

# Places to Go and Things to Do!



Maria Simmons, *Rat Plastic Wood, Installation View, 2021*

## Anoxic Memory

by Maria Simmons

February 4 – April 23, 2023

Curated by Megan Kammerer

Anoxic Memory is a sensory exhibition transforming the Visual Arts Centre of Clarington's (VAC) galleries into an active peat mire. Simmons will create living installations that explore the natural biology and myths of Canadian peatlands. From the dangerous to the health-restoring, the real to the imagined, the extractable to the preserved—our past and present are entangled in the mire.

Researcher and poet Abbi Flint once described peatlands as places of contestation and contradiction. From the dangerous to the health-restoring, the real to the imagined, the extractable to the preserved—our past and present are entangled in the mire. Canada houses 25% of the world's peatlands, with the highest density of these carbon-rich landscapes located across Northern Ontario. Fermentation becomes a powerful force in this context—a preservation agent that parallels the anaerobic underbellies of Canadian peatlands. What is fermented and changed then has the potential to remain. Found artifacts are pressurized and preserved in the anoxic strata—fermenting, off-gassing, feeding, and becoming new. They are in relationship and in flux. Sounds erupt from the oxic layer, an otherworldly call, pulling viewers to the atmospheric surface where sculptural ponds of brine and plantlife glimmer in the sunlight. Visitors are invited to traverse the bog's biological strata, uncovering the human histories preserved in its layers.

- <https://www.vac.ca/2023/anoxicmemory>  
Visual Arts Centre of Clarington  
143 Simpson Ave. | Bowmanville 🍷

*Springing Back!*  
Oshawa Art Association  
**8th Spring Art Festival**  
April 15 & 16  
10 am to 5 pm both days  
Camp Samac Oshawa  
(inside Council Hall building)  
Enter at Conlin Rd. Gate  
275 Conlin Rd. E., Oshawa L1H 7K5  
**Free event**  
Hourly draw for prizes  
50 artists in all mediums  
including  
pottery & sculpture  
beverage & snack counter  
[oshawaartassociation.com](http://oshawaartassociation.com)  
anne@bluewillowstudio.ca

## LIFE DRAWING CLASSES

OAA Life Drawing 7 to 9 pm.

1, 3 & 4 Wed. March & April  
Durham College

Advance Registration:

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*Summer Camp*  
July 3rd to August 25th, 2023  
8 Themed Weeks of  
Summer Adventures!  
More details to follow  
March 20th  
Check our website!  
Members: \$170 Non Members: \$200  
[www.agiftof-art.com](http://www.agiftof-art.com)  
gallery@agiftof-art.com  
905.987.2264

<https://agiftof-art.com>

## VOLUNTEERS

PRAC is looking for an Assistant Visual Arts Coordinator for McLean CC, Ajax and Visual Arts Coordinator for OPG Info Centre, Pickering.

## PAID POSITIONS

A Gift of Art, Newcastle is looking for painting instructors for adults and youth.  
<https://agiftof-art.com>

## CALLS FOR ART

**Artfest** – see our website for links to applications.  
w: [pineridgearts.org/artfest.html](http://pineridgearts.org/artfest.html)

**Colborne Street Gallery Pitch Days!**

March 9 & 16, 2023.  
w: [colbornegallery.ca](http://colbornegallery.ca)

**Cultural Expressions**

**Gallery** in partnership with The Robert McLaughlin Art Gallery presents its inaugural art exhibition, titled “Unity Through the Arts.” This juried art exhibition is open to artists from across Durham Region. **Open for submissions April 30, 2023.** Opening Reception is on October 12, 2023. For more information on this exhibition contact: Christina Leslie [christinalphoto@gmail.com](mailto:christinalphoto@gmail.com).

**Latcham Art Centre**

Annual Juried Exhibition 2023  
Exhibition Dates: March 13 to April 22, 2023

**Deadline to enter: March 7**  
2 Park Drive, Stouffville  
w: [latchamartcentre.ca/exhibitions/aje23/](http://latchamartcentre.ca/exhibitions/aje23/)

**Northumberland Hills Studio Tour**

Tour Sept 9 & 10

**Deadline to enter: Early Bird March 15, Final March 30**  
w: [northumberlandstudio-tour.ca/notices-for-artists/](http://northumberlandstudio-tour.ca/notices-for-artists/)

**Oshawa Art Association**

55th Annual JAE  
April 28th – May 14  
Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
**Deadline to enter: March 31**  
w: [oshawaartassociation.com](http://oshawaartassociation.com)  
or contact: Sandy Mackenzie [portraitsbygougen@hotmail.com](mailto:portraitsbygougen@hotmail.com)

