RE-IMAGINING THE SECTOR: GALLERIES IN A POST PANDEMIC WORLD : THE FUTURE OF THE GALLERY

Date: February 16, 2023
Time: 10:00 am - 3:40 pm
Location: Bata Shoe Museum, 327 Bloor St W, Toronto, Ontario M5S 1W7
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WORKSHOP DESCRIPTION

Art galleries and museums of all sizes, locations, and mandates have had to pivot in order to push through the implications of the global pandemic. Institutions were forced to make rapid changes in exhibition-making, collections management, public programming, and operations in order to work through the pandemic. While some thrived, others simply could not provide online content, whether that be lack of training, resources or financial reasons. However, it became clear that the biggest challenge for the sector was the lack of digital skills and training, which created an even larger rift in access and inclusion particularly in the smaller galleries.

In the second workshop of this two part workshop series, we will look at The Future of The Gallery. We will hear from cultural leaders and experts on what the sector's future will look like in a post-pandemic world. The pandemic will have long lasting effects on the sector, and galleries will need to relook and evaluate their strategies and how they approach core museological functions well into the future. This workshop will discuss how galleries and museums will need to adapt in order to work through the impact of the pandemic in order to envision a different future.

CONTENT PRESENTER:

Shelley Falconer, President and CEO, Art Gallery of Hamilton
Kelly Frances, Marketing and Communications Director, Aga Khan Museum
Peter Pavement, CEO & Creative Director, Surface Impression
Leah Resnick, Director, Digital Museum of Canada
Heather Russek, Co- President, Creative Futures
Susan Taylor, Executive Director, Kawartha Art Gallery
Jessica Thornton, Co- President, Creative Futures

SCHEDULE:

10:00 AM - 10:30 AM	Workshop Sign-In and Coffee
10:30 AM - 10:40 AM	**Introduction** **Samantha Clarke,** Communications and Advocacy Assistant; Galeries Ontario/Ontario Galleries **Zainub Verjee**, Executive Director; Galeries Ontario/Ontario Galleries **Elizabeth Semmelhack,** Director & Senior Curator, Bata Shoe Museum
10:40 AM- 11:00 AM	**The Future of Collecting** **Presenters:** **TBD** **Topics will include:** This session will discuss the ethics of collecting, including methods of decolonizing collections and the benefits of deaccessioning. It will also focus on practical tools for evaluating the future of collecting in order to build access, innovation and community.
11:00 AM - 11:10 AM	**Questions and Discussion**
11:10 AM - 11:20 AM	**Break**
11:20 AM - 12:20 PM	**The Future of Digital - Galleries in Digital Transformation** **Presenters:** **Kelly Frances,** Marketing and Communications Director, Aga Khan Museum **Peter Pavement,** CEO & Creative Director, Surface Impression **Leah Resnick,** Director, Digital Museum of Canada **Topics will include:** Digital transformation has become an integral part of galleries operations. Presenters will provide an overview on how going digital is vital to engagement, partnerships, and longevity of the visual arts sector.
12:20 PM - 12:30 PM	**Questions and Discussion**
12:30 PM - 1:15 PM	**LUNCH BREAK**
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	**Looking to the Future - Strategic Foresight**

Presenters:
Heather Russek, Co- President, Creative Futures
Jessica Thornton, Co- President, Creative Futures

Topics will include:
The Co-Presients of Creative Futures will give a presentation on strategic foresight and will share a range of futures trends with the potential to impact the future of art. Following their presentation there will be an interactive activity on the future of the gallery.

2:00 PM - 2:15 PM **Questions and Discussion**

2:15 PM - 2:25 PM **Break**

2:25 PM - 3:25 PM **PANEL DISCUSSION: What is The Future of the Gallery?:**

Presenters:
Shelley Falconer, President and CEO, Art Gallery of Hamilton
Kelly Frances, Marketing and Communications Director, Aga Khan Museum
Susan Taylor, Executive Director, Kawartha Art Gallery
TBD

Topics will include:
The panel discussion will bring together a variety of small, mid-sized and large galleries and museums to discuss the question, "What is the Future of the Gallery?".

3:25 PM - 3:40 PM **Closing Remarks, Thanks, and Workshop Evaluation**