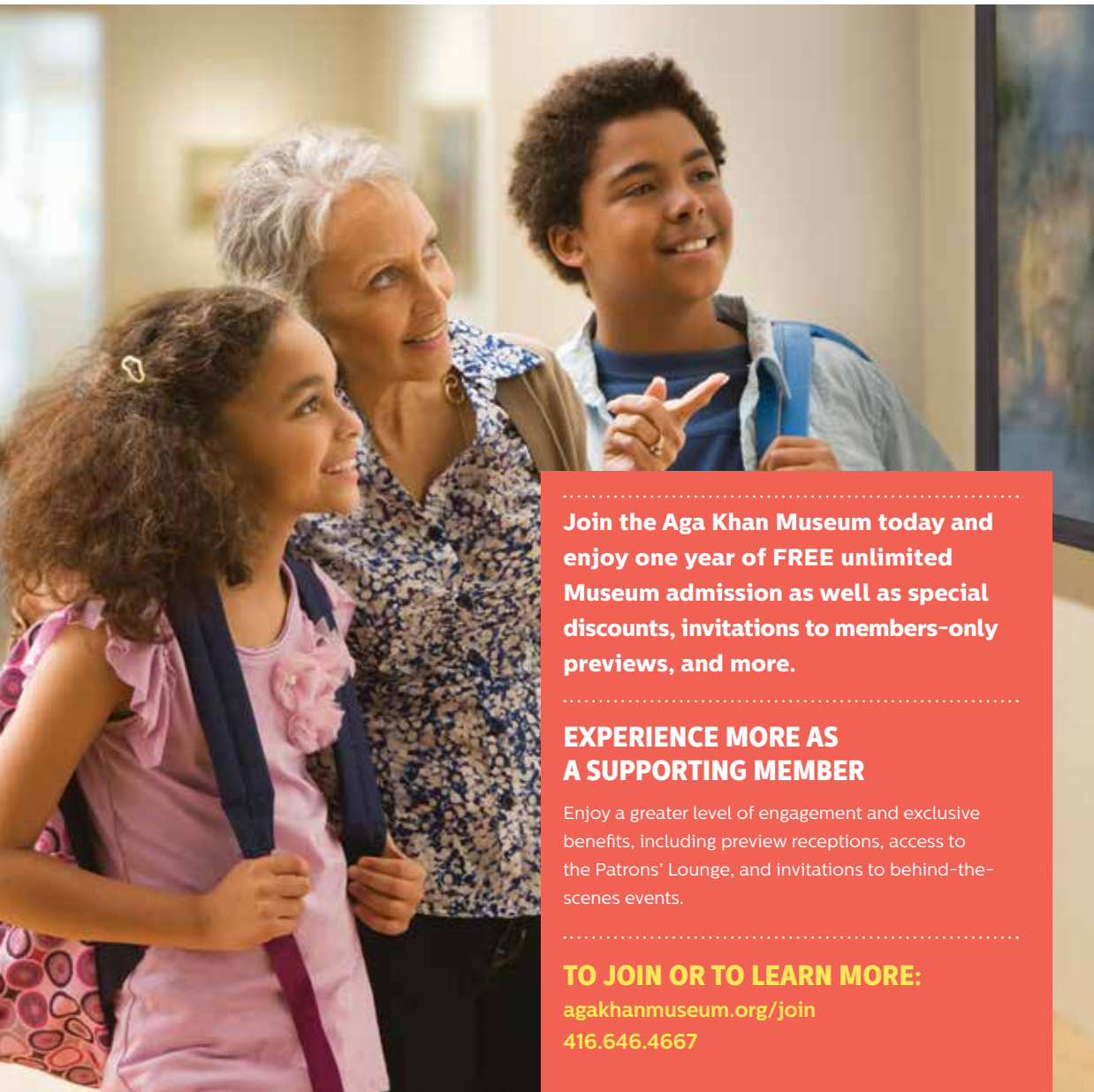


## PRIVATE EVENTS

Imagine your next private event at the Aga Khan Museum. Our beautiful atrium, state-of-the-art auditorium, park, and Patrons' Lounge are just some of the spectacular spaces available for hosting seminars, dinners, and gala receptions for up to 350 people.

