

# John B. Aird Gallery

The John B. Aird Gallery is one of the few remaining public art galleries in Toronto. For over 30 years we have been connecting people and ideas – offering a space for contemporary art to be displayed, discussed and enjoyed.

The Aird is a non profit, registered charity supporting artistic expression, public dialogue and lifelong learning. We believe visual culture inspires, engages and amplifies communities. Toronto's arts and culture industry contributes over \$11B to the city's economy. We do our part to stimulate and support artists from a diverse range of backgrounds and disciplines. We provide the canvas for visual culture to be realized, explored and appreciated amongst those that love it most. We leave no one behind.

As a point of destination and home to Canada's legacy art societies, we have featured thousands of artists from across Canada. We have provided exhibition space for the Ontario Society of Artist (OSA), Sculptors Society of Canada (SSC), and the Canadian Society of Painters in Watercolour (CSPWC). We look forward to continuing this journey and doing our part to enhance the quality of life and economic vitality of our country's art community.

**MISSION:** The Aird is a generous, safe contemporary art exhibition space where visual culture can be shared and explored by an audience as diverse as its makers.



Celebrating excellence  
in the visual arts.

## Diverse Exhibitions

- ✓ We offer over 12 exhibitions per year, partnering with Ontario and Canadian non for profit art organizations, including academia, the CONTACT Festival, City of Toronto and broader art community.
- ✓ This on-going presentation of large group exhibitions makes showing for many emerging through senior artists both affordable and inclusive.
- ✓ We are unique in that no other gallery in the city offers the same volume of exhibitions and diversity of disciplines – showcasing over 500 artists per year!

## Culture and Community

- ✓ Our welcoming sense of community, generosity and diverse range of partnerships is our biggest strength.
- ✓ We offer event space for receptions and special occasions for the Ontario government, City of Toronto, and a number of Ontario colleges and universities.
- ✓ We partner with a wide range of groups to develop special programming for the art community, such as Indigenous Education for the Toronto District School Board, photography events for the CONTACT Festival, New Canadians from the City of Toronto's Art Connections Program, University of Toronto's Museum Studies Program, and many, many more.

## Public Engagement

- ✓ We offer free admission to the public for all exhibitions and events, every month of the year!

## Educational Programming

- ✓ We offer entertaining and intellectually stimulating educational events that are open to the public at no cost.
- ✓ For example, artist talks, panel discussions and curatorial open houses.

## Youth Engagement

- ✓ We provide secondary and postsecondary students with opportunities to build valuable volunteer experience, often in support of their OSSD Diploma.
- ✓ We offer young professionals experiential learning and opportunities for career development.

## Volunteerism

- ✓ We support the continued civic engagement of seniors/retirees by engaging them as volunteers.
- ✓ We have volunteer docents and special event/exhibition volunteers.