

Back to school excitement is in the air at PAMA

In September, the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) welcomes two new exhibitions.

Blue God and the Serpents is a multi-media exhibition by Brampton-based artist Sharada K. Eswar and her team. There will also be 150 Muslim Contributions to Canada, an exhibit showcasing the arts of the Muslim community.

Back to school excitement is in the air and PAMA has affordable, quality programming for the entire family, plus teachers and students. Just a reminder that general admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students/seniors, and \$12 for families (two adults and up to five kids). Children aged five and younger get in for free.

The people at PAMA are striving to create safe and inclusive spaces to share in the stories of the diverse community. All are invited to explore, create and connect with arts and culture and learn about one another.

New this fall, PAMA is offering a Crafts Workshop Series at a new low price. Beads and Buttons kicks things off in September.

Don't miss out on the fantastic Culture Days and Doors Open Brampton schedule at PAMA with exciting activities and fabulous partners, such as MonstARTity and the Festival of Literary Diversity (FOLD).

PAMA is grateful to all its visitors for their patience and understanding while the parking lot is closed for improvements. Parking is available at nearby municipal lots and on bordering streets where permitted.

Exhibitions

Blue God and the Serpents

This exhibit will run from Sept. 30 to Jan. 28, with an opening event Sept. 20, from 2 to 5 p.m., and an opening performance Sept. 30 from 3 to 4 p.m.

This unique exhibition by Eswar and her collaborative team of Sonja C. Rainey and Rup Sidhu, is a multi-media art project conceived as shadow puppet theatre. Blue God and the Serpents blends sound, music, text, imagery, shadow puppetry and movement.

150 Muslim Contributions to Canada

The exhibition will run from Sept. 30 to Jan. 21, with an opening event Oct. 5, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Encouraging positive dialogue and understanding, this exhibition also showcases the rich heritage and growth of the Muslim community over the last 150 years. This exhibit is a project of MuslimFest and is funded by the Ontario 150 Celebration Program. There is also a last chance to see Peel 150: Stories of Canada, on now until Oct. 15.

Visitors had asked that it be extended. The exhibition deals with black enslavement in Upper Canada and the black community in Peel in the late 19th century. It is on now until mid-2018.

Culture Days

(Free Admission Weekend)

Celebrate Culture Days at PAMA Sept. 30 and Oct. 1 with interactive activities and tours for everyone.

Get ready to groove Saturday with pop-up Bollywood events presented by MonstARTity. Don't miss the new Blue God and the Serpents exhibition, which opens Saturday, and the interactive performance in the courtroom at 3 p.m., plus meet the artists.

Drop-in Sunday and participate in the Brampton Book Bash with the Festival of Literary Diversity (FOLD). To learn more, visit <https://on.culturedays.ca/en>

Doors Open Brampton

The Peel County Courthouse, a designated heritage site, and the Peel Jail, now home to the museum, are both celebrating 150 years in 2017. These buildings have important stories to tell. Join a special tour Sept. 30, or explore the spaces on your own.

New programs

starting in September

Seniors Series: Museum Memories

Running the second Tuesday of the month (Sept. 12, Oct. 10 and Nov. 14) from 1:30 to 3 p.m., PAMA presents Museum Memories in partnership with Four Corners Branch Library, located at 65 Queen St. East in Brampton. Come engage and share experiences.

This is a free monthly program.

Brampton Folk Club Concerts

Running the second Thursday of the month, from 7 to 8:30 p.m., these concerts will present musical evenings, backed by a changing lineup of local musicians. Experience an in-the-round fall concert with stories for Canada 150. Drop-in included with the cost of admission. Concerts will run Sept. 14 (It's a Beautiful Day); Oct. 12 (Autumn Leaves); Nov. 9 (I Will Remember You); and Dec. 14 (What a Wonderful World).

Queer Exposure

Running the fourth Thursday of the month (Sept. 28, Oct. 26, Nov. 23 and Dec. 28) from 6 to 8:30 p.m., LAMP Community Health Centre presents Queer Exposure drop-in programs. Join the conversation in a safe space to create and celebrate the queer and transgender community within Peel and beyond. Everyone is welcome. Free admission to studio only.

A new fall crafts workshop series will be offered at a new price of \$10 for members and \$15 for non-members (per workshop).

? Beads and Buttons: Sept. 24, from 1 to 3 p.m. Transform beads and buttons into wearable art. Join this jewelry workshop to design a one-of-a-kind work of art. All materials included.

? Macramé Plant Hanger: Oct. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. Learn how to make different knots in this hip and hanging workshop.

? Holiday Card Making: Nov. 26, from 1 to 3 p.m. Create unique holiday cards using different art techniques.

Year-round favourites

? Family Fun Activities: Weekends, from 1 to 4 p.m.

? Knit@PAMA: Thursdays, from 6 to 8 p.m.

? Art of Yoga (16 and older): Sept. 7, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

? Family Fun Day (Lights, Camera, Action!): Sept. 16, from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

? Peel Aboriginal Network (PAN) Drumming Circle: Sept. 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

? Artists Open Studio: Sept. 28, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel's culture and heritage, and to converse, question and tell stories to help make new and fascinating connections to the surrounding community.

Operated by the Region of Peel, PAMA is at 9 Wellington St. E. in Brampton. Visit pama.peelregion.ca to learn more.