**Town of Ajax**

McLean CC & Ajax Town Hall  
w: [pineridgearts.org/mclean.html](http://pineridgearts.org/mclean.html)

**Pickering CC Band**

Looking for musicians – tenor saxophone as well as a French horn, and we can always use more tubas and baritone horns.  
w: [concertband.ca](http://concertband.ca)

## VISUAL ARTS MARCH | APRIL

EVENTS

### Ajax Library



55 Harwood Ave S, Ajax  
w: ajaxlibrary.ca

Mar 2– 19 ~ SPARK Art on Display

• Art Show & Reception

Mar 19, 1–3 pm

### The Colborne ART Gallery



51 King. St. W, Colborne  
w: thecolborneartgallery.ca  
905.355.1798

Mar 10 to May 11 ~ “SPLASH”

### Durham Potters Guild



Thornton Dundee Center  
210 Thornton Rd N  
Oshawa  
w: durhampotters.com

May 13 ~ Pottery Show and Sale

### Latcham Art Centre



2 Park Drive, Stouffville  
905.640.8954  
w: latchamartcentre.ca

to March 4 ~ Matthew Trueman:  
voices in a cool wet darkness

### Lynde House Museum



900 Brock St S, Whitby  
905.665.3131  
w: lyndehousemuseum.com

Watch for exciting program-  
ming

### Dominique Faivre

May 1 to 31 ~ Whitby Central Library  
Art Rail

405 Dundas Street West, Whitby  
www.dominiquefaivre.com

### Oshawa Art Assoc



Apr 15 & 16 ~ 8th Spring Art  
Festival  
See page 3

## OpenStudio Art Café



617 Liverpool Road  
Pickering  
openstudioartcafe.com

Friday Nite @ the Art Café

Open Mic from 7-9:30 pm

Pre-book tickets

https://www.openstudioartcafe.com/  
upcoming-events

### Pickering Township Historical Society

Pickering Central Library @ 7pm

Mar 14 ~ Guest speaker Mark Fordham

Apr 11 ~ Guest speaker Ted Barris

### The Robert McLaughlin Gallery



72 Queen St, Civic Centre  
Oshawa  
905.576.3000  
w: rmg.on.ca

to Mar 5 ~ Kazuo Nakamura:  
Universal Pattern

### Station Gallery



1450 Henry Street  
Whitby  
905.668.4185  
w: stationgallery.ca

Art as Therapy with Georgia Fullerton.  
Thursdays to March 23.

ART TALKS: @The Whitby Public Library

March 9, @ 7pm

One Root, Many Routes

April 13 @ 7pm

Visual Gags: Art & Humour

to Mar 25 ~ T.J. Brown | The Quiet  
Part, Out Loud

to Mar 25 ~ Izzat Vaid | IV Arts

### Visual Arts Centre of Clarington



143 Simpson Ave  
Bowmanville  
905.623.5831 x 1  
w: vac.ca

Feb 4 to Apr 23 ~ Anoxic Memory

Reception: February 11

See page 3 for details.

## PERFORMING ARTS MARCH | APRIL

EVENTS



• ACT (Ajax Community Theatre)

St. Francis Centre

78 Church St S, Ajax

w: ajaxcommunitytheatre.com

Apr 13 to 22 ~ Proof

by David Auburn

Catherine has inherited her late fa-  
ther's mathematical brilliance, but  
she is haunted by the fear that she  
might also share his debilitating  
mental illness.

• Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra

P.C. Ho Theatre

8pm | Pre-Concert talk: 7:15pm

5183 Sheppard Ave E, Scar

w: cathedralbluffs.com

Apr 15 ~ Season Concert #5

~ Apotheosis of the Dance

May 27 ~ Season Concert #6

~ Grand Finale: Elgar's Passion &  
Brahms' Splendour



• Durham Chamber Orchestra

durhamchamberorchestra.com

At the Movies

Mar 26 ~ Forest Brook Community  
Church Ajax @ 2 pm

Apr 2 ~ Port Perry United Church  
294 Queen St. Port Perry



• Durham Community Choir

289.312.0488

durhamcommunitychoir.on.ca

Apr 30 ~ The British Invasion

Kingsview United Church @ 3pm

505 Adelaide Ave E, Oshawa

Advance tickets or at the door



• Durham Notables

St. George's Anglican

Pickering Village, Ajax

w: durhamnotables.com

May 13 ~ Broadway Theme



• Durham Philharmonic  
Choir

St. Mark's United Church

210 Centre St S, Whitby

w: durhamphilharmonic.ca

May 6 ~ Spring Concert



## Margaret Rodgers

Whitby Public Library  
405 Dundas Street West, Whitby  
margaretrodgers.ca

## March 8 ~ Bobby Sox and Bicycles

In celebration of International Women's Day, Margaret Rodgers will be reading from *Maple Park*, her book-in-progress, a coming-of-age chronicle of her life in a 1950s subdivision. A projection of artwork and original photographs will accompany the reading. 7pm



- **Durham Shoestring Performers**  
Oshawa Arts Resource Centre  
45 Queen St, Oshawa  
w: durhamshoestring.org

## Mar 24 to Apr ~ WROL

(without rule of law) by Michaela Jeffery  
This is a play for adults (16+) who portray a group of 12 – 13-year-old characters.

