

Start off the year with new and continuing exhibits at PAMA

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) is bustling with arts and culture to kick off the new year. With a jam-packed lineup of brand new and continuing art gallery and museum exhibitions, there's something for everyone in January at PAMA.

Art Exhibitions

The new art gallery exhibitions include George Walker's *The Mysterious Death of Tom Thomson*. It will run from Jan. 12 to March 30, with the opening reception from 2 to 4 p.m. and an artist's talk from Jan. 19 2 to 3:30 p.m.

This exhibition showcases contemporary Canadian artist Walker's limited edition, hand-printed volume of 109 engravings documenting the life and death of Canadian painter Tom Thomson. The suite of prints shows Walker's astonishing range as a contemporary printmaker as he finds inspiration and strong national values in the paintings of Thomson, an iconic Canadian artist and an inspiration to the acclaimed Group of Seven.

Another exhibit is entitled *True Patriot: The Next Generation of Canadian Superheroes*. It too runs from Jan. 12 to March 30, with the opening reception Jan. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.

True Patriot is a Canadian comic book anthology featuring new Canadian superheroes created by award-winning Canadian comic book creators. The *True Patriot: The Next Generation of Canadian Superheroes* exhibit will showcase some of the original artwork of J. Bone, Scott Chantler, Tom Fowler, Agnes Garbowska, Adam Gorham, Jay Stephens, with the writing of J. Torres, and will provide a look at the creative visual process behind comic book creation.

The Treewill run from Jan. 19 to May 4 with the opening reception Jan. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.

With close to 50 per cent of its total surface area covered in woodlands, Canada hosts nearly 10 per cent of the world's forests. This exhibition celebrates the tree through the eyes of artists represented in PAMA's permanent art collection.

Leonard Hutchinson: Ontario will also run from Jan. 19 to May 4, with the opening reception Jan. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Working throughout the 1930s, Leonard Hutchinson is regarded as one of Canada's foremost social realists of the Depression years. Recognized for his masterful block prints, Hutchinson's work highlighted the Ontario landscape and documented the life and struggles of the working people. *Leonard Hutchinson: Ontario* will feature Hutchinson's prints from PAMA's permanent art collection.

Museum Exhibitions

Continuing museum exhibitions include *Inked: Tattoos and the Stories They Tell*. This is PAMA's community crowd sourced exhibition that explores the unique stories behind tattoos and uncovers the artistry and individuality behind tattooing. On display in the museum until March 30.

Also on-going is *Why We Ink*; a gallery of stories and photographs of memorial and survivor tattoos of those who have been affected by cancer. Inspired by Jules Fitzsimmons' online community, this exhibit is on display in the museum tunnel until March 30.

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.