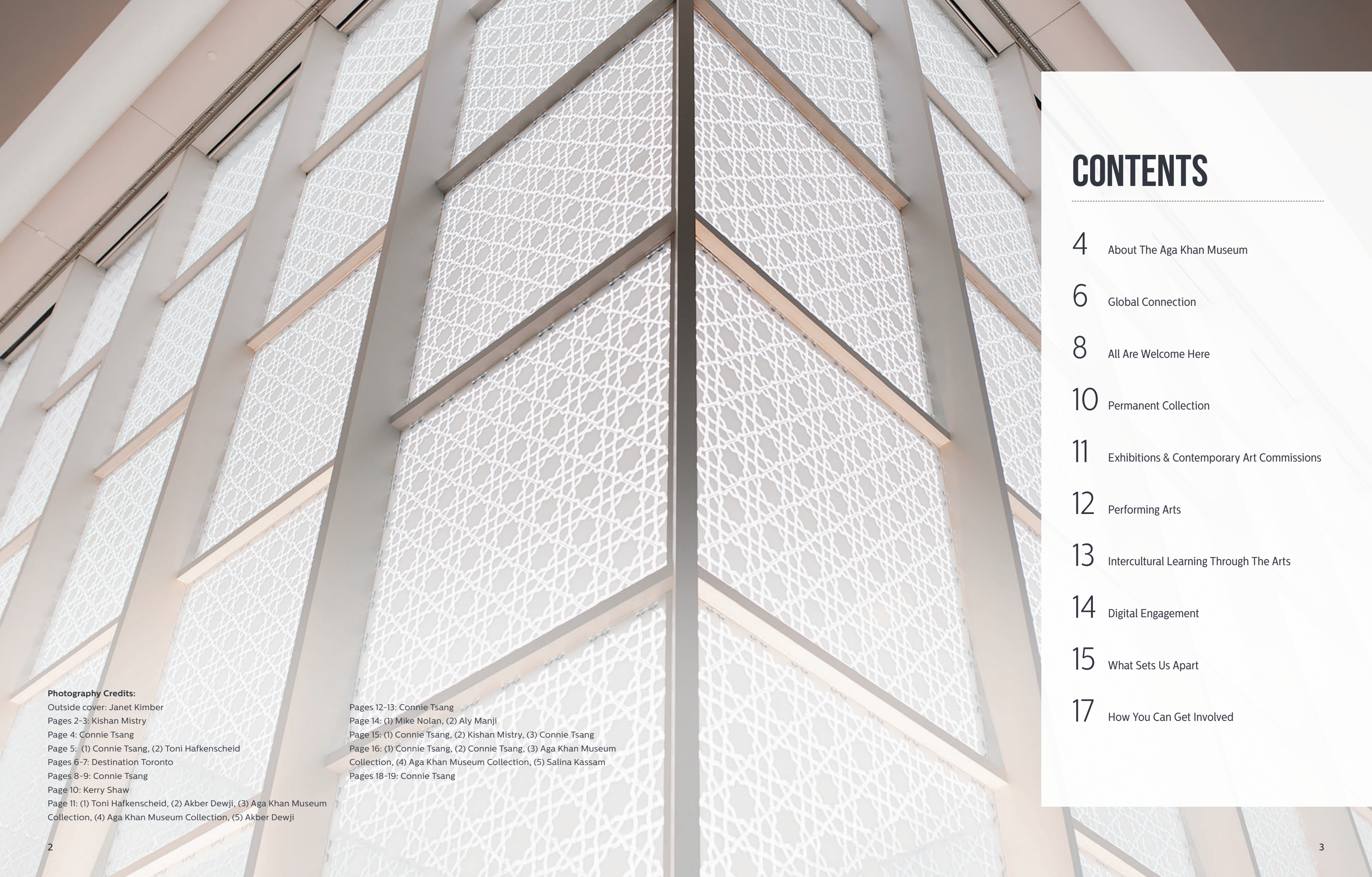


EVERYONE HAS A STORY...





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ABOUT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM

The arts play a vital role in society – helping us learn new cultures and appreciate and understand them, as well as teaching us how much we share and have in common. At its core, this is what the Aga Khan Museum is all about.

