

OH CANADA! Arts & Music Festival

On this sesquicentennial weekend, the McMichael presents exciting art and music programs that will enhance the gallery's spectacular grounds and exhibition spaces. With groundbreaking exhibitions on view, visitors will have an opportunity to join guided gallery tours, take part in family-friendly art workshops and musical performances, and observe Artist-in-Residence Zachari Logan at work in the Tom Thomson Shack.

All activities are FREE with admission!

McMichael Art Battles

July 1 & 2, from 11 am to 2 pm

Dare to paint with in these fun and challenging art battles. Throughout the entire weekend, the McMichael will host outdoor live painting competitions inspired by its private collection and musical themes. As paintings come to life, the audience will watch in anticipation of the next brushstroke or bold choice of colour. All participants can take home their finished paintings, and one lucky participant per battle will receive a FREE one-year family membership to the gallery!

Schedule:

Battle #1: Children (ages 7-12) – 11 am

Battle #2: 12 pm Adult – 12 pm

Battle #3: 1 pm Family – 1 pm

Please note: Maximum 7 participants per battle. Registration begins on-site at 10 am.

Location: Outdoors behind the McMichael Sign

JAZZ.FM91 Youth Big Band Performances

July 1 & 2, at 2 pm

Established in 2008, the JAZZ.FM91 Youth Big Band provides the opportunity for selected middle and high school students to rehearse with an 18-piece big band and perform with international jazz luminaries. Lead by trombonist and dedicated musical director Jules Estrin, the program allows participants to develop musical and social skills while interacting in a diverse, professional setting.

The McMichael is proud to host these exceptional young talents for the second year in a row, this time with a mix of classic big band hits and some modern Canadian compositions that will help all of us celebrate the sesquicentennial weekend with a big bang!

Location: Gallery 8

Please note: First come, first served. Limited number of seats.

Artist-in-Residence: Zachari Logan

July 1 & 2, at 1:30 p.m.

A guided visit to the Tom Thomson Shack to see established Canadian artist Zachari Logan working on a special art installation inspired by the original natural environment of the Shack. This is where celebrated Canadian artist Tom Thomson painted twenty of his canvases, including two of his most celebrated works: *The West Wind* and *The Jack Pine*.

Location: Please meet in the Grand Hall

OH CANADA! Drop-in Family Art Workshops with Julia Hanks

July 1 & 2, from 11 am to 5pm

In 1971, Joyce Wieland presented an important *True Patriot Love* exhibition at the National Gallery of Canada. Inspired by printmaking and textile art, this workshop encourages the entire family to creatively reflect on our engagement with the country.

Location: Pine Cottage

McMichael Gallery Tours

July 1 & 2, at 12:30, 2 pm and 3:30 pm

Led by the gallery's passionate docents, these tours will allow one to discover the McMichael's extraordinary collection and special exhibitions.

Location: All tours start in the Grand Hall

McMichael En Plein Air Competition

July 1 & 2, from 10 am to 5 pm

Public display of works in the Grand Hall on July 2, from 3 to 5 pm, with the winners' announcement at 4:30 pm

The McMichael's special connection to the land is acknowledged as much as through the themes underlying its art collection as through the meticulously cultivated wilderness on the McMichael grounds. The result: one of the most beautiful urban wildernesses in Ontario is thoroughly enjoyed by *en plein air* artists.

The *McMichael En Plein Air Competition*, offered in collaboration with Ontario Plein Air Society, is an opportunity to observe in action and engage in conversation with some of the most skilled Ontario landscape artists. Please note that while to participate in this competition artists are submitted to a rigorous selection process and must register, on this special weekend everyone is welcome to set up their easels on the gallery grounds and partake in this massive paint-out!

Location: McMichael's grounds and Kleinburg Village