



Lila Lewis Irving
Con Spirito | Retrospective

March 1st - April 29th

Opening Reception
Thursday, March 1st 6 pm



"[Irving's work] expresses what Abstraction is, and can be." - Joan Murray, art historian

Header Image: Lila Lewis Irving, *Ondine* (detail), 2007, acrylic on canvas, 183 x 183 cm.

ONGOING PROGRAMMES

Begins in March

***Lila* - Lila Lewis Irving at work in her studio**

FREE. Screening Daily in the Galleries. 20 Minutes

A 30 minute film produced by Joss Monzon of Mucho Motion depicts Irving in the production of a painting in her studio. The scale, gesture and movement reveal the artist methods of approach with a thoughtful, sensitive and memorable portrayal of the artist. Chris Vandijk Director of Photography/Producer, Joel-Adam Powley Camera/Editor.

Hot Chocolate and Skating

FREE. Saturdays and Sundays

The **Skating Rink in Celebration Square** is right in front of the **AGM** -- a hop, skip and triple lutz away from art! While there is skating on the Square, the AGM will offer art to fuel the mind and soul and **FREE Hot Chocolate** on weekends to warm the spirit. All are welcome!

Stroll(er) Tuesday

Free. Every First Tuesday of the month at 1:00

Experience an engaging hour of the current exhibition with your tiny tot in tow. Look, listen and explore the gallery on wheels! Meet and talk about art with other adults while your children enjoy the art! These casual guided tours for moms, dads, and caregivers allows for the exchange of ideas and social time. Strollers, prams and other child care devices are welcome.

FREE Gallery Tour every Saturday | 1:30

Every Saturday the AGM will offer a gallery tour of the current exhibition.

PUBLIC EVENTS

ARTBus | Sunday, March 4th 11:30 – 5 pm

FREE.

The tour bus picks you up at **The Gladstone Hotel (1214 Queen St W)** at 11:30. The 4 hour tour will make gallery visits to the following exhibitions:

The Art Gallery of Mississauga {artgalleryofmississauga.com} – Lila Lewis Irving: Con Spirito | Retrospective

Blackwood Gallery {blackwoodgallery.ca} – Landscapes events reproduced: Seripop (Chloe Lum & Yannick Desranleau)

Burlington Art Centre {thebac.ca} – Geometrics, Verge: New Generation Mentor Group, and Woodcarvers' Guild Juried Exhibition

Walk the Talk | Saturday, March 10th 3 pm

Free. A casual walk through the exhibition with AGM curator Stuart Keeler and Art Historian Ken Forsyth. Check website for details. RSVP

Tell Me a Story: An Art-Inspired Creative Writing Workshop for Teens | March Break Monday, March 12, 11 am and Wednesday, March 14, 11 am | Ages 10 - 19

Free. To register, pick up a ticket at the Central Library Reader's Den Information Desk. Tickets available February 12.

Each work of art tells a story. What do *you* think that story is? In this workshop, participants will create stories based on art from the AGM's Permanent Collection. This workshop was inspired by *The Chronicles of Harris Burdick*, by Chris van Allsburg. Ages 10 – 19. Sponsored by Thomas Allen Ltd.

Tai Chi in the Gallery: Meditation in Motion |

March 12 and March 14, 2:30 – 3:30 pm, March 21, 12 nn – 1 pm

Uplift the mind and spirit with the ancient art of tai chi at the Art Gallery of Mississauga. Indulge in meditation in motion and luxuriate in the beauty of art that celebrates passion and spirit.

Abstraction Revisited | Saturday, March 17th 3 – 4 pm

The 45 minute lecture will be combined with a "walkabout" of Irving's retrospective.

Join renowned **Art Historian Joan Murray** over an afternoon Sunday tea. A presentation and discussion based on the methods of thinking and approaching the interesting and work of contemporary abstraction in painting. The accessible presentation is geared for first time learners of art, and the lifelong enthusiast.

The use of Abstraction in Canadian art is a paean to a new found freedom. Beginning in Canada in the 1930s, artists sought to render non-objective work using different vocabularies. With the 1950s, a whole new aesthetic appeared, sometimes boisterous, sometimes more reserved. In the end, it is the energy levels of these paintings and sculptures that count -- and matter today.

Out & About Noon Concert | Thursday, March 22nd 12 nn

FREE. Violin duets by Ilana Waniuk and Emma Banfield. Presented by the Chamber Music Society of Mississauga.

Artist Studio Tour: Lila Lewis Irving | Sunday, March 25th 3 – 5 pm

Fee \$25.00 Artist Lila Lewis Irving will host 25 people in her studio on the Credit River. The two hour conversation and informal presentation will allow viewers to understand the complex relationship the artist has with her practice, as well as the location and dedication to her work. Limited to 25 people. RSVP by March 19th to Jaclyn 905 896 5088 or jaclyn.qua-hansen@mississauga.ca.

