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The Robert McLaughlin Gallery Celebrates the 5th Anniversary of RMG Fridays

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (RMG) is excited to celebrate the 5th Anniversary of **RMG Fridays**, a free, monthly event on the first Friday of every month. RMG Fridays is a community event, bringing together a variety of musical, visual and interactive entertainment from local artists in the Durham Region and GTA. **The 5th Anniversary celebration will take place on Friday, February 5, 2016 from 7-10pm**, and will welcome special guests including Mayor John Henry, representatives from Durham College, UOIT and Trent University, Museum Hack from New York City, as well as an exciting night of entertainment.

RMG Fridays has become a much-anticipated night of live music and culture every month for Oshawa and the Durham Region. RMG Fridays is also celebrating the success of Friday Film Features, a theatre experience screening short films from local budding filmmakers. The local hub for art, music, and film, in 2015, we welcomed 2,593 guests to RMG Fridays, bringing together 38 community sponsors, 25 bands and 15 exhibition tours. Over the past five years, RMG Fridays has brought together community partners including Durham College, UOIT and Trent University, as well as art festivals such as the Broken Arts Fest, and continues to grow each month.

“We are looking forward to celebrating five years of RMG Fridays together with our community,” said Donna Raetsen-Kemp, CEO of the RMG. “To see RMG Fridays reach this milestone is an occasion worthy of a celebration! It reflects how far we will go in the future and is a wonderful way to highlight our commitment to be a more inclusive public space.”

To commemorate this milestone, join the RMG for a full line-up of innovative entertainment including Annie Sumi, an indie-folk artist from Whitby, followed by exploratory percussion by Jamie Drake. Adding sight to sound, the O’Neill Senior Dance Ensemble will be performing a live movement exhibit throughout the gallery, while artist JR Hunter will be painting live with inspiration from the night. Museum Hack, a New York City-based company offering interactive adventure type tours of will be giving its uniquely non-traditional tour of the gallery. It will be a “must-see” experience and the first opportunity in Ontario for visitors to experience a Museum Hack Tour at a free, public event.

RMG Fridays is free to attend and is open to all ages. Donations will be accepted in support of future RMG Fridays. A cash bar will be available. The RMG is grateful to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for their support of this programming.

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Directions: 401 to Oshawa, exit Simcoe St, North to Bagot St. Turn left at Bagot, 2 blocks to Gallery.

Gallery Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Thursday: 10:00 am - 9:00 pm Saturday 10:00 am – 4:00 pm; Sunday: 12 pm - 4:00 pm.

Admission by donation. Parking available. Accessible location.