Our overriding mission is to spark wonder, curiosity, and understanding of Muslim cultures and their connection with other cultures through the arts – with a vision toward impacting lives and contributing to more inclusive and peaceful societies.

Our Museum is more than a destination. It's a way of being, seeing, and connecting with humanity.

Through our world-renowned Islamic art collection, exhibitions, public programs, and performances, our Museum reveals compelling stories that combat society's misperceptions, opens minds, and creates spaces for dialogue where everyone is welcome.

As North America's first and only museum dedicated to the arts and cultures of Muslim civilizations, it is a showcase for hundreds of years of art and artifacts from around the world. It's also a catalyst for contemporary insights and perspectives into cultures that are rich in tradition and history, and which remain central to our lives today.

“The Museum will aim to contribute to a deeper understanding among cultures and to the strengthening of pluralism, essential to peace, and to progress, in our world.”

– His Highness the Aga Khan

THE ARTS ARE A POWERFUL, BEAUTIFUL, AND SATISFYING WAY TO REFLECT ON THE WORLD AS IT WAS AND IS, AND TO INSPIRE HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE FOR EVERYONE.



It's a place to immerse yourself and celebrate everything that brings us together. It's only by understanding other cultures and histories that we can gain a deeper sense of ourselves and make positive social change.

By using the arts to explore, celebrate, and facilitate cross-cultural dialogue, the Aga Khan Museum plays a critical role in fostering understanding and appreciation across and beyond differences, with the aim of building and strengthening understanding across our world.



IMMERSE YOURSELF
Discover our shared connections at the Aga Khan Museum



“This Museum contributes to understanding... understanding contributes to dialogue, and dialogue contributes to peace.”

– Adrienne Clarkson, 26th Governor General of Canada

GLOBAL CONNECTION

The Aga Khan Museum was established in Toronto, Canada, in recognition of the city’s commitment to diversity and of Canada’s leading role in promoting pluralism.

By celebrating Muslim contributions, past and present, as well as their connection to the world, the Museum is dedicated to upholding Toronto’s and Canada’s efforts to offer a welcoming, respectful home for people of all backgrounds, faiths, and cultures – all while making a global impact.



ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

Whoever you are,
wherever you are from,
whatever you believe,
the Aga Khan Museum
welcomes you.

Art has the power
to bring people
and communities
together, sparking
transformative
encounters and
conversations.

The Almohads
Les Almohades

1150 - 1269

THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM
ASPIRES TO CONTRIBUTE
TO MORE INCLUSIVE AND
PEACEFUL SOCIETIES.

PERMANENT COLLECTION

The Museum’s Permanent Collection includes more than 1,200 spectacular artworks ranging from works on paper, ceramics, metalwork, textiles, and glass, dating from the 7th to the 21st century. Commissions by contemporary artists, as well as the Museum’s impressive collection of Islamic masterpieces, allow for the surprise of discovering new beauty and act as an engine for inclusive stories told across time and space, exploring themes that are central to the aspirations of our multicultural and diverse society.

Collection Spotlight

A highlight in the Museum’s Permanent Collection is a spectacular brass astrolabe from 14th-century Spain. Astrolabes like the one pictured below were used for navigation and determining the position of stars and planets. They also helped establish the time of day, which was particularly important for prayer.

This device carries inscriptions in three languages – Latin, Arabic, and Hebrew – proof of how great minds from different cultural traditions worked together to advance science. It encourages us to contemplate and appreciate the contributions of Muslim civilizations and their past and ongoing interactions with other cultures.

“...The artifacts in the Museum Collection are real things that real people used in all these different cities around the world.”

