

Be free during the summer at PAMA

Just in time for the summer holidays, the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) is presenting a full line-up of exhibitions and family fun, all free this July and August.

The Summer Staycation Series promises to keep children engaged and creative all summer long with free, instructor-led activities.

PAMA is offering Canada Day Celebration for the rest of this week. Create fun and colourful projects inspired by Canada's legendary artists, from the Group of Seven to David Morrisseau.

Art on the Move (July 27 to 31) will involve Peel's legacy of mechanical design innovation. Create pieces inspired by local inventions, from planes and trains to spaceship components.

Think Big, Think Small (Aug. 4 to 7) will let participants Think Big by participating in the creation of an over-sized community art piece. Then they can create their very own mini take-home version.

Thursday Night Courthouse Tours will take place at 8 p.m. Enjoy a unique night out with a guided tour of the historical courthouse. Combine this with free music series in Gage Park (across the street) or by enjoying Shakespeare in Rose Garden Square (just a few blocks away) for a downtown adventure packed with culture.

Summer Exhibitions

Long Moments by Olex Welensko (until Sept. 27) is a new collection of cinema-inspired charcoal drawings.

In Conversation: The Art Collections of PAMA and the Helson Gallery (July 5 to Sept. 14) feature two public collections displayed together to create new experiences and dialogue. There will be an opening reception and curators' talk July 5 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Portraits: Moments in Time will include selections from PAMA's collection (July 5 to Sept. 20). Reflect on identity through the examination of select portraits.

Timeless Creations: Prints by Stanley Lewis (July 5 to Sept. 20) will include stonecut prints by the internationally renowned printmaker and sculptor.

PAMA's New Curators'

Behind-the-Scenes Tours

Thomas Smart (Art Gallery Curator) will conduct a tour July 12 from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. That will be followed by Anne Marie Hagan (Museum Curator), who will lead a tour from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

The tours ends with tea and coffee and a chance to chat with PAMA staff.

PAMA Road Shows

PAMA exhibits and staff are out in the community all summer long.

PAMA Spirit Seeds Exhibition will be a celebration of First Nations Beadwork (July 10 to 16). It's a travelling exhibit from PAMA on display during the Pan Am Games at the Native Canadian Centre, 16 Spadina Rd., Toronto. An opening event will be July 10 from 6 to 9 p.m. Join Guest Curator Naomi Smith July 18 at 1 p.m. for a talk about the exhibition. Go to nccct.on.ca for more information.

Ignite Bollywood Variety Show July 11 at Rose Garden Square, Brampton. It will feature the Bollywood Monster Orchestra, tap dancers, comedy acts and a free art activity in the Kid's Zone (5 to 7 p.m.). Go to monstrartity.com/ignite for more.

Snapshot Stories (July 14 and 15) will call aspiring authors and illustrators. Build children's literacy skills with an activity based on identity, art and reading aloud. Bring photos from home to create a Snapshot Stories Book that will become a cherished family memento. It will be at Cyril Clark Library from 2 to 3 p.m. July 14; at South Fletchers Library from 11 a.m. to noon July 15; and at Gore Meadows Library from 2 to 3 p.m. July 15.

PAMA will be represented at Brampton Farmers Market July 18. Visit the PAMA table to pick-up a free historical recipe card, enjoy an art activity and find about PAMA's great summer programs!

PAMA is a place to explore and learn about Peel Region's culture and heritage, as well as use conversation, questions and stories to help make new and fascinating connections to the surrounding community. Throughout the year, PAMA offers a variety of workshops and programs for all ages, families and adults. With so many different programs to choose from, PAMA has something for everyone.

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