Exploring Abstraction: Robin Hollingdrake | Saturday, March 24th 1 – 4 pm

\$50.00 Studio Fee Limited to 8 participants

Workshop with inventive materials and paint. No Experience required | All Levels

RSVP. See website for details. Another **Exploring Abstraction** workshop with **Robin Hollingdrake** is scheduled for **April 14**.

Chat Room Dialogue: Should I Stay or Should I Go? | April 10th 6 pm

RSVP and by invitation

A public roundtable conversation about the role of the artist in Mississauga. As the city celebrates its 30th year it has been noted that arts and culture have been part of the city wide mandate since its founding. The goal of the discussion is to generate a dialogue to research what would it take to have artists stay in the city? Why do they move east or west? Will Toronto always be the draw? What can the City do to assist artists to be based in Mississauga?

Peel School Board | Teachers Learning Strategies | April 12th 6 pm

Abstract Expressionism is the entry into contemporary art and lifelong learning. The Gallery is Closed this evening for a private function and learning event. If you are a Peel School Board Teacher and would like to attend please contact the gallery! RSVP Jaclyn 905 896 5088 or jaclyn.qua-hiansen@mississauga.ca.

Curator Tour: Elderhostel | Friday, April 13th 11:00 am

Senior Citizens are invited to an informal Gallery tour with AGM Curator Stuart Keeler. RSVP

Exploring Abstraction: Robin Hollingdrake | Saturday, April 14th 1 – 4 pm

\$50.00 Studio Fee Limited to 8 participants

A four hour workshop with inventive materials and paint. No brushes allowed! How can you represent the world you live in with objects from daily life? Come ready to work and learn about the world of abstraction and paint. No Experience required | All Levels. RSVP.

Abstraction from India: Ganesha and the Lingham | Friday, April 20th 12 nn

FREE. Not to be missed! Join Pre Verma Ph.D in a lecture and presentation on the abstraction of cultural icons from India. Verma discusses and presents with images the history and meaning of Ganesha, and the Lingham in the abstract language of India. Presented in an informal style. Call the gallery for more information. **RSVP by March 19th** to Jaclyn 905 896 5088 or jaclyn.qua-hiansen@mississauga.ca.

30 Minute Curator Saturday | Saturday, April 21st 12 – 3

Join Curator Stuart Keeler in a 30 Minute one on one conversation on your work. By appointment. Register 905 896 5088 / jaclyn.qua-hiansen@mississauga.ca. Spaces book fast!

Appassionata: Lila Lewis Irving Book Signing & Reading | Saturday, April 28th 3 pm

Come and meet the artist and writers that have contributed to the Retrospective Exhibition publication project! See the website for more information. RSVP

Ontario Association of Art Galleries (OAAG) at Creativ Festival |

Friday, April 27th and Saturday April 28th 10 am – 8 pm

International Centre in Mississauga (6900 Airport Road).

Consult the website (http://www.csnf.com/s11_index.html) for entry fees and related information.

Extreme Craft, anyone? Join the AGM at Creativ Festival – come learn about what's hot, new and next in the world of sewing, knitting, quilting, beading, needlework, paper crafts, embellishing and other creative art forms.

Meet the Artist Afternoon Tea | Final Weekend of *Con Spirito*

Friday, April 27th, Saturday, April 28th and Sunday, April 29th 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Have Tea and casual conversation with Lila Lewis Irving in the Gallery. Drop by!

Shawn Micallef: A 60 minute Psychogeographic Walking Tour of Mississauga
Sunday, May 8th 2:00 pm
Meet at the AGM

Jane's Walk janeswalk.net

Discover Mississauga at the pace of a stroll. Wander the city with Shawn Micallef and feel free to suggest directions or stops along the way. Micallef is the author of *Stroll: Psychogeographic Walking Tours of Toronto*, an editor of *Spacing Magazine* (spacing.ca) and co-founder of [murmur], a location based mobile phone documentary project. RSVP

TEDx (TED Talk) "Rebel" | Thursday, May 3rd 10 am – 4 pm

Youth Presentation and Collaborative talk | National Youth Week.

Auditorium at The University of Toronto-Mississauga. Check out our blog for more information!
(artgalleryofmississauga.wordpress.com)

Hot Art: Joshua Knelman Talk, Reading and Book Signing | Saturday, May 12th 3 pm

Joshua Knelman, Massey Fellow at the University of Toronto and author of the best seller *Hot Art*, talks about the exciting world of art crime. RSVP – not to be missed!

Hot Art (from publisher Douglas & McIntyre)

The Thomas Crown Affair meets *The Devil in the White City* in this fast-paced international true crime story. Toronto journalist Joshua Knelman spends four years immersing himself in the mysterious world of international art theft, travelling from Cairo to New York, London, Montreal and Los Angeles. Through alternating chapters focusing on master thief Paul and a small international network of detectives, the story of the thief and the detective unfolds, revealing the dramatic rise of international art theft.

Pecha Kucha Mississauga | Thursday, May 24th 7 pm

20 people presenting 20 images timed at 20 seconds each. What quirks will be revealed?