- **Kristina LaRocca, art lover, traveller, and Aga Khan Museum volunteer educator, speaking about why the astrolabe is her favourite object at the Museum.**

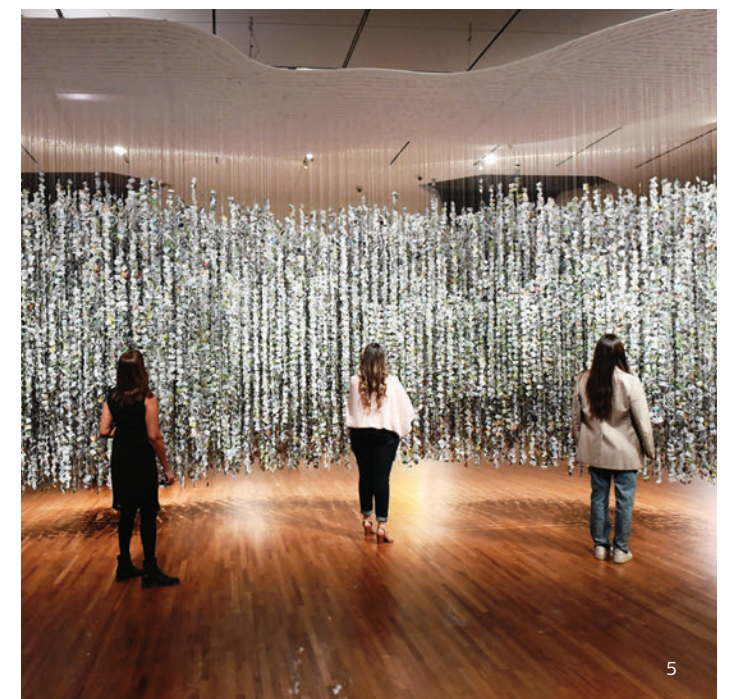


EXHIBITIONS & CONTEMPORARY ART COMMISSIONS

Along with its unique collection of masterpieces, the Museum curates exhibitions and contemporary art commissions that spark curiosity, foster conversations, instill a sense of belonging and empathy, and encourage intercultural learning and imagination.

In 2020, the Museum featured an exhibition entitled *Don't Ask Me Where I'm From*, a project that channeled the experiences and creativity of 15 contemporary artists who are first-, second-, and third-generation immigrants living between countries and continents. The project, which is now touring internationally, examines the challenges of a globalized generation that bridges the cultures of their home country and those of their parents. It also highlights stories that speak of immigration, settlement, and integration across the world.

In 2022, *IMAGE? The Power of the Visual* presented the timeless influence of images using historic and contemporary artworks from Muslim civilizations to explore this fascination we universally share.



PERFORMING ARTS

Emphasizing the ties that bind us, the Aga Khan Museum’s Performing Arts program shares stories centred around intercultural dialogue and pluralism through live music, dance, and spoken word. The Museum’s state-of-the-art Auditorium welcomes a variety of artists – from newcomers to internationally acclaimed stars. Its stage has become a launchpad for transformative creative encounters, thoughtfully curated to bring together cultures and promote a better world through the arts.

From Indigenous throat singers to Ukrainian jazz fusion, from Afro-Cuban and Indigenous Colombian music to Chinese and Persian classical music, we celebrate the power of the arts to transform and inspire.

The Museum has welcomed such notable international artists as Abida Parveen, Ali Sethi, Yo-Yo Ma, Baaba Maal, Buffy Sainte-Marie, K’naan, and many others.



INTERCULTURAL LEARNING THROUGH THE ARTS

Intercultural learning is at the heart of everything the Aga Khan Museum creates and presents. Our public programs and educational initiatives are carefully designed to provide opportunities for students and teachers to explore and be inspired by diverse cultures while engaging with key topics of universal interest. In 2021, more than 16,000 students aged 4 to 18 visited us on-site, while our Museum reached over 600,000 virtual learners from around the globe. Audiences from more than 110 countries have learned online through #MuseumWithoutWalls.

“I loved the art, cultural and historical stories, and math connections to patterning and geometry. My students and I really enjoyed the sessions... After being introduced to this program, I will always book with the Aga Khan Museum – all the teacher resources and online platform are comprehensive and so engaging. THANK YOU, THANK YOU!”
 – Grade 8 Teacher



DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT



Our #MuseumWithoutWalls initiative, including mini-documentaries, live-streamed performances, Global Conversation series, and 3D exhibition tours, as well as our podcast, *This Being Human*, which showcases the contributions and creativity of Muslims in the 21st century, reached and engaged over 6 million people in 110 countries in 2021 alone.

