

A photograph of a person with dark hair in a bun, wearing a grey blazer over a blue shirt, looking at a large, colorful crocheted mask. The mask has a beaver-like snout and is decorated with yellow, red, and white zigzag patterns. The person is holding a white tote bag with a red and yellow label. The background is a dark red wall.

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Admission numbers reach their **highest level in three years**, welcoming more than **2,500** additional visitors compared to the same period last year.

Cover: Visitor discovers Cannupa Hanska Luger, *Midéegaadi: Fire Bison*, 2022, at the Opening Reception of *Future Geographies: Art in the Century of Climate Change*, May 2026; Above: Visitors discover *Highlights from the Collection* at Art Party, June 2026

All photography is courtesy of Vancouver Art Gallery, unless otherwise noted.

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Exhibitions

175

Artists on view

12,000+

Total active Memberships and
Access Pass Holders

54,750+

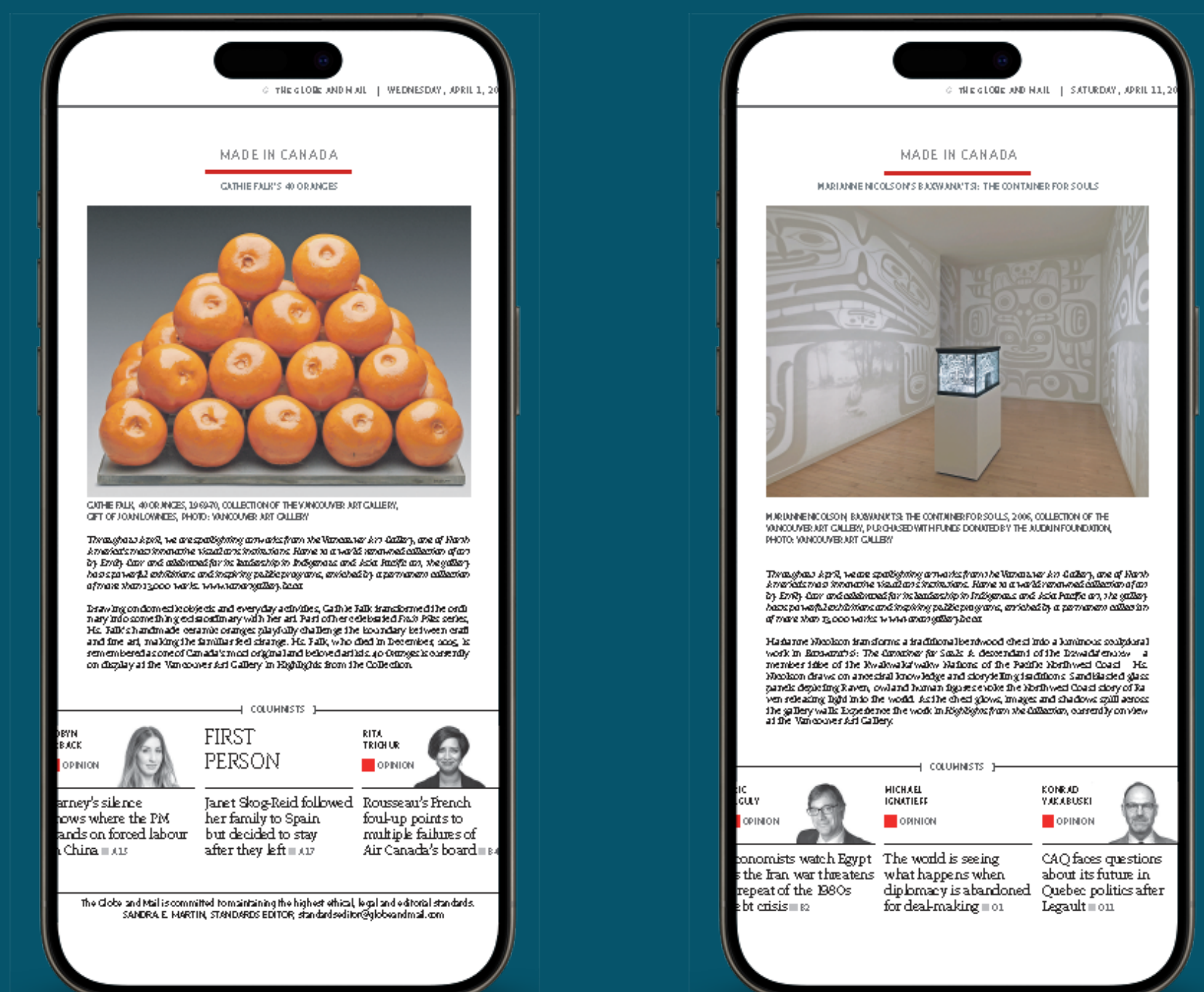
Total visitors

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930+ people joined us for 2 opening events, reaching pre-pandemic attendance levels.



