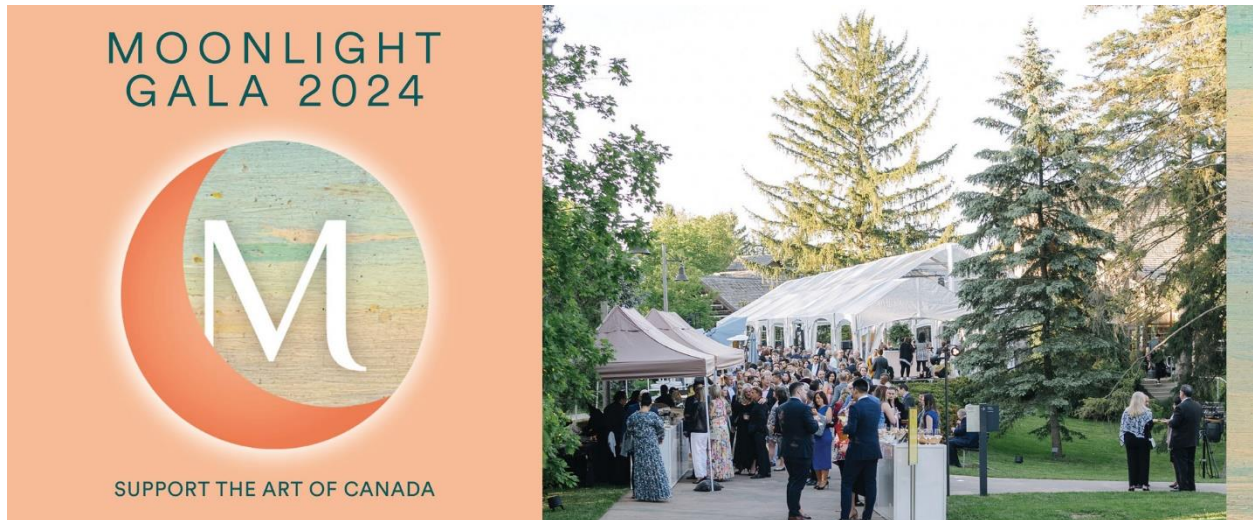


The McMichael Canadian Art Collection's Signature Fundraiser, the Moonlight Gala, Returns June 1, 2024



May 22, 2024. Kleinburg, ON—The McMichael Canadian Art Collection is pleased to announce the return of its signature annual fundraiser, the *Moonlight Gala*, on Saturday, June 1, 2024. Canadian art's biggest night under the stars will dazzle hundreds of distinguished guests with a memorable evening of dining and dancing, all in support of the art of Canada. Funds raised directly support the McMichael's exhibition, conservation, and educational activities.

Co-chaired by **Debra Fenwick** and **Laura Mirabella** with a welcome from Honorary Chair **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**, fine Ontario wines from Canada's first fully LEED-certified winery **Stratus Vineyards**, and live performances headlined by the **Montreal Rhapsody Orchestra**.

The Gala's popular online auction will also return for 2024. This year, the auction will offer an enviable selection of all-Canadian travel packages, experiences, and gifts.

Guests will enjoy exclusive access to the McMichael's 2024 summer exhibitions: ***People of the Watershed: Photographs by John Macfie***, ***Bertram Brooker: When We Awake!***, ***Jackson's Wars: A.Y. Jackson before the Group of Seven***, and ***Ghosts of Canoe Lake: New Work by Marcel Dzama***, which examine diverse Canadian and Indigenous cultural legacies.

"The McMichael Canadian Art Collection provides visitors with a visual illustration of our country's rich history, exhibiting the diverse perspectives and lived experiences of Canadians from all backgrounds," said **Neil Lumsden**, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Sport. "Our government is proud to partner with the McMichael to showcase and celebrate Canadian excellence in the arts, reaffirming Ontario's reputation as a world-class destination for arts and culture."

“The Moonlight Gala is a great night when our friends and supporters come together under the stars to celebrate our unique offering of art and nature,” said **Sarah Milroy**, Executive Director and Chief Curator. “There’s no place quite like the McMichael—the true home to the art of Canada—and we look forward to sharing it all on this special evening.”

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 pacesetting educational programs for children and youth, and the stewardship of the McMichael's natural landscape, trails, gardens, and outdoor art.

For more information on the Moonlight Gala please contact moonlightgala@mcmichael.com.

EVENT DETAILS:

What: McMichael Moonlight Gala 2024

When: Saturday, June 1, 2024, 6 pm – 1 am

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

Attire: Cocktail attire

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

Tickets: \$600

Ces informations sont aussi disponibles en français.

Media wishing to obtain high-resolution images of the McMichael or Moonlight Gala are asked to contact Sam Cheung at scheung@mcmichael.com or 905.893.1121 ext. 2210.

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.

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