

# Group of 7 at the AGO

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- The Group's first exhibition opened at the Art Gallery of Toronto (now the AGO) in May 1920
- The AGO now houses more than 1,300 works by the group's artists (including Tom Thomson) in its Permanent Collection and The Thomson Collection of Canadian Paintings and First Nations Objects

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# AGO Permanent Collection



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# The Thomson Collection of Canadian Paintings and First Nations Objects



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# Special Exhibitions

- 1996 – The Group of Seven: Art for a Nation (org by the National Gallery of Canada)
- 2003 – Tom Thomson (Surcharged)
- 2005 – The Group of Seven and the Art Gallery of Ontario
- 2015 – Into the Woods (The Jack Pine and The West Wind)
- 2016 – The Idea of North: The Paintings of Lawren Harris (July 2 – Sept 11, 2016) (Surcharged)

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# Into The Woods: Two Icons Revisited



TOM THOMSON

1897 (Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, 1897)  
1917 (Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, 1917)

Sketch for  
"The Jack Pine"

Oil  
1917  
1917 (Oshawa, Ontario, Canada, 1917)

Sketch for  
"The West Wind"

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# The Idea of North



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# Idea of North (cont'd)

- Lawren Harris remains largely unknown in the United States
- AGO partnering with the Hammer Museum to introduce Harris's iconic landscapes to audiences in Los Angeles and Boston (MFA)
- *The Idea of North: The Paintings of Lawren Harris* will be the first major solo exhibition of his work to be shown in the United States
- The exhibition is co-curated by comedian, musician, actor and writer Steve Martin who is an avid art collector, a Harris fan, and a very active member of this curatorial team
- At the core of this exhibition are more than 30 of Harris's most significant northern landscapes from the 1920s and 1930s.
- It examines this defining period and celebrates Harris as a leading modernist painter, an innovator on par with contemporaries Marsden Hartley, Edward Hopper, and Georgia O'Keeffe.

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