

Beyond the surface and between the lines at Oakville Galleries

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(Oakville) – Oakville Galleries is pleased to present the opening of two thought-provoking exhibitions: ***Interfaces and Operating Systems*** by new media artist **Michelle Gay**, running from 7 March – 5 June at Oakville Galleries in Gairloch Gardens; and ***Novel Ideas***, a group exhibition of book-based art running from 7 March – 31 May 2009 at Oakville Galleries at Centennial Square.

We invite the public to an opening reception **Friday 6 March at 7:30pm** at Centennial Square. A reception will follow from 8:30 to 10 pm in Gairloch Gardens.

Michelle Gay *Interfaces and Operating Systems*

Michelle Gay's artistic practice is a hybrid of drawing and computer technology. Working closely with her brother, Colin, a particle physicist, Gay has been developing complex software- and hardware-based projects since 2000. She combines the immediacy of drawing with the complexity and infinite possibilities of technology. This exhibition will present works that use computer code to animate drawings and photos of the artist, which further her explorations of bodies, technologies, and psyches. Curated by Marnie Fleming.

Novel Ideas

Curated by Marnie Fleming and Gabby Agoncillo, this group exhibition--including key works from Oakville Galleries' permanent collection--celebrates a fascination with the bound page and its inclination towards artistic re-interpretation. Through acts of transformative slicing and cutting, books become more than just vessels for information and narrative fancy--they begin to exist as testaments to their own novel forms and ideas, questioning the way we traditionally consume the written word. Featuring works by Adam David Brown, Ian Carr-Harris, Brian Dettmer, Paul de Guzman, Alexandre Itin, Nicholas Jones, Georgia Russell, and Robert The.

Upcoming events at Oakville Galleries (Og₂):

Novel Idea: An Evening for Book and Art Lovers - Friday 6 March, 7pm

Oakville Galleries at Centennial Square and Oakville Public Library Central Branch, 120 Navy Street

Get a VIP tour of Oakville Galleries' exhibition, *Novel Ideas* before it opens to the public! Find out how books have inspired the works on exhibit from curators Marnie Fleming and Gabby Agoncillo, then grab your food and drinks and head to the Oakville Public Library Auditorium as library staff explore the novels that inspired Oakville the most in 2008. Tickets available at OPL branches. \$5 per participant (includes refreshments).

Presented by Oakville Galleries and the Oakville Public Library

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ARTbus Tour - Sunday 3 May

Take a ride on the ARTbus and experience this spring's exhibitions through artists' and curators' eyes. At Oakville Galleries, participants will be guided through *Michelle Gay: Interfaces and Operating Systems* by the artist, and *Novel Ideas* by curator Gabby Agoncillo; at Blackwood Gallery, curator Christof Migone will offer his thoughts on *awashawave*; and curator Robert Freeman will lead a tour of Libby Hague's exhibition at the Art Gallery of Mississauga, *One Step at a Time*. \$10 per participant.

Presented by Oakville Galleries, Blackwood Gallery and Art Gallery of Mississauga

For details on these exhibition-inspired events, please contact: Catherine Sicot at 905.844.4402, ext. 30.

Roaring '20s Fundraising Gala for Oakville Galleries - Friday 12 June

Oakville Galleries takes you back in time to a fancy-free world of flapper girls and strings of pearls. Roar back to the '20s and enjoy an evening of music, food, fun, and a few surprises. Do the Charleston to jumpin' jazz sounds in the Speakeasy Lounge, indulge in '20s inspired hors d'oeuvres while sipping giggle water at the Juice Joint overlooking Lake Ontario, and bid on swanky auction items, all in support of a great community cause.

For details on the Roaring '20s Fundraising Gala, please contact Kristina Trogrlic at 905.844.4402, ext. 22 or kristina@oakvillegalleries.com.

Oakville Galleries (Og2) is a not-for-profit charitable public art museum where contemporary art is the impetus for advancing imagination and self-reflection. Through two sites, Og2 serves communities in Oakville, Halton Region and wider audiences nationally and internationally.

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