

## **Aga Khan Museum Launches Season 5 of *This Being Human* as a Multimedia Video Podcast with new host, Mai Habib**

*The newest season of This Being Human explores art and culture, identity, and shared values through global conversations with artists and cultural thinkers*

Toronto, ON – April 21, 2026 – The highly anticipated launch of Season 5 of *This Being Human* marks a dynamic new chapter for the Aga Khan Museum’s acclaimed podcast, expanding both its reach and storytelling. Now hosted by former journalist and cultural advocate [Mai Habib](#), the new season brings listeners into compelling dialogue with artists and thought leaders whose work offers a global perspective on art and culture, identity, and new and pressing ideas that shape humanity today.

Building on an impressive footprint of more than 100 episodes over the past four seasons, *This Being Human* will evolve into an audiovisual experience for the first time. Each of the 12 episodes will be filmed and released on YouTube alongside all major podcast platforms, inviting audiences into a more immersive encounter with the voices shaping these conversations. The new format expands the series’ exploration of lived experience, creativity, and connection across cultures.

Featuring artists and collaborators with ties to the Museum, Season 5 highlights voices such as Gary Kamemoto, Principal Architect from Maki and Associates, the firm behind the Museum’s architectural design, Dr. Christiane Gruber, Professor of Islamic Art at the University of Michigan, and Ohida Khandakar, a visual artist and filmmaker – each offering distinct perspectives that move across disciplines such as architecture, scholarship, and visual culture.

This season also introduces a new editorial partnership with *The Walrus*, one of Canada’s leading publications dedicated to ideas, culture, and public discourse.

*“This Being Human* has evolved into a prominent platform for global conversations on art, creativity, and the ways culture shapes how we see ourselves and one another,” said Dr. Sascha Priewe, Director, Collections and Public Programs, at the Aga Khan Museum. “With Mai Habib as host and the introduction of an audiovisual format, Season 5 builds on the first four seasons and brings audiences closer to the voices and lived experiences that define our shared humanity, while expanding the Museum’s role as a space for dialogue across cultures.”

*This Being Human* is available on major podcast platforms, including Spotify and Apple Podcasts. The first episode of Season 5 launches on April 28, with new episodes released monthly.

Visit [agakhanmuseum.org/thisbeinghuman](https://agakhanmuseum.org/thisbeinghuman) for more details.

### **About the Aga Khan Museum**

[The Aga Khan Museum](https://agakhanmuseum.org) in Toronto, Canada, has been established and developed by the Aga Khan Trust for Culture (AKTC), which is an agency of the Aga Khan Development Network (AKDN). Through permanent and temporary exhibitions, educational activities and performing arts, the Museum's mission is to spark wonder, curiosity, and understanding of Muslim cultures and their connection with other cultures through the arts. Designed by architect Fumihiko Maki, the Museum shares a 6.8-hectare site with Toronto's Ismaili Centre, which was designed by architect Charles Correa. The surrounding landscaped park was designed by landscape architect Vladimir Djurovic.

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