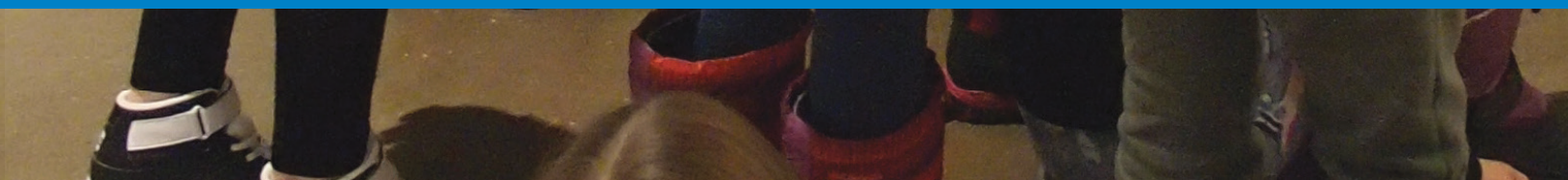




KITCHENER-WATERLOO ART GALLERY KWAG.CA

FALL 2023 EDUCATION PROGRAMS





Our Story

Established in 1956, the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery is the leading public art gallery in Waterloo Region, with a Permanent Collection of over 4300 artworks. The Gallery presents innovative and thought-provoking contemporary art exhibitions with a commitment to high quality education programs.

Visit the Gallery to experience a Tour and Studio Workshop or bring the Gallery to your classroom with our KWAG 2 GO outreach programs.

KWAG Education Programs are always designed to complement the Ontario Curriculum as well as our current exhibitions with engaging cross-curricular connections to expand the learning experience.

Images: (cover) School group at the Gallery. Photo: KWAG.
(top) Installation view, *Jessica Karuhanga: Blue as the insides*, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, 28 April 2023 to 6 August 2023. Photo: KWAG.

To book or for more information on any of these programs, contact:

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Fall 2023 Exhibitions

SOS: A Story of Survival, Part II – The Body

26 August 2022 – 7 January 2024 | Main Gallery

Curated by Darryn Doull

SOS: A Story of Survival is a three-part exhibition exploring what survival is, what it looks like and what it means to survive.

For Part II – The Body, issues, frameworks, struggles and successes of local and global significance are brought together. Subjects include the absolute destruction of war and conflict, comfort with death as a way of living more fully, migration, food and housing insecurity, and the raucous collapse of our shared environment.

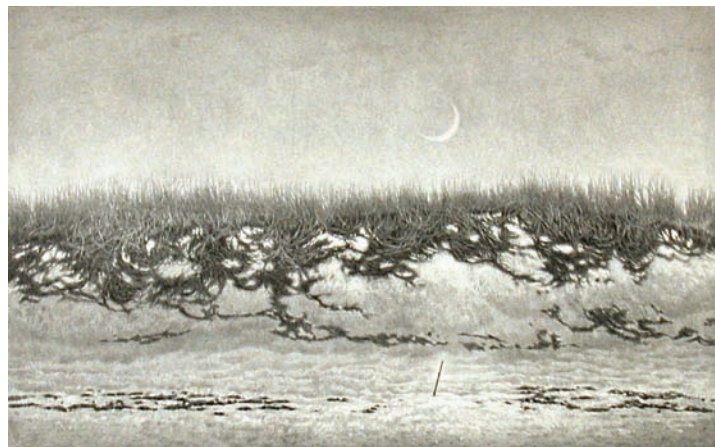


Crossing a Threshold

22 September 2023 – 18 February 2024 | Corridor & Lobby

Curated by Jennifer Bullock

A threshold is a place that is in between. It is liminal. The experience of liminality might differ with context, but always refers to that space—literal or metaphorical—between one thing and another. In crossing a threshold, we step from what was to what will be. Works in this exhibition have been chosen to explore varying states of betweenness.



Jason Lujan: Utopian Aesthetic

14 October 2023 – 4 February 2024 | Eastman Gallery

Curated by Darryn Doull

Utopian Aesthetic addresses the process by which different cultures approach each other as a result of travel and communication. Sidestepping identity to focus on transnational experiences and aesthetics, the work relates the ways in which culture is exported and diffused into nations. The possibilities and limitations of the exchanging of ideas, meanings and values is centered while questioning concepts of authenticity and authorship. Lujan draws attention to transitive zones where processes of the unfamiliar become familiar, and the familiar becomes destabilized beyond expectation.



Images: (from top to bottom) Installation view, *SOS: A Story of Survival, Part II – The Body*, Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, 26 August 2023 – 7 January 2024. Photo courtesy of KWAG, by LF Documentation. Michael Thompson (Canadian, b. 1954). *Between the Sun and the Moon*, 1992. Graphite on paper, 38 x 61 cm (sight). Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery Collection: Gift of the Artist, 1994. Photo: Courtesy of the Artist. © Michael Thompson. Jason Lujan, *Object and Idea (Viewmaster)*, 2023. Resin and polished brass. 15.3 x 10.2 x 10.2 cm. Photo by LF Documentation, Courtesy of the Artist.