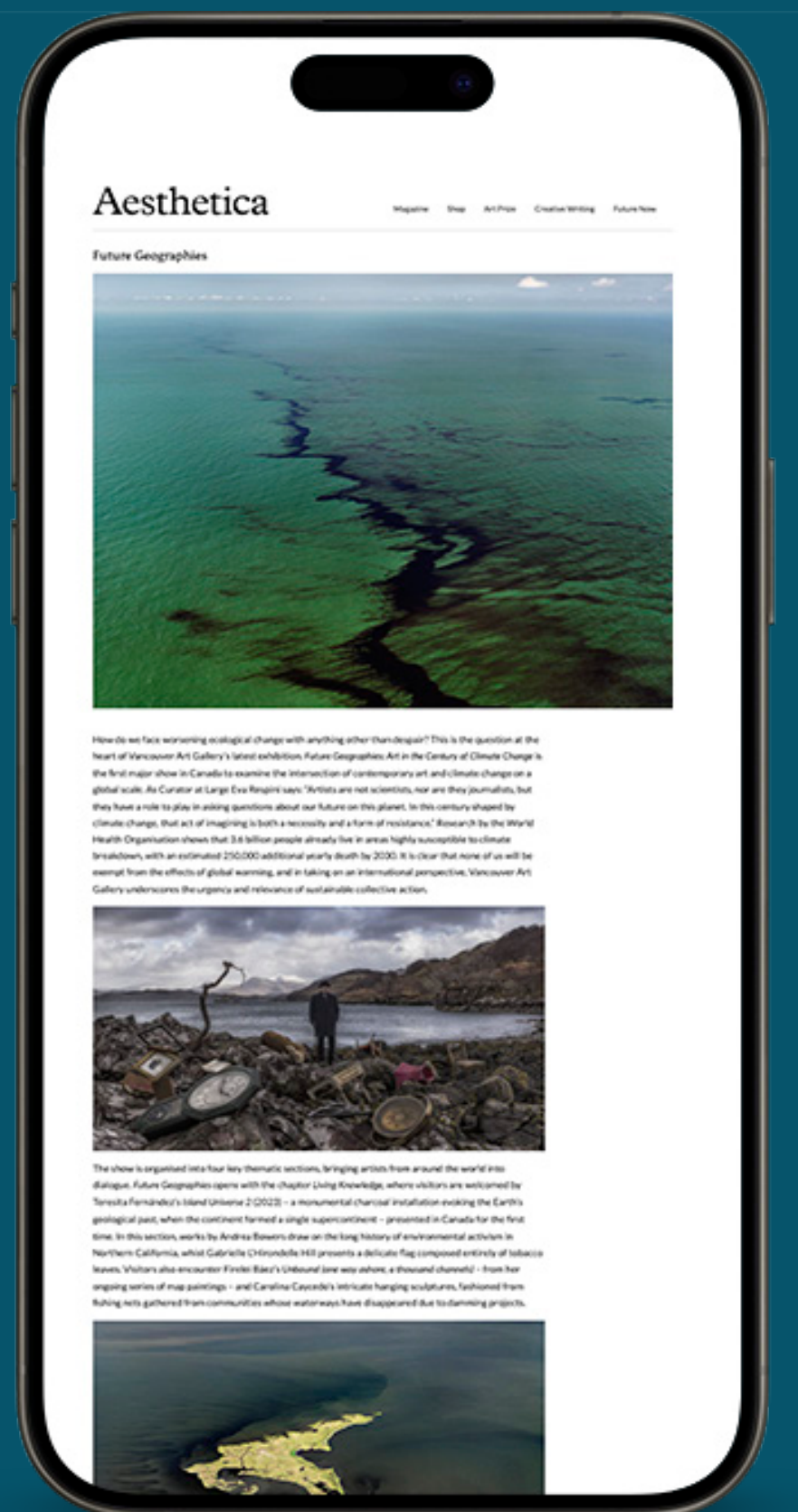
HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE COLLECTION

The Globe and Mail featured works from the Gallery's permanent collection daily throughout April as part of its *Made in Canada* series.

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FUTURE GEOGRAPHIES

Future Geographies: Art in the Century of Climate Change opened to international acclaim.

More than **350 people** worldwide joined a CNO LIVE virtual conversation between **Eva Respini**, Interim Co-CEO & Curator at Large, and artist **Josh Kline**, moderated by **Linda Solomon Wood**, founder and publisher of *Canada's National Observer*.

AMONG OUR RECENT VISITORS



Prime Minister Mark Carney and Diana Fox Carney meet with Eva Respini, Interim Co-CEO & Curator at Large, to tour current exhibitions and collection storage, June 2026



Jon Stovell, Chair, and Manon Gauthier, Trustee, Vancouver Art Gallery Association Board, and Eva Respini, Interim Co-CEO & Curator at Large, meet with the Honourable David Eby, Premier of British Columbia, and the Honourable Terry Yung, Minister of State for Community Safety and Integrated Services and MLA for Yaletown-Vancouver, to discuss the Gallery's recent work and community impact, April 2026



Jane Fonda visits the Gallery for a tour of *Future Geographies: Art in the Century of Climate Change* with Eva Respini, Interim Co-CEO & Curator at Large, while in Vancouver to celebrate David Suzuki's 90th birthday, May 2026

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EMILY CARR X SAMSARA CYCLE

A new collaboration with Samsara Cycle brings Emily Carr-inspired apparel to the Gallery Store.

