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Autism Ontario and the Art Gallery of Ontario Celebrate the Spectrum on World Autism Day

[Toronto, Ontario] On April 2, 2023, Autism Ontario and the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) collaborated to celebrate World Autism Day with “Celebrating the Spectrum”. Celebrating the Spectrum aimed to create positive change and advocate for support and services for autistic individuals.

The day was filled with family-friendly activities and programs, including art making, family-friendly tours of the AGO Collection, a self-guided activity book, and a maker station. Additionally, families were able to pick up AGO PLAY, a family-friendly activity booklet that included a scavenger hunt and art-making challenges.

Families also enjoyed a multisensory Art Cart in the Education Commons to explore art using various senses and participated in art activities and creative play opportunities at the Dr. Mariano Elia Hands-On Centre.

The event concluded with family-friendly tours of the Weston Family Learning Centre, which took place throughout the day.

Celebrating the Spectrum was a huge success, bringing together families, individuals, and community members to celebrate and learn about autism. By providing support and resources to the autism community, we can help make our communities more inclusive and accommodating for autistic individuals and their families.

To learn more about Autism Ontario, please visit <https://www.autismontario.com/>. To learn more about the Art Gallery of Ontario, please visit <https://www.ago.ca/>.

ABOUT AUTISM ONTARIO

[Autism Ontario](#) is dedicated to autism awareness and advocacy, and is Ontario's leading source of information and referral on autism. It provides autistic individuals and families across their life course with community-based access to meaningful supports, social learning opportunities, information, and connections.

ABOUT AGO

Located in Toronto, the Art Gallery of Ontario is one of the largest art museums in North America, attracting approximately one million visitors annually. The AGO Collection of more than 120,000 works of art ranges from cutting-edge contemporary art to significant works by Indigenous and Canadian artists to European masterpieces. The AGO presents wide-ranging exhibitions and programs, including solo exhibitions and acquisitions by diverse and underrepresented artists from around the world. The AGO is committed to being welcoming and accessible: admission is free for anyone under 25 years, and anyone can purchase an annual pass for \$35. In 2022, the AGO began the design phase of an expansion project intended to increase exhibition space for the museum's growing modern and contemporary collection. When construction begins in 2024, it will be the seventh expansion that the AGO has undertaken since it was founded in 1900. Visit [AGO.ca](#) to learn more.

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