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# EXPERIENCE IT FIRST AS A MEMBER



Join the Aga Khan Museum today and enjoy one year of **FREE** unlimited Museum admission as well as special discounts, invitations to members-only previews, and more.

## EXPERIENCE MORE AS A SUPPORTING MEMBER

Enjoy a greater level of engagement and exclusive benefits, including preview receptions, access to the Patrons' Lounge, and invitations to behind-the-scenes events.

## TO JOIN OR TO LEARN MORE:

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416.646.4667

## HOURS AND TICKETS

Visitors are welcome to view collections in the Bellerive Room, browse in the Museum Shop, have a coffee at the Courtyard Café, or dine in Diwan at the Aga Khan Museum without purchasing a ticket. Tickets are required for entrance to galleries and for participation in most Performing Arts and Education programs and events.

### HOURS

Open Tuesday to Sunday 10 am to 6 pm, except Wednesdays, when the Museum has extended evening hours until 8 pm. Closed Mondays except April 6 and May 18.

**FREE WEDNESDAYS!** Please note that Museum admission is free from 4-8 pm every Wednesday.

### GENERAL ADMISSION

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

## TOURS AND GUIDES

### DAILY TOURS

Offered Tuesday to Sunday.

**GALLERY TOUR** 11 am and 3 pm, with extra 6:30 pm tour on Wednesdays

**ARCHITECTURE TOUR** 1:30 pm

**GARDEN TOURS** Launch in June! Please visit our website for details.

**TOUR COST** Admission plus \$10 adults; admission plus \$5 students and seniors.

### 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 in the company of a Multimedia Guide! Available at the Tickets Desk (\$5), these Guides offer additional stories about the Permanent Collection, Bellerive Room, and selected temporary 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.

### BY CAR

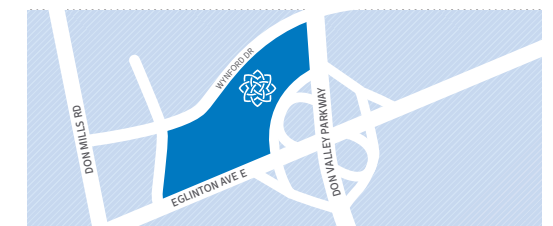
**Southbound:** Take the Don Valley Parkway (DVP), exit at Wynford Drive, and turn right (east). The Museum is located immediately on the south side of Wynford Drive.  
**Northbound:** Take the Don Valley Parkway (DVP), exit at Eglinton Avenue westbound, turn right on Don Mills Road, then right again on Wynford Drive. Travel approximately 2 blocks past Gervais Drive. The Museum is located on the south side of Wynford Drive.

Ample parking by pay-and-display meters is available both surface and underground. Parking fees help to maintain our park and its programming.

### BY PUBLIC TRANSIT

The 100 Flemingdon Park bus, available at Broadview and Eglinton subway stations, stops on Wynford Drive right at the Aga Khan Museum (stop: Garamond Court; travel time approx. 25-30 minutes).

The 25 Don Mills bus, available at Pape subway station, stops at Don Mills Road and Wynford Drive (stop: Wynford Drive; travel time approx. 20 minutes). The Museum is a short walk along Wynford Drive (approx. 5 minutes).



## ACCESSIBILITY

### WHEELCHAIRS

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.

### PHONE NUMBERS

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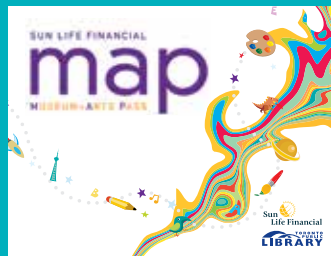


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