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AGGV turns up the funk in February

At the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria (AGGV), the party gets started with the AGGV's first Urbanite event of the year on February 3. Held three times a year, every part of an Urbanite evening is inspired by a current AGGV exhibition, and this time in the spotlight is *Life with Clay: Pottery and Sculpture* by Jan and Helga Grove. Enjoy funk soul vibes by DJ Joshua James, exhibition animation with artist Faro Sullivan, custom cocktails and hands-on activities. The 19-plus event kicks off at 8:00 p.m. and more information is available on aggv.ca/urbanite.

February 1 opens with a call out for artist and juror submissions for the TD Art Gallery Paint In 2017. Submission guidelines can be found on the event page at aggv.ca/events.

The first Tuesday of each month is the AGGV's monthly Admission by Donation Day. This month it falls on February 7—mark the date because it's a great chance to check out the exhibition *It's in the Making*, before it closes February 12.

The AGGV is hosting three drop-in tours of *Life with Clay: Pottery and Sculpture* by Jan and Helga Grove led by exhibition curator Allan Collier on February 7 and 15, at 2:00 p.m., and February 16, at 7:00 p.m. Included with admission or membership.

This year the AGGV launches a new program, *Communities & Collections*, consisting of a series of lectures, tours, interactive programs and workshops with guest facilitators and speakers that will animate aspects of the permanent collections. The first in this series highlights the Asian Art collection and its relevance to different groups in our community. Two community events take place this month and the admission-by-donation events are open to all. On February 8 at 3:00 p.m., a lecture, *Asia through Art and Anthropology* is presented by Dr. Fuyubi Nakamura, a socio-cultural anthropologist and curator for Asia at the Museum of Anthropology at UBC. A workshop, *Mapping Asian-Canadian Community Stories on Vancouver Island* takes place February 18 at 2:00 p.m. Register by emailing name and phone number to visitorservices@aggv.ca.

February 16 is a special event for art renters and collectors under 35 years of age. The Young Collectors Event takes from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

If you have a New Year's resolution to unleash more creativity, mark February 18 on your calendar—registration for Spring Studio Classes starts at 10:00 a.m. at aggv.ca/art-studio.

Families are invited to visit the AGGV for Family Sunday on Sunday, February 19. Enjoy an afternoon of exploring hands-on art-making inspired by the exhibition *Life with Clay: Pottery and Sculpture* by Jan and Helga Grove. It's fun for the whole family from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Cost is included with admission or membership.

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The AGGV is pleased to present a free public open house February 25. The opening of the new exhibition, curated by AGGV Chief Curator Michelle Jacques, *Moving Forward by Looking Back: The First 30 Years of Collecting Art at the AGGV* takes place all day.

Also February 25, to honour Black History month, the AGGV in collaboration with the BC Black History Awareness Society and MediaNet present: *For Jackson: A Time Capsule From His Two Grandmothers*. The documentary is a portrait of two Canadian women, Rosemary Brown (1930-2003) and Ruth Horricks-Sujir (b. 1925) and is a time capsule for their young grandson, Jackson. Screening to be followed by Q&A and discussion with the artist, Leila Sujir, and her nephew Jackson Sujir.

The rafters of the Spencer Gallery will reverberate with sound of jazz as the AGGV and U-JAM Society present Jazz at the Gallery for another season. Enjoy improvised music performed by the best west coast musicians for just \$35 (\$30 AGGV/U-JAM members) for one concert, including admission to the Gallery's exhibits. *February 26* from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. is Great Canadian Jazz—Music in the Key of Eh with professor Patrick Boyle.

The month ends with the closing of the unique *About Face* show and sale in the Massey Sales Gallery on February 28.

For more information, calendar of events and tickets, visit www.aggv.ca or call 250-384-4171.