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Mosaic Art – A Community Collaboration



Clients, family members, staff, and neighbours came together over three days to create a truly collaborative piece of art. From March 6 – 8, everyone was invited to attend one of the three drop-in sessions, held in the CAMH Queen Street Community Centre Mall, to create a mosaic piece that will be installed in the new Intergenerational Wellness Centre. The sessions were well attended and participants enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of an art project and the new CAMH redevelopment.



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The original painting by artist Michael Morbach is coming to life as CAMH staff, clients, and community members participate in transforming the artwork into mosaic pieces.

Program. “It was really amazing to witness their excitement. The clients quickly became engaged with the project and saw it as a truly therapeutic healing session.”

Involving youth in this project was a great opportunity for them to “participate in something that has permanence – so important for young people to be able to ‘make their mark’, especially in a way that is endorsed by CAMH and established artists,” offered Alison Watson, Advance Practice Nurse, CAMH Concurrent Youth Inpatient Unit.

Dr. Corine Carlisle, Clinic Head, CAMH Youth Addictions and Concurrent Disorders Service, was “surprised by the power of participating in this project. The art piece itself, the trust placed in us by the artist to build the art into a mosaic, how it takes many small pieces to build the bigger picture – all this was symbolic for me of the work we undertake with our clients. It was very empowering and very humbling.”

Opportunities for Artists

For the 12 Workman Arts artists involved, this project has created immersive professional opportunities as they have received in-depth, hands-on training in the mosaic medium and design techniques. They have also been able to develop skills as trainers by assisting with the facilitation of the smaller pieces.

Following a call for submissions and adjudication procedures, Workman Arts commissioned artist Michael Morbach to create a new work to be translated into a large scale mosaic mural for the main lobby wall in the new Intergenerational Wellness Centre. In addition, five smaller works inspired by this main mural will be installed in the building’s hallway adjoining the lobby.

The translation of the original artwork to mosaic has been facilitated by professional mosaic artists and executed by a team of Workman Arts artists. The five smaller pieces are being developed by clients from CAMH’s geriatric, youth, and adult programs, as well as staff, families, and community members, with approximately 12 Workman Arts artists acting as assistant facilitators.

“There has been an overwhelming response to the mosaic project from our geriatric clients,” enthused Nargess Zahraei, Clinical Transition Manager, CAMH Geriatric Mental Health

Images of mosaic panels completed by clients and staff of the Geriatric Mental Health Program.



The Mosaic

– An Enduring Legacy, A Community Collaboration

This mosaic project will be an enduring legacy created by a community of CAMH and Workman Arts artists that will be enjoyed by clients, families, staff, and community members alike.



For more about the mosaic art project, visit CAMH’s website at www.camh.net. Go to the “**Queen Street Redevelopment**” section and then click on the “News, Updates & Archive” page.

Non-CAMH Building Gets Topped Off

On January 20, the first non-CAMH building – the Ossington-Queen Street Rental Apartments – officially celebrated its ‘topping off’ ceremony, which is a tradition on building sites, signifying that the highest point of a building has been reached.

Over the last couple of months, the construction work on this building has progressed to the point where concrete and formwork is now complete. By early April, the tower crane will no longer be onsite and the building will be fully bricked. A month later, the windows will be completely installed. Interior work in the suites and the common area amenities is ongoing.

In the beginning of May, landscaping work will begin when the hoarding and covered way are removed from the front; and the new sidewalk and new trees will begin to rejuvenate the look of Queen Street West from Gordon Bell Road to Lower Ossington Avenue.

Occupancy of the Ossington-Queen Street Rental Apartments will begin in early July and move-ins will continue throughout the summer months, with full occupancy in September.



In this photo, representatives from Verdiroc Development Corporation, Forum Equity Partners, and CAMH attended this ceremonious occasion. Also seen here is Councillor Mike Layton (far left).



The top of the Ossington-Queen Street Rental Apartments, taken on March 1, 2012.

Interested in Renting?

This building includes seven floors of much-needed, affordable, rental housing with 179 units, ranging from bachelors to three-bedroom apartments. Applications for this building are still being accepted. For leasing information, call 416 486-4270, ext. 2502 or visit www.verdiroc.com and click on the “100 Lower Ossington Avenue” link in red.

CAMH Construction Update

Preparations for CAMH staff, clients, programs, and services to move into the three new buildings on the Queen Street site are well underway as the buildings are nearing completion.

The building envelopes are in their final stages, including glazing, siding, roofing, and metal panel installation.

On the interiors, the first floors of the Intergenerational Wellness Centre and the Bell Gateway Building are the last areas to be constructed. Both are at the flooring and ceiling installation stage, and once this has been done,

work will begin on painting, millwork, and other finishing activities.

In all three buildings, other interior finishes are near completion, including mechanical (grills, fixtures), electrical (receptacles, switches), paint, millwork, doors and hardware, flooring, and ceilings. As well, mechanical and electrical systems are undergoing final commissioning.

Currently, furniture for the workstations is being installed in the Bell Gateway Building and this work will start soon in the Intergenerational Wellness Centre and the Utilities and Parking Building.

Work on the parking floors of the Utilities and Parking Building is nearing completion, including floor finishing and painting, curbs, and other finishes.

Outside, roadwork and final site grading are in their final stages, sidewalks are being installed, and landscaping will commence in spring, as the weather permits.



A look at the client-run 'Out of This World Café' in the Bell Gateway Building in February 2012.



The new two-storey gymnasium is under construction in this photo, taken in February 2012.

Mark Your Calendars

– It's a Grand Opening!

CAMH is planning a Grand Opening ceremony of these three new buildings on **June 21, 2012**. It will be held onsite, **starting at 11:00 a.m.** with tours of the new buildings following the opening festivities.



So, mark your calendars!

More details to follow soon.