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Toronto: Tributes + Tributaries, 1971-1989



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Exhibition Dates

September 29, 2016 – May 22, 2017

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Screenings

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PUBLIC OPENING

Wednesday, September 28

6 – 9 pm

Walker Court

Performances

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Talks

November 7, 2016

[Luis Jacob and Wanda Nanibush in conversation](#)

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Exploring the experimental energy of an era, **Toronto: Tributes + Tributaries, 1971-1989** brings together more than 100 works by 65 artists and collectives to highlight an innovative period in Toronto art history. Amidst the social and political upheavals of their time, the generation of artists that emerged in Toronto during the 1970s and 1980s pushed the boundaries of conventional painting, sculpture and photography, exploring new ways of art making including video, installation and performance. Drawing heavily from the AGO collection **Toronto: Tributes + Tributaries, 1971-1989** opens on **September 29, 2016**, filling the entire fourth floor of the AGO's Contemporary Tower. The exhibition, which runs until May, 2017, will be accompanied by a live performance series, a film and video festival, as well as satellite installations throughout the Gallery.

Organized thematically and punctuated by references to Toronto and its cityscape, the exhibition highlights the era's preoccupation with ideas of performance, the body, the image, self portraiture, storytelling, and representation. Featured artists include Michael Snow, Joanne Tod, the Clichettes, Duke Redbird, Barbara Astman, Robin Collyer, Robert Houle, Carol Conde and Carl Beveridge, as well as highly influential artists like photographer June Clarke, illustrator Ato Seitu, and dub poet Lillian Allen. This is the first time since the AGO's reopening in 2008 that many of these seminal works have been on display.

Curated by Wanda Nanibush, assistant curator of Canadian and Indigenous art, the title of the exhibition—a reference to the city's many buried waterways—serves as a visual metaphor for the diversity of the cities art scene and its similarly buried histories. Intended as an evolving display, many of the works in the exhibition are scheduled to be rotated in January 2017, inviting visitors to rediscover even more artists including Vera Frenkel, Jayce Salloum and Fastwurms.

Toronto:Tributes + Tributaries List of Artists

Rhonda Abrams	Nobuo Kubota
Shelagh Alexander	Suzy Lake
Lillian Allen	Glance W. Lawrence
Stephen Andrews	Rita Letendre
Barbara Astman	Louise Liliefeldt
Rebecca Belmore	Jorge Lozano
Raphael Bendahan	Catharine MacTavish
Ron Benner	Arnaud Maggs
Karl Beveridge + Carol Condé	Annette Manguard
David Bolduc	Robert Nelson Markle
Susan Britton	Tanya Mars
Brian Burnett	John Massey
Colin Campbell	Derek May
Ian Carr-Harris	John McEwen
Elizabeth Chitty	Deepa Mehta
June Clark	Kim Moodie
The Clichettes	Norval Morrisseau
Robin Collyer	Kazuo Nakamura
Keith Cole	Shelley Niro
Stephen Cruise	Louise Noguchi
Greg Curnoe	Midi Onodera
Dennis Day	Susan Oxtoby
Martha Davis	Andy Patton
Tom Dean	Randy & Berenicci
Lily Eng	David Rasmus
Bruce Elder	Gordon Rayner
Andy Fabo	Duke Redbird
FASTWÜRMS	Clive Robertson

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Vera Frenkel

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