“We don’t just want to know what makes us human, but how we can become better humans – for ourselves and others.”

– Abdul-Rehman Malik, host of *This Being Human*

WHAT SETS US APART



The Aga Khan Museum is redefining perceptions about what a museum can be and do.

By supporting arts and culture that reflect many voices, and creating experiences that encourage mutual understanding, friendship, and a sense of belonging, the Museum is building an inclusive world that celebrates, encourages, and fosters diversity, inclusion, and cross-cultural dialogue.

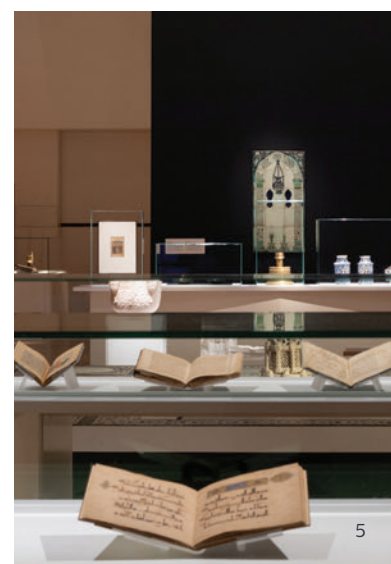
Now, more than ever, the mandate of the Aga Khan Museum matters to the hearts and minds of our communities.



HOW YOUR INVOLVEMENT HELPS

With the support of our generous community and partners, we are building a reputation as one of the most creative, forward-thinking, and preeminent museums in the world. With your philanthropic commitment, our Museum will strengthen and expand its programs including:

- Acquisition of new objects and artworks that tell stories, inspire hope, promote unity, and celebrate diversity.
- Educational programs that ensure lifelong learners develop concepts of cultural understanding, social cohesiveness, and empathy through a deeper appreciation of our shared values.
- Development of partnerships with universities and other organizations to research, discover, and advance our understanding of ourselves and our connection to diverse communities.
- Acceleration of diverse performing arts that captivate audiences through unique artistic programming.
- Promoting technological engagement through the digitization of our collections and online opportunities so that people from all over the world can access the Museum through our #MuseumWithoutWalls programs.
- Ensuring that the Aga Khan Museum remains accessible to all by expanding free programming and free admission days.
- Supporting new and emerging artists through their professional journeys by providing internships, curatorships, and fellowships.



HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

INDIVIDUAL GIVING

There are many ways to make an impact at the Aga Khan Museum. You may choose to make a donation, support a specific initiative, or become a Friend or Patron. Your generosity will help us develop and expand our programming, maintain our collections, and develop new exhibitions.

LEGACY GIVING

A planned gift to the Aga Khan Museum makes a powerful statement about your love of art and culture that will last for generations.

VOLUNTEERING

Our Museum volunteers offer much needed support, leading tours, facilitating special events, and providing operational assistance throughout our facility.

CORPORATE SUPPORT

Businesses have the opportunity to support and access the Museum through a variety of corporate memberships, hosting events, and exciting sponsorships.

GOVERNMENT AND FOUNDATION SUPPORT

Our partnerships with foundations and governmental agencies help to pioneer innovative ways of showcasing and celebrating our connection to diverse communities through support of festivals, exhibitions, and performing arts events.

Join us as we continue to
unleash the power of art and
culture to unite people in the
face of adversity and to spread
peace through understanding.

There is something to inspire
everyone right here – whether
you choose to take on the mantle
of social justice, hope to learn
more about Muslim civilizations,
or simply wish to appreciate
a transformative piece of art.

This is the Aga Khan Museum –
and it is for all of us.


A high-angle, wide shot of a diverse group of people walking through a modern, brightly lit museum hallway. The people are of various ages, ethnicities, and styles of dress, including a man with a baby, a woman with a stroller, and a man in a green shirt with 'THE DRESS' written on it. The hallway has a dark grey floor and white walls with large glass panels. The lighting is soft and even, creating a welcoming atmosphere.


**EVERYONE HAS A STORY TO SHARE.
DISCOVER YOURS AT THE AGA KHAN MUSEUM.**

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