

Wildlife Photographer Of The Year Show At ROM

Highlight Is An Interactive Coral Reef Installation That Immerses Public In The Undersea World

TORONTO: The world-renowned Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition returned to the Royal Ontario Museum (ROM) on Saturday, December 1, 2018.

Featuring 100 original images, Wildlife Photographer of the Year showcases the world's best nature photography, from fascinating animal behavior to breathtaking landscapes.

New this year and unique to the ROM's presentation is an interactive coral reef installation that immerses the public in the undersea world of this vital ecosystem.

Inspired by a photo in the exhibition's Underwater category, the ROM's exploration of a coral reef invites visitors to learn about the diversity and sustainability of life on a reef, including those located in Canada.

The display highlights the human impact on these ecosystems while inspiring change, with visitors participating in rebuilding a



This year, the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition also features four Highly Commended entries from three notable Canadian photographers: award-winning National Geographic photographer Shane Gross from Regina, SK, and photographers Liron Gertsman and Jess Findlay from Vancouver, BC.

The popular ROM Wildlife Photographer of the Year Contest gives both amateur and professional photographers the chance to win an Explore Borneo adventure tour for two, courtesy of G Adventures, and have their photo on display at the ROM. Running from November 15, 2018 to February 15, 2019, the contest invites participants to share their own nature photography on social media and tag #ROMWPYON. For more details, visit rom.on.ca/contest.

Pic: Coastal Brown Bear cub siblings in #Katmai NP. - Peter Derrington/www.rom.on.ca

reef as part of this immersive experience.

"The ROM has long been at the forefront of international study about coral reefs and their inhabitants.

"This includes the 125 species of coral reef fishes completely new to science, and four new spe-

cies described in 2018. Scientists from around the world continue to study the ROM's coral collection," says Sebastian Kvist, Associate Curator, Natural History, ROM.

The underwater exploring on Tuesday, December 4, 2018, when National Geographic pho-

tojournalist Brian Skerry delivers the Wildlife Photographer of the Year keynote lecture Luminous Seas.

Known for his photographs of undersea wildlife and environments, Skerry's visual storytelling highlights the problems facing the world's oceans.

'Seniors' Sunrise' Event

A 'Seniors' Sunrise' event - billed as a Convention for Old Diamonds' will be held at the National Banquet Hall (7355 Torbram Road, Mississauga) on December 15 as part of an initiative by students of Lambton College in Mississauga.

The event includes discussions

on:

- Lifestyle in Canada
- Transit and Road Safety
- Health, Mental Issues
- Recreational Activities.

For more information, visit: <http://seniorsconnect.000webhostapp.com> or call: 647-561-0059/647-355-0239.

Mississauga To Prepare Residents For Disaster



MISSISSAUGA: The City of Mississauga, along with the Region of Peel and the Canadian Red Cross is working together to equip Mississauga residents with support during a disaster.

Designated City-owned Community Centres will have new signage in place identifying them as an Emergency Reception Centre during an emergency situation. Trained City staff will also be available onsite to respond and co-ordinate facility operations during an emergency event and the Region of Peel Human Services & Canadian Red Cross will co-ordinate emergency social services.

"Mississauga is ready and prepared to respond in the event of a disaster. Disasters can have a life-altering impact on individuals, their families and our entire community. Evacuating from your home during a disaster can be overwhelming. It's important that our residents have the tools and guidance they need to feel safe, secure and well-prepared in the event of a crisis," said Mayor Bonnie Crombie. "Our Emergency Reception Centres are a beacon of security, and we want to ensure our residents can get there safely and soundly."

An Emergency Reception Centre is a safe place where people can go to receive:

- information about the emergency
- assistance meeting their basic needs
- help planning their recovery from the disaster
- other primary and specialized services

"We are in the business of building community preparedness. Our Emergency Management program is holistic; it includes people, resources and systems that all work together before, during and after a disaster," said Tim Beckett, Mississauga

Director of Emergency Management and Fire Chief.

"Emergency Reception Centres are such an important part of that system to keep residents informed and safe."

In the event residents cannot return home during a disaster, they are encouraged to register for emergency social services at the nearest Emergency Reception Centre. During the registration process, residents can expect to be asked the following questions:

- Do you have somewhere you can stay safely?
- Do you have transportation to work and school?
- Do you have clothes?
- Do you have clean water and food?

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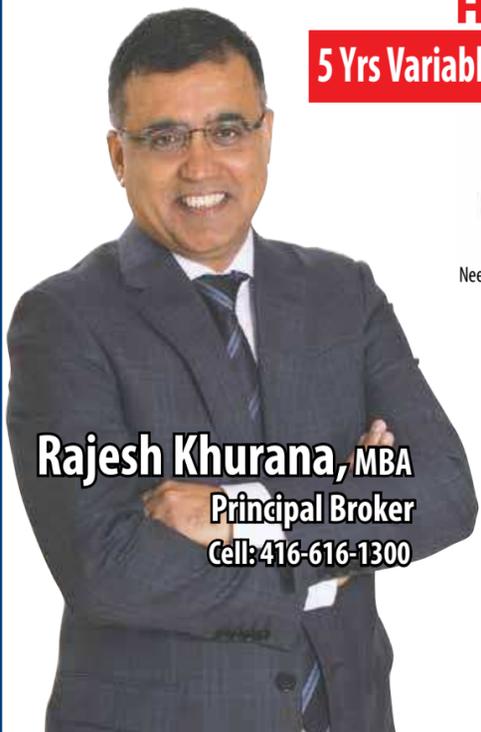
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