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New Art Exhibition is launched at Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital

(Oakville, ON) – On Saturday, April 27, the Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital (OTMH) Art Council is hosting an opening event to celebrate the launch of their most recent contemporary art exhibition entitled, *Close to Home*. Organized by OTMH Art Council Curator Shannon Anderson, this year-long project brings together artists from a range of cultural backgrounds, with works that speak to each artist’s connection to their country of origin and to ideas surrounding home, migration, and what it means to belong. Artists featured include; Tonia Di Risio, Soheila Esfahani, Rafael Goldchain, Xiong Gu, Sanaz Mazinani, Sumaira Tazeen, Denyse Thomasos, and Jeff Thomas.

One of the exhibiting artists, Rafael Goldchain feels that having the opportunity to show work in a hospital environment is deeply meaningful, “I would like to think that it can transport visitors, patients, and staff to a worlds of experience outside their immediate circumstances, which can be stressful.” said Goldchain, “Art in a hospital finds audiences not usually found in art galleries, audiences that have a different need for the art, a more intense and focused need for relief from stressful or mundane circumstances.”

Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital's 1.6 million square feet of space provides opportunities to display moving, inspiring and supportive works of art. Set up in 2015, the OTMH Art Council builds on the hospital’s existing art collection and works with artists, collectors and benefactors to create a space of healing and relies on donors, artists and community support to bring arts into the healthcare setting.

Joseph Rumi, OTMH Art Council Board Chair has been instrumental in the setup of the Art Council, “I believe that everyone deserves access to art and bringing these high quality works to patients and their families is what the Art Council was developed for. We rely on the generosity of donors and artists to create a healing environment and support patient and visitor wellbeing.”

To donate, support works in the hospital or find out more, please email OTMHartcouncil@haltonhealthcare.com

When: Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm
Where: Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital, 3001 Hospital Gate, Oakville
(in the John Oliver Auditorium, near the main lobby)
Program: 2:00pm – 2:30pm Reception & light snacks
2:30pm – 2:45pm Remarks
2:45pm – 3:30pm Art Tour of *Close to Home* Exhibition
3:30pm – 3:45pm Tour of the artworks in our Mental Health Program

About Halton Healthcare:

Halton Healthcare is a healthcare organization comprised of three community hospitals - Georgetown Hospital, Milton District Hospital and Oakville Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Together these hospitals, along with their community locations, provide healthcare services to nearly 400,000 residents in the communities of Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville. Halton Healthcare hospitals have been recognized for their best practices in a number of patient safety and patient care initiatives. For more information, visit www.haltonhealthcare.com Follow us on Twitter @HaltonHlthcare and Facebook.



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