

# SESSIONS

THURSDAY - 11/04/2024

Artist Project

April 11 - 14, 2024

Better Living Centre, Exhibition Place  
Toronto

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## Collective Art Project

18:00 - 21:00  
DeSerres Studio

Come join us for our collective art project at the DeSerres booth! Canvases will be provided for you to unleash your creativity. Dive into the world of art on our canvas!

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## HateCopy x Rimsha Henna Art | Custom Mendhi

18:00 - 22:00  
Custom Mendhi

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## Artists Pixel Heller and Xica Dieffenthaler-Lee Poy perform Moko Jumbie

18:30 - 19:30  
Performance

Multimedia visual artist, Pixel Heller and Xica Dieffenthaler-Lee Poy will perform in her Moko Jumbie masquerade character during Opening Night Preview party along the Main aisle.

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## Open Studio

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## Art Walk with Odessa Paloma, Founder, Opaloma

12:30 - 13:30  
Art Walks

Odessa Paloma Parker is a writer, editor, stylist, educator, public speaker and storytelling strategist based in Toronto. She is the Contributing Art Editor at Globe Style Advisor, the subscription-based luxury publication for Canada's largest newspaper, The Globe and Mail. And in 2022, she founded Opaloma, an arts and culture platform for groovy folks. Her journalistic expertise has been acknowledged by a National Magazine Award nomination, and her styling has contributed to NMA award-winning photo shoots.

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## Lino Cut Workshop (Speedball) with Maureen Da Silva (Ages 14+)

13:00 - 15:00  
DeSerres Studio

This workshop is a drop-in "Make and Take" focusing on the basics to lino cut printmaking! Learn about the basic tools and supplies a relief printmaker uses, and cut your own block to print. Don't feel like carving? You can opt to just have fun printing up a storm with one of the artist's pre-carved blocks.

Maureen Da Silva (she/her) is a Tkaronto/Toronto-based printmaker and art-educator. She primarily works in silk screen and relief, and dabbles in bookbinding. She has taken her love of print into the co-founding of the not-for-profit artist group, The inPrint Collective, of which she is the Studio Manager. Through this collective, Maureen has been proud to showcase print-based work and/or develop community programs for NuitBlanche (2012), Cultural Hotspots (2016 - 2022), CONTACT Festival (2022) and more. Maureen's work explores pattern and collage within a printmaking framework, often revisiting past stencils and blocks in new configurations. She also embraces learning curves, and the possibilities of regeneration in the face of failure as part of her practice. Maureen has a BFA from York University and a Masters of Women & Gender Studies from UofT, and continues to participate with Feminist Art Collective (FAC), and offer demos and workshops as a Speedball Demo Artist.

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## Art Walk with Laura Mann, Principal, Mason Lane Canada

14:00 - 15:00  
Art Walks

Laura Mann has spent over a decade in the Canadian contemporary art community fostering relationships with art institutions, galleries as well as emerging and established artists. She launched Mason Lane Canada in 2018, based in Toronto, servicing corporate and residential clients across Canada. Her work has been featured in publications such as Architectural Digest, Casa Vogue and DesignLines.

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## Art Walk with Nathan Eugene Carson, Artist

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Art Walks

Nathan Eugene Carson (b. 1980, lives and works in Hamilton, Ontario) received a BFA from the Ontario College of Art and Design in 2005. His drawings and paintings have since been shown at Verso Gallery, Lennox Contemporary, Gallery One, and the Drake Hotel in Toronto. Carson's work was also featured during the AGO First Thursdays in partnership with the RBC Emerging Artists Projects and StreetARToronto. In 2016, he was part of an exhibition titled Ponto, the first of several held at Oswald Gallery, in Hamilton, other group exhibitions include Free Fall (2016) and Worked Over (2017), both at Oswald Gallery, and 100 Paintings (2019) at The Carnegie Gallery, Dundas, Ontario, Cut From The Same Cloth (2021) at the Power Plant Toronto, Ontario. His most recent solo exhibition is an Art residency at The Art Gallery of Hamilton titled Black Carnival (2022).

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## Acrylic workshop (Liquitex) with Alyssa Pisciotto

13:00 - 15:00  
DeSerres Studio

In this workshop participants will be guided through the process of creating a textural cloud scene using Liquitex Acrylics. They will learn the basics of colour mixing while also learning how to apply texture to the painting surface. Participants will be encouraged to experiment with the materials provided to get a feel for what these paints have to offer!

