

## SPECIAL PROGRAMS



Friday, March 2 | 8 – 10 pm

### An Intimate Evening with the Dana Parsons Trio

Come and enjoy an evening of music and songs as The Rooms presents an intimate evening of jazz standards, original music and stories from the Dana Parsons Trio.

**\$40 per person (10% discount for members)**

Friday, March 9 | 7 pm

### Movie Night at The Rooms: Maudie



Filmed on the island of Newfoundland, this beloved film directed by **Aisling Walsh**, written by **Sherry White** and produced by **Mary Sexton**, is currently nominated for seven Canadian Screen Awards. Academy Award® nominees, Sally Hawkins and Ethan Hawke, star in the true story of Maud Lewis, who overcame the physical challenge of juvenile rheumatoid arthritis to become one of Canada's premier folk artists.

**Director Aisling Walsh, will be here to host a special Q&A session following the screening.**

*In partnership with the St. John's International Women's Film Festival.*

**\$10 per person (10% discount for members)**

Friday, March 16 | 8 pm

### Friday Night Jam

Join Fergus Brown-O'Byrne in the first of The Rooms Friday Night Jam Sessions. Bring along your instrument to join in for some fun, or sit back and listen to some great traditional tunes.

**Included with the price of admission. Free to Rooms Members and musicians who perform.**

*Please Note: This is not an instructional program. If you have questions about the type of instrument you will be bringing in, please contact Angela Noseworthy at 757-8114.*

Friday, March 23 | 7 pm

### Movie Night at The Rooms: Wexford Plaza

Set against the backdrop of a deteriorating strip mall (brilliantly shot by cinematographer Maya Bankovic), *Wexford Plaza* tells the story of an unexpected sexual encounter between an isolated female security guard and a make-up salesman, and the miscommunication that ensues. Equal parts humorous and heartbreaking, writer and director **Joyce Wong** provides a glimpse into the lives and minds of two well-meaning characters as they navigate their loneliness.

**Cinematographer Maya Bankovic, will host a special Q&A session following the screening.**

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**\$10 per person (10% discount for members)**

Wednesday, March 28; April 25 | 7 – 9 pm

### Learn to Play 120s

Have you always wanted to learn how to play 120s but have never had the chance? Join our enthusiastic volunteer instructors as they share their love of this iconic card game.

**Spaces are limited and pre-registration is recommended. To register, please contact Visitor Services at 757- 8090. \***

\* Included with the price of admission. Free to Rooms Members.

# The Rooms PROGRAMS



## ENGAGING EVENINGS



Wednesday, March 7 | 7 pm

### Photography in Newfoundland Panel Discussion

Join a panel of celebrated local photographers including Sheilagh O'Leary and Manfred Buchheit as they discuss the evolution in photography as seen through their lenses and in connection with the National Gallery of Canada exhibition *Photography in Canada 1960 – 2000*. \*

Wednesday, March 14 | 7 pm

### Discharged Medically Unfit: Tuberculosis Among the Troops, 1914-1918



During the First World War, many members of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment were sent overseas with latent pulmonary tuberculosis. Latent tuberculosis was impossible to detect at the time since the infected did not exhibit symptoms and were not sick. However, latent tuberculosis often advanced to active tuberculosis, which was infectious, debilitating, and life-threatening. Dr. Heidi Coombs-Thorne will discuss tuberculosis during the First World War and the measures taken to treat it. \*

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Wednesday, March 21 | 7 pm

### 2017 BMO Winterset Awards: Author Readings

The 2017 BMO Winterset Award Author Readings features this year's finalists as well as an author Q & A facilitated by Winterset founder, Richard Gwyn.

