

# AGA Overview

## Programming

### Exhibitions

The Art Gallery of Alberta is focused on the development and presentation of original exhibitions of contemporary and historical art; on building national and international curatorial partnerships for the creation of new exhibition projects; and on the development and delivery of touring exhibitions that circulate contemporary and historical art within Alberta and across Canada.

With the new building, the AGA's programming focus will expand to feature the work of national and international artists in exhibitions produced in partnership with museum partners within Canada and around the world. Exhibitions at the AGA are also intended to support and promote the work of Alberta artists through such projects as the *Alberta Biennial of Contemporary Art* and the RBC New Works Gallery initiative.

### Public and Interpretive Programs

As part of its New Vision planning, the AGA has developed new program directions that emphasize the primacy of creating connections between art, people and ideas. The new AGA aims to become a site for the discussion and debate of ideas in the public realm. Through such initiatives as the **artists' forum**, an **idea forum**, visiting **lecturers** and **film** and **performance** based programming the AGA aims to engage the interdisciplinary nature of the local arts community. The AGA offers **family-focused** programming, such as *HSBC All Day Sundays*, art classes for children, adults and seniors as well as a range of tour options, including private group tours and self-guided tours. The new AGA will also feature live Exhibition Guides and interactive audiovisual guides tours of the new building.

### Educational Programs

The new AGA features an expanded education facility, the **Singhmar Centre for Art Education**, named in honour of a generous donation by Edmontonians Prem and Saroj Singhmar. The AGA plans to host more than 12,000 children and adults through its school tour and studio programs each year. New educational programming includes bilingual classes taught in French and Spanish. The first of these is the course, *Salut Degas*, exploring the current AGA exhibition *Edgar Degas: Figures in Motion*.

### Permanent Collection

The Art Gallery of Alberta maintains a collection of over 6,000 works of art representing the development of Canadian art from the late 1800s to the present, with a particular emphasis on work by Western Canadian artists. These works are supplemented and contextualized by a collection of international art, with a particular emphasis on British and American abstraction.

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## Services

### Art Rental and Sales Gallery

For over fifty years, the Art Rental and Sales Gallery has been a bridge linking contemporary Canadian artists and the public through innovative service. By providing an economical way to bring original artwork in homes and/or workplaces, Art Rental and Sales increases public awareness and support for both the Art Gallery of Alberta and practicing artists in the community.

### Shop AGA

Located on the main floor of the Art Gallery of Alberta, Shop AGA features unique items, including distinctive jewelry, home décor, exhibition-inspired products, art publications and more. Products exclusive to Shop AGA include Toronto-based **Takui Bags**; **Marimekko** from Finland; **Sorapot** teapots from New York; as well as gift cards by Ed Eaton from British Columbia, Canada.

### Food and Drink

The AGA features a full-service, relaxed fine dining restaurant called Zinc. Light snacks and refreshments are also served on the third floor Terrace Café and at the L1 Espresso Bar located on the lower level.

### Facility Rental

The new AGA has the capability to cater to a variety of different events: weddings, corporate functions, lectures, theatre productions, boardroom meetings, AGMs, and gala dinners. As a full service venue, the on-site team is able to assist with the planning and execution of events.

## General Information

### Location

The Art Gallery of Alberta is located in downtown Edmonton, Alberta at 2 Sir Winston Churchill Square in the heart of the city's art district. The AGA is easily accessible by public transit with an entrance located directly on the LRT route at Churchill Station.

### Hours

Starting January 1, 2011, the AGA will be open Tuesday through Friday from 11 am to 7 pm and 11 am to 5 pm on weekends and holidays. The Gallery is closed Mondays.

### Admissions

Gallery admission is \$12.50 for adults; \$8.50 for students and seniors; free for children 6 and under, and \$26.50 for a family (2 adults and up to 4 children).

### Membership

AGA Memberships are \$55 for individuals, \$85 for families and \$35 for students and seniors. Corporate Memberships as well as enhanced Memberships (Ultra and Curator's Circle) are also available.