## Monday Morning Singers

St Paul's Anglican Church,  
Uxbridge

## Apr 29 ~ Heart Songs

The Monday Morning Singers, directed by Anne Mizen, and accompanied by Elaine Brandon, are pleased to announce their plans for their spring concert. In the spring of 2023, the choir will present Heart Songs with guest artist, Beverley Johnston. Canadian percussionist, Beverley Johnston will join the choir in a performance of "Heart Songs of the White Wampum", by Canadian composer Timothy Corlis. The music is set to poetry of E. Pauline Johnson using four poems from the collection *Flint and Feather*.  
w: mondaymorningsingers.com



- **Music4Life**  
Forest Brook Community Church  
60 Kearney Dr, Ajax  
w: music4lifensemble.ca

## May 13 ~ Concert

Forest Brook Community Church

## Apr 2 ~ Concert

St. Francis Centre, Ajax



- **Northumberland Players**  
CHECK ADDRESS  
905.372.0577  
w: northumberlandplayers.ca

## Feb. 24 to Mar. 5 ~ Into the Woods

By Stephen Sondheim and James Lapine | Directed by Jim Finan  
Capitol Theatre  
20 Queen St., Port Hope

## Mar. 17 to Apr. 2 ~ Salt Water Moon

By David French  
Directed by Bill Walker  
Firehall Theatre  
213 Second Street, Cobourg

## Apr 21 to May 7 ~ A Night in Provence

By Robin Hawdon  
Director Jack Boya  
Best Western Plus Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre  
930 Burnham St., Cobourg



- **Ontario Philharmonic**  
w: ontariophil.ca  
50 King St. E., Oshawa  
w: tickets.regenttheatre.ca

## Mar 18 ~ The Song of the Earth

- **Timothy Chooi Plays Bruch & MAHLER's 'Das Lied von der Erde'**  
The rich and seductive music of Max Bruch's Violin Concerto No.1 is an indulgence for the music lover. A feast for any orchestra enthusiast. An evening with the great Gustav Mahler's masterpiece of earthly beauty *The Song of the Earth*. Two symphonic imperatives in one evening! @ 8:00pm

## Apr 15 ~ An Enchanting Chopin Odyssey • His Two Brilliant Piano Concertos!

A special and unique evening of Chopin's two piano concertos performed by Aljoša Jurinić performed in their original versions for intimate chamber ensemble, just as Chopin himself often performed them in the salons of Paris. @ 8pm



- **Oshawa Civic Band**  
w: facebook.com/OshawaCivicBand



- **Pickering Community Concert Band**  
w: concertband.ca

## Apr 23 ~ Music from Around the

## World @ 2:30pm

Forest Brook Community Church  
60 Kearney Drive, Ajax



- **RESOUND Choir**  
St. George's Anglican Oshawa  
w: resoundchoir.ca

## Mar 25 ~ Songs My Mother Taught Me



- **Theatre on the Ridge**  
Port Perry Anglican Church of the Ascension  
266 North St., Port Perry

## This March Break ...

## Mar. 13 to 17 ~ The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe

Coming to communities across Durham | Various locations  
Theatre on the Ridge brings back its popular production of the favourite children's classic for March Break 2023. Performed by only two actors, this imaginative and inventive production will delight audiences of all ages. \*All programming subject to change.



- St. Francis Centre  
78 Church St S  
Ajax (Pickering Village)  
See page 8  
w: stfranciscentre.ca

## Mar. 25 ~ Captain Fantastic, A Tribute to Elton John

## Apr. 8 ~ Fernando and his Llama, as part of our Family Series.

## Apr .27 ~ The Derina Harvey Band (dHb)

## Mar. 3, 17 and 31 ~ TIFF Ajax Film Circuit.

## EngAGE Arts Ajax sessions:

- March 19: Vocal musical concert by Eastside Harmony Chorus followed by the dynamic storytelling of the Durham Storytellers
- April 2: Instrumental musical concert by the Music4Life String Orchestra
- May 7: Paint the Town with Janice