*Program presented in collaboration with Newfoundland and Labrador Arts Council*

**Free program**

Wednesday, March 28 | 7 pm

### The Rooms Book Club: Pete "Snook" Soucy, How Ya Gettin' On? Snook Writes About Stuff

Join Pete 'Snook' Soucy, our author of the month to discuss his book *How Ya Gettin' On?*

Downtown corner boy Snook has been hanging around, telling yarns, and having a laugh for over thirty years now. Known as a fast talker and funny laughter, Snook finally jotted down some of his musings on ... stuff – all sorts of stuff.

**\$15 (10% discount for members)**



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Thursday, March 1 | 2:30 pm

**Anthony M. Tooton**

The Tooton's processed more than 100 million rolls of film in our province. This family documented our people, places and history. Anthony Tooton will be here to give a presentation about his family's impact.



Thursday, March 8 | 2:30 pm

**Behind Barbed Wire: Newfoundland POWs in the Great War**  
**Jessie Chisholm with Dan Duda and Colleen Quigley**

More than 200 Newfoundland men were POWs in the Great War, including naval reservists, merchant marine and members of the Royal Flying Corps. The majority, however, served in the Royal Newfoundland Regiment. This presentation focusses on the experiences of the Regiment POWs, revealed through first-person narratives, family letters, photographs and post-war claims for pensions and reparations.

Thursday, March 15 | 2:30 pm

**Diversity in Newfoundland & Labrador**

Director of the Office of Immigration and Multiculturalism, Remzi Cej will discuss diversity in our province, in connection with Aleesa Cohene's exhibition *I Don't Get It*. Join Mr. Cej for an insightful look at diversity as it pertains to Newfoundland and Labrador and hear the efforts being made in this province to provide equality to all people.

Thursday, March 22 | 2:30 pm

**Hiking Through Time**

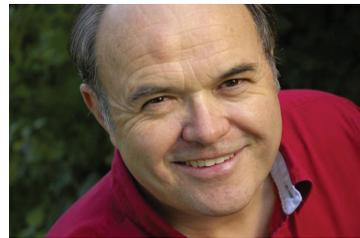
Dressed in a tunic and trousers like it was 1612, interpreter Chris Martin hiked around Trinity Bay following in the steps of English explorer Henry Crout. Come hear about his adventures and what he learned about life in the Newfoundland environment during the 17<sup>th</sup> century.



Thursday, March 29 | 2:30 pm

**Andy Jones**

Andy Jones engaged with our permanent collection and composed haikus to connect with pairs of artworks. The public responded with more haikus and now Andy revisits the haiku project, keeping the conversation going.



Ongoing until April 24 | 10:30 – 11:30 am

**Big Fun for Little People**

Bring your tot along every Tuesday and join us for Big Fun. The program – designed for children aged 2-4 years – features stories, songs, puppets, games and crafts for tots and their guardian. Afterward, head upstairs to The Rooms Café for a complimentary tea or coffee and a chance to visit with other adults. \*



Saturday and Sunday | during opening hours

**Family Fun Weekends**

Explore our new drop-in activity space. Here you'll find scavenger hunts, games and hands-on activities to do as a family that will enrich your visit to The Rooms Archives, Art Gallery and Museum. \*

Sunday, March 11 | 1 – 4 pm

**Nature Nook**

Do you have questions about our natural environment? Do you want to get hands-on with some real specimens? Visit our Nature NL volunteers to feel pelts, bones and feathers and ask your questions about our province's wild plants, animals and spaces. \*

Sunday, March 18 | 1 – 4 pm

**Archaeology Nook**

From spear points, pendants and snow goggles to pipes, lures and pottery shards. Many unique items have been found by archaeologists digging in our province. Join the Newfoundland and Labrador Archaeological Society to explore these artifacts and more. \*

Sunday, March 18 | 1 – 4 pm

**Sharing Our Cultures**

*Sharing Our Cultures* is an intercultural, educational event, which showcases the diverse cultures of high school youth, residing in St. John's. Visitors will get an opportunity to interact with youth participants and learn about their cultures, including Burundi, China, Congo, Eritrea, Iraq, Sudan, and Syria.

**Free to attend**



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