

## The McMichael Canadian Art Collection Announces The Return of Signature Fundraiser, the Moonlight Gala, for 2023



**May 23, 2023, KLEINBURG, ON** – Following a record-breaking success in 2022, the McMichael Canadian Art Collection is pleased to announce the return of the Gallery's signature annual fundraiser, the *Moonlight Gala* on Saturday, May 27, 2023. Canadian art's biggest night under the stars returns to dazzle hundreds of distinguished guests with a memorable evening of dining and dancing under the Canadian sky.

The McMichael's grounds will transform into a glamorous outdoor soiree, where guests will mingle with artists, art lovers, donors, community leaders, and corporate supporters, all while enjoying captivating performances by leading Canadian musicians. The 2023 Moonlight Gala will reflect the McMichael's continued commitment to environmental sustainability and stewardship.

Emceed by award-winning broadcaster **Elvira Caria** with a welcome from **Steven del Duca**, Mayor of the City of Vaughan, guests of the Moonlight Gala will be treated to a culinary extravaganza by The Food Dudes, an interactive gourmet experience by award-winning Indigenous chef **David Wolfman**, a fine selection of Ontario wines by Stratus Vineyards, Ontario's first LEED-certified vineyard, and live performances headlined by the Montreal Rhapsody Orchestra.

The Gala's popular live and online auctions will also return for 2023. This year, the live art auction will offer original works by leading contemporary Canadian artists **John Hartman, Rajni Perera, Moridja Kitenge Banza, Winnie Truong, and Margaux Williamson**, while the online auction will offer a curated selection of packages including all-Canadian outdoor experiences.

Guests will enjoy exclusive access to the McMichael's 2023 summer exhibitions: ***The Uses of Enchantment: Art & Environmentalism*** and ***Sandra Meigs: Sublime Rage***, which jointly examine and consider the fragile human relationship with the natural world, as well as a last look at the popular ***Meryl McMaster: Bloodline***.

"The McMichael Canadian Art Collection reaffirms Ontario's reputation as a world-class destination for cultural tourism. Incredible galleries like these are important to our economy and culture, contributing up to \$28.5 billion and supporting 290,000 good paying jobs," said **Neil Lumsden**, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "I encourage everyone to attend the Moonlight Gala and support McMichael's incredible efforts in preserving and exhibiting such an outstanding collection of Canadian art."

Proceeds from the Moonlight Gala go toward the conservation and exhibition of more than 7,000 works of art in the McMichael's permanent collection, the development of industry-leading educational programs for children and youth, and the stewardship of the McMichael's natural landscape and outdoor art.

For more information on the McMichael Moonlight Gala please contact Development Associate, Donor Events, Amie Takimoto at [atakimoto@micmichael.com](mailto:atakimoto@micmichael.com).

## EVENT DETAILS:

**What:** McMichael Moonlight Gala 2023

**When:** Saturday, May 27, 2023, 6 pm – 1 am

**Where:** McMichael Canadian Art Collection, 10365 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg

**Attire:** Cocktail attire

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Tickets may be purchased online at [the link here](#) or by calling 905.893.1121 ext. 2217

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## **ABOUT THE MCMICHAEL CANADIAN ART COLLECTION**

The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is an agency of the Government of Ontario and acknowledges the support of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and the McMichael Canadian Art Foundation. It is the only major museum in the country devoted exclusively to Canadian art. In addition to touring exhibitions, the McMichael houses a permanent collection of more than 7,000 works by historic and contemporary Canadian artists, including Tom Thomson, the Group of Seven and their contemporaries, Indigenous artists and artists from the many diasporic communities. The Gallery is located on 100 acres of forested landscape and hiking trails at 10365 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg, north of Major Mackenzie Drive in the City of Vaughan. For more information, please visit [mcmichael.com](http://mcmichael.com).

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