Alyssa Pisciotto is a queer artist from Lasalle Ontario now residing in Toronto. She Graduated in 2016 from OCADU with a Bachelors of Fine art majoring in drawing and painting with a minor in printmaking. Her primary practice includes painting, printmaking, fiber art and zine making. Alyssa has been teaching arts programming throughout Canada and The United States since 2019.

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## Art Walk with Mark Liam Smith, Artist

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Art Walks

Mark Liam Smith is a mid-career colorblind artist, content creator, author and art educator.

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Emilie Croning (lives and works in Toronto) is a curator, artist, and art historian. Her work explores issues and systems around representation and identity as they relate to visual language and diasporic narratives, working at the intersections of feminist theories and post-colonialism. Her curatorial practice is grounded in creating space and advocating for emerging artists in a global context, and has collaborated with several galleries and organizations including Wedge Curatorial Projects, Gallery 44, Gallery TPW, The Power Plant Contemporary Art Gallery, Nia Centre for the Arts, Critical Distance Centre for Curators, Yorkville Murals, The Gladstone House (formerly: The Gladstone Hotel).

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## Art Walk with Hillary LeBlanc, Journalist and Activist

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As an Acadian-Senegalese woman, Hillary founded BlackLantic, a podcast bringing Black East Coast voices to the world. She has written for Narcity, CBC, ByBlacks, Addicted Magazine, AnnKM, produced a radio series and hosted red carpets. Her voice aims to be an extension for any who remain unheard.

She sits on Fashion Group International Toronto's board and has recently co-curated Cry Baby Art Gallery and held a fashion show there!

She was nominated for Youth Entrepreneur of the Year by the Black Business Initiative, has won the inaugural Canadian Women's Foundation Feminist Creator Prize, and received distinction from the House of Commons.

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## Art Walk with Nuria Madrenas, Founder & Principal, Tacit

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Nuria Madrenas is the Founder of Tacit - an online gallery and art consultancy dedicated to women artists. Tacit was born out of the disparity in the art industry between women and men — where art by women accounts for a mere 2% of the art sold. A non-traditional background prior to her foray into the arts, Nuria honed her skills in fashion and design for over a decade — working with brands such as Holt Renfrew, Byredo, and Céline. Nuria applies her expertise to amplify Tacit's mission and enhance the reach of female artists globally.

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## Watercolour Workshop (Winsor & Newton) with Nicki Traikos (Ages 14+)

13:00 - 15:00  
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### Watercolour workshop (Winsor&Newton)

#### Swallow painting with Winsor & Newton Professional Watercolor

Explore painting along with Nicki Traikos author of Watercolor Made Simple, as she guides you step-by-step how to paint a lovely swallow project from her new book. Using her favorite watercolor supplies, Nicki will show you how to easily paint this piece and how quickly the swallow comes together by color mixing and blending along the way. Join Nicki for this fun and easy to follow demo using Winsor & Newton's Professional Watercolor paints, paper and brushes.

Nicki Traikos has been an artist at heart her entire life. The mediums may have changed greatly over the years, but the goal has always been the same to have the courage to try, and to find joy in the moments exploring. Known best for her watercolour paintings, Nicki has a casual and approachable philosophy about making art and inspires other artists to adopt it too. Nicki also enjoys photographing and capturing moments with her phone while travelling that will then inspire her next painting, class, and even book.

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## Art Walk with Shannon Linde, Senior Curator, EQ Bank

14:00 - 15:00  
Art Walks

Shannon Linde is a curator, artistic producer, and "sometimes artist" based in Tkaronto/Toronto. She is currently the Senior Curator with EQ Bank, an all-digital financial institution with a growing collection uniquely focused on supporting digital art and emerging artistic practices. Shannon is also a founding member of Aisle 4, a curatorial collective that aims to enhance arts engagement in the city through social practice and public art.

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Jason Baerg is a registered member of the Métis Nations of Ontario and serves their community as an Indigenous activist, curator, educator, and interdisciplinary artist. Baerg graduated from Concordia University with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and a Master of Fine Arts from Rutgers University. Baerg teaches as the Assistant Professor in Indigenous Practices in Contemporary Painting and Media Art at OCAD University. Select international solo exhibitions include Canada House in London, UK, the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in Australia, and the Digital Dome at the Institute of the American Indian Arts in Santa Fe, New Mexico, USA.

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