Fall 2023 Education Programs

CUSTOMIZABLE ART AND MINDFULNESS EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

Have you had the opportunity to participate in art and mindfulness education programming with KWAG? Mindfulness is the basic human ability to be fully present in the moment about who we are, where we are and where we would like to be.

Guided Gallery Visit

1 Hour | \$6.25 + HST

Available for students in Junior Kindergarten – University.

Join a knowledgeable KWAG Artist Educator in the Gallery for an insightful and inspiring tour of our Fall exhibitions.

We are glad to develop and facilitate customized learning experiences to suit the needs of your class.

Guided Gallery Visit + Studio Workshop

2 Hours | \$12.50 + HST

Available for students in Junior Kindergarten – University.

Join a knowledgeable KWAG Artist Educator in the Gallery for an insightful and inspiring tour of our Fall exhibitions, then respond to familiar mediums, themes and ideas in an Artist Educator led Studio Workshop. We are glad to develop and facilitate customized learning experiences to suit the needs of your class.

Who is the intended audience?

School Groups, Organizations, Community Groups and Clubs.

Is there a specific age range in mind?

KWAG education programming is here to support students and lifelong learners at every step of their journey beginning in kindergarten through to university and beyond.

What types of education programs do we offer?

We are committed to providing dynamic art and mindfulness experiences designed to both complement current exhibitions as well as to connect with the Ontario Curriculum for primary, junior, and intermediate grades through elementary to high school.

We look forward to adapting programming to support your specific course syllabi needs. Exhibition themes and big ideas provide an excellent opportunity to observe, discuss, reflect and connect cross-curricular ideas that engage critical thinking.

Why is art and mindfulness important?

According to a study conducted in 2016 by professors Lisa F. Smith and Jeffrey K. Smith, the average visitor spends approximately 21 seconds with a single artwork during a gallery visit. Students are invited to suspend judgement, pause, look closely and reflect, as well as to practice the art of lingering in the gallery. When we have the opportunity to practice mindfulness in a welcoming, warm environment together such as the gallery, we notice that we are perhaps more present, self-aware, less stressed and we can gain curiosity as well as retain greater insight.

Individually, in pairs and collectively we will explore and unpack big ideas using tools such as visual thinking strategies, inquiry-based learning and mindfulness. Education programming at KWAG gives students the tools and resources to learn more about themselves, inspire each other and foster a more meaningful link to community in a safe, inclusive setting using art as a vital tool for human connection.

Where does education programming take place?

We offer educational programming here at the Gallery in our exhibition and studio spaces.

KWAG 2 GO CLASSROOM VISITS

Unable to arrange a visit to KWAG? No problem – let us come to you!

Three Part Program | \$25.00 + HST | Available for students in Junior Kindergarten – Grade 8.

Part 1

KWAG 2 GO Classroom Pre-Visit | 1 hour

Select one of the below:

Small but Mighty Part 1/2

Students will be introduced to artist Karine Giboulo's miniature worlds and polymer clay figurines in this two-part program. Then they will work together in groups to design and build their own miniature world diorama using repurposed materials to construct a story or narrative about a cause that is meaningful to them as a collective.

OR

SOS Survival Supplies Part 1/2

A poignant and meaningful Fall 2023 program returns just in time for *SOS: A Story of Survival, Part II – The Body!* This program explores questions such as 'What do you need to survive?' and 'What can you not live without?'. Designed to complement the much-anticipated three-part exhibition series *SOS: A Story of Survival* curated by KWAG's Curator Darryn Doull, this program can be adapted for kindergarten - intermediate grade levels. Students will be tasked with designing and creating one object that they cannot survive without.

Curriculum Connections:

Kindergarten – Belonging, Engagement, Expression and Well-Being

Primary – Visual Art, Social Studies, Science and Technology

Junior – Visual Art, Social Studies, Science and Technology

Intermediate – Visual Art, History and Geography, Science and Technology

Part 2

Guided Gallery Visit + Studio Workshop | 2 hours

See previous page for specifics.

Part 3

KWAG 2 GO Classroom Post-Visit | 1 hour

Students will participate in the second part of the selected program from Part 1:

Small but Mighty Part 2/2

Students will create miniature characters to insert into their miniature world dioramas to express their big ideas, using art as a form of storytelling and social commentary about the importance of thriving communities.

OR

SOS Survival Supplies Part 2/2

Students will reflect upon their Guided Gallery Visit of *SOS: A Story of Survival, Part II – The Body* as a class. Students will work on completing their unique objects to add to their classroom survival kits. Together, students will present their ideas using gallery best practices in the form of a temporary classroom art exhibit with the theme, *Our Classroom Survival Kit*.