VANCOUVER ART BOOK FAIR 2026

The Gallery showcased recent publications and connected with artists, publishers and readers from around the world.

THE GALLERY ABROAD

Eva Respini, Interim Co-CEO & Curator at Large, joined artist Stan Douglas in conversation at Berlin's Hamburger Bahnhof.



COMMUNITY ACCESS

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Visitors discover *Stephen Shore: Uncommon Places*, April 2026

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Free First Friday Nights Presented by BMO

**OVER 5,790
FREE VISITS**

Free admission for Indigenous Peoples

**WELCOMING OVER
500 VISITORS**

Free admission for children and youth
ages 18 and under

OVER 3,900 VISITS



ART OF WELLBEING LAB

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Sirish Rao, Interim Co-CEO & Director of the Art of Wellbeing Lab, appears on Global News' Wellness Wednesday segment, hosted by Sonia Sunger

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GLOBAL NEWS' WELLNESS WEDNESDAY

Sirish Rao, Interim Co-CEO & Director of the Art of Wellbeing Lab, appeared on *Global News'* Wellness Wednesday, hosted by Sonia Sunger, to discuss the Lab's work and its award-winning partnership with PaRx, an initiative of BC Parks Foundation.

APRIL 21 | BEYOND WELLNESS: AUTHENTICITY, BELONGING AND CARE

The Art of Wellbeing Lab supported a sold-out event presented by Zili CARE that welcomed **440 attendees.**

Hosted by **Dr. Maryam Zeineddin**, founder of Zili CARE, the evening featured a conversation with **Dr. Gabor Maté** alongside a panel of health leaders exploring belonging, care and community wellbeing through an interdisciplinary lens.



CENTRE FOR GLOBAL ASIAS

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[From left to right] Lynn Chen, Public Program Coordinator, Diana Freundl, Senior Curator, Sirish Rao, Interim Co-CEO & Director of the Centre for Global Asias, guest curator Pantea Haghighi, artist and architect Hossein Amanat and scholar Jeff Derksen at the book launch for *Modern Iran and the Avant-Gardes, 1948-78*, May 2026



CELEBRATING ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH

In May, the Centre for Global Asias presented programs exploring the depth and diversity of Asian artistic and cultural expression, including tours, workshops and a book launch with panel discussion previewing *Modern Iran and the Avant-Gardes, 1947-78*.

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Guest curator Pantea Haghighi, artist and architect Hossein Amanat and scholar Jeff Derksen at the book launch for *Modern Iran and the Avant-Gardes, 1948-78*, May 2026



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT & LEARNING

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Elementary school students discover *That Green Ideal: Emily Carr and the Idea of Nature* during a School Workshop, May 2026

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820+ participants took part in The Making Place, including special workshops for **Asian Heritage Month** and **Indigenous Peoples Day**

850+ visitors joined public tours

Welcomed **1,368** attendees to **6** sold-out talks, workshops and performances with leading artists and thinkers

1,230+ people attended **Art Party**, the Gallery's largest event of the year in support of exhibitions, education and programs

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

APRIL | LUNCHTIME LOOK TOURS

Launched a new weekly tour series led by Gallery staff, offering unique perspectives on the collection.

MAY 12 | ARTIST TALK: NAN GOLDIN

A sold-out conversation with internationally acclaimed artist Nan Goldin.

MAY 20 | FILM SCREENING AND PANEL CONVERSATION: *THE SPOILS AT VIFF*

A special screening of the Jamie Kastner's acclaimed documentary *The Spoils*, followed by a riveting panel discussion on the power of art restitution.

JUNE 6 | ART PARTY

A vibrant evening of art, music and live performances that welcomed new audiences to the Gallery.



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More than **2,750** students and chaperones participated in Spring **School Programs**

18 School Tours

78 School Tours + Workshops

79 Self-Guided Visits

2K+ oil pastel drawings
inspired by Emily Carr

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Previous page: *In the wake of a sleeping machine* by Shion Skye Carter
performed at Art Party, June 2026, Photo: Roy Hoh



The **2025/26 Art Exchange** program, presented in collaboration with Arts Umbrella, concluded another year of creative exploration, connection and self-expression.

“I learned more about myself and how to express myself with art.” —Ariel

**“I met so many amazing people who are as passionate as I am about art.”
—Emiliia**

This full-scholarship program is generously supported by **Terrence and Lisa Turner** and **Elmar and Christine Klukas**.

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Art Exchange students draw in *That Green Ideal: Emily Carr and the Idea of Nature*, May 2026



We look forward to welcoming you back to the Gallery again soon!

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Visitors discover Brian Jungen, *Cetology*, 2002, and Liz Larner, *Meerscham Drift (Blue)*, 2020-21, at the Opening Reception of *Future Geographies: Art in the Century of Climate Change*, May 2026