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## AGO and TDSB Team Up To Fuel Passion for Art

**(TORONTO – Nov. 28, 2011)** – Hundreds of Toronto District School Board (TDSB) students and educators will be able to visit the Weston Family Learning Centre at the Art Gallery of Ontario (AGO) each year for hands-on experience of art thanks to a new five-year partnership between the TDSB and the AGO.

Students will experience:

- Special full-day programs at the AGO: Up to 500 high-priority TDSB classes will visit the Gallery in the 2011-12 school year;
- The AGO's installation of 13 key paintings from the TDSB's art collection in the Weston Family Learning Centre;
- Specialized curriculum and resources for teachers and students online and at the AGO; and  
 Free access to the Weston Family Learning Centre for students, teachers, parents and the community.

"This historic partnership is an incredible opportunity for our students, teachers and school communities," said Chris Spence, TDSB Director of Education. "We truly believe the arts have an overwhelmingly positive impact on student achievement. Our fine art collection helps tell the story of who we are, as a school board, and as a city."

"Young audiences are the future of the Gallery, and we are committed to providing opportunities for them to engage with art in meaningful ways," said Matthew Teitelbaum, the AGO's Michael and Sonja Koerner Director, and CEO. "Our partnership with the TDSB will do just that and spark the imagination and creativity of thousands of learners."

To learn more about the TDSB/AGO partnership and the AGO's educational programs, visit [www.ago.net/schools](http://www.ago.net/schools) and [www.tdsb.on.ca](http://www.tdsb.on.ca).

More information can be found in the related backgrounder, available upon request.

### ABOUT THE AGO

With a permanent collection of more than 80,000 works of art, the Art Gallery of Ontario is among the most



distinguished art museums in North America. In 2008, with a stunning new design by world-renowned architect Frank Gehry, the AGO opened its doors to the public amid international acclaim. Architectural highlights include Galleria Italia, a gleaming showcase made of wood and glass running the length of an entire city block along the Gallery's façade; and the feature staircase, spiraling up through the roof of Walker Court and into the new contemporary galleries above. From the extensive Group of Seven collection to the dramatic African art gallery; from the cutting-edge works in the contemporary tower to Peter Paul Rubens' masterpiece *The Massacre of The Innocents*, a highlight of the celebrated Thomson Collection, there is truly something for everyone at the AGO.

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