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Primary – Visual Art, Social Studies, Science and Technology

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KWAG 2 GO EDUCATION KITS

\$187.50 +HST for a one-week booking with up to 30 students maximum

Available for Kindergarten - Intermediate (Grade 8)

Art from our Permanent Collection is a tool for inspiration for students to create their own masterpieces using dynamic techniques from a diverse range of artists. This customized Education Kit is designed to be delivered by the teacher at their own pace to suit their classroom's unique needs and interests.

Bookable single-lesson kits include individualized materials for students, as well as lesson plans and resource guides for teachers and educators alike. Content for each program lesson plan corresponds to division-specific curriculum.

How does a KWAG 2 GO Education Kit work?

1. Connect with KWAG's Education Coordinator about borrowing a KWAG 2 GO Kit for a one-week loan and confirm your booking.
2. Arrange to pick up the Kit during regular Gallery operating hours.
3. Deliver the program lesson plan to your class and complete the evaluation form.
4. Return the Kit to Visitor Services before the end of your loan period.

Please note that Kits returned after their due date are subject to a \$18.75/day late fee.

Limited quantities of *KWAG 2 Go Education Kits* are available. Please book in advance to avoid disappointment.

Kits require a 72 Hour turnaround between bookings.

KWAG YOUTH COUNCIL

Every other Thursday from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. beginning 28 September 2023 to 13 June 2024

Participation is FREE and open to youth aged 16-21 years of age

Contact youthcouncil@kwag.on.ca for more information

Members will engage in bi-weekly meetings and delve into the inner workings of an art gallery, connect with contemporary art and artists, and collaborate on innovative ways to share the magic of the Gallery with the community.

Members of the Council have left an indelible mark by organizing awe-inspiring events, responding to thought-provoking exhibitions and one year, collaborating with local artists to bring a captivating mural to life. From off-site field trips to exhilarating workshops and special events, the 2023-2024 KWAG Youth Council will play a pivotal role in curating an unforgettable season of artistic exploration and inspiration.

Sponsored by: TD Bank Group and the Astley Foundation





EXPRESSIONS, KWAG'S ANNUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBITION, RETURNS!

Calling all student artists from the Waterloo Region, Public, and Independent Schools, the Public Programming Department looks forward to coordinating our annual student art-inspired exhibition: *Expressions 49: Breaking Through* 4 May - 9 June 2024.

What is *Expressions*?

Bringing together artworks from Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery's beloved Permanent Collection and from budding student artists (Kindergarten - Grade 12) from across the region, the 49th edition of *Expressions* will celebrate big ideas as well as highlight themes of perseverance, resilience, innovation, and illumination.

Who is invited to participate in *Expressions*?

Waterloo Region Catholic, Public, Independent and Home schools are invited to submit original student artwork to be celebrated and proudly displayed in KWAG's annual student artwork exhibition.

Contact expressions@kwag.on.ca for more information.

Images: (left) 2022-2023 Youth Council. Photo: KWAG. (top) Installation view, *Expressions 48: Wherever You Are*, at the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery, 4 Feb - 19 Mar 2023. Photo courtesy of KWAG, by Robert McNair.

Key Dates for Students, Teachers, and Parents/Guardians:

- 4 October 2023: Student Exhibitor Registration Opens Online & School Visits Pre-Booking Opens
- 4 April 2024: Student Exhibitor Registration Closes Online
- 11 April 2024: Artwork Drop-A-Palooza Day One of Two
- 13 April 2024: Artwork Drop-A-Palooza Day Two of Two
- 4 May 2024: Opening Reception of *Expressions 49*
- 6 May - 7 June 2024: Pre-Booked School Visits to the Exhibition
- 9 June 2024: Exhibition Closes
- 14 June 2024: Artwork Pick-Up-A-Thon Day One of Two
- 15 June 2024: Artwork Pick-Up-A-Thon Day Two of Two



INSIGHT

Every year a talented, up and coming local artist and KWAG Artist Educator works one on one, over the course of multiple artmaking sessions, with an elementary or secondary class to create unique artwork that meaningfully responds to the annual theme of *Expressions*.

Students have the creative opportunity to work with a new medium or to reimagine a familiar medium in a new format. Through artistic mentorship, students will gain greater insight into what it takes to imagine, develop, and facilitate an art installation or exhibition from the artist's perspective.

Students then reflect on their collective artmaking experience through journaling. The students' insights as well as their art are highlighted in a dedicated section of the *Expressions* exhibition which serves as inspiration for future, emerging young artists to become involved in their artistic and creative communities.

Is your class interested in this unique opportunity?

We are now accepting applications. Please reach out to KWAG's Education Coordinator on or before 1 November 2023 and share in 500 words or less why your class would be an excellent candidate for the *InSight* program.

Please note that eligibility to participate in this program is determined by your designated school board representative and the Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery.

Image: School Group at the Gallery. Photo: KWAG.

Book With Us!

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