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The Robert McLaughlin Gallery Celebrates Youth Week at RMG Fridays

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery (RMG) is excited to celebrate International Youth Week with the theme Young Minds during the May **RMG Fridays** event, a free, monthly event on the first Friday of every month. **RMG Fridays: Young Minds will take place on Friday, May 6, 2016 from 7-10pm.**

To honour youth, join the RMG for a full line-up of innovative entertainment including 2 Cute 4 Country, a country duo of two sisters, Chelsea and Saleen Nolan, followed by Jaylen Stark performing his powerful slam poetry and Darling and the Fox, an acoustic-folk duo.

Lindsay Lauckner Gunlock's photography exhibition will also be on display as part of the Contact Photography Festival. *Familiarity in the Foreign* by Lindsay Lauckner Gunlock is an ongoing photo series consisting of photos taken during road trips across the continent. The series represents moments of peace among the chaos. The artist will be in attendance.

Dancyn Productions will be giving a performance of "Seasons of Love" at 7:15pm from their production of RENT. The not-for-profit theatre company is based in Oshawa. "RENT" is an inspiring musical about friendship and artists struggling with addiction, poetry, aids and love.

Karen Burwell's "Drawing stories to music" art project will be taking over the studio. The art project is a fun way to get the visitors involved and using their creativity. The RMG will be collaborating with the Community Innovation Lab and Joanne's House as community partners. Cupcake Goodness will be providing delicious snacks all night.

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.

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. 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.