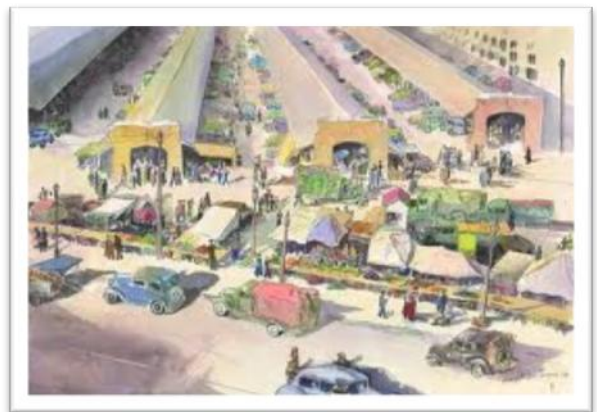


# Gallery on 4 at the Central Library Welcomes Roger Ferreira



Mr. Ferreira's exhibition at the newly renovated Central branch of the Hamilton Public Library runs through the month of February.





Roger Ferreira's art seeks to educate and involve others in discourse about inclusiveness and social justice. Born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, he is the 1st child of scholarship students Yvonne and Michael from Trinidad and Tobago. A few years after birth, he was sent to the island in the care of his grandparents in the village of Arouca, while his parents stayed to settle in Winnipeg. Later, after

his parents returned to Trinidad he grew up within the influence of his mother's flair for designing clothes, his father's hobby for sketching and their endearing love for the art expressed in Carnival. He was an excellent student as a child and won 3rd prize in a Colgate National Art Competition and a scholarship to St. Mary's College, while attending St. Pius Boy's Elementary School.

Roger returned to Canada in 1988 to pursue a career as an artist while studying and providing for his family (Cathy, Kyle, Kareem and Kristian). He won a Governor General's medal at Scott Park and was granted a B.A in Art History from McMaster University in 1997, and later became a teacher with the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board in 2007. Since returning to Canada he has contributed works of art, developed summer camps for young artists, and mentored and taught youth with the Trinidad and Tobago Association, the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic Board, the Black Youth Achievement Center, and the Children's International Association. For his efforts, he won a John C. Holland Award for Art and Culture in 1999.

His designs have promoted organizations like the ACCPI, Pot-pourri, the Hamilton Youth Steel Orchestra, ICAA and ACCA to name a few. Roger made his debut into Caribana and the Hamilton Mardi Gras in 2004, designing and making costumes. He designed the poster, and also worked on the "And still I Rise" project. In 2004 he was awarded the Volunteer Service Award in Hamilton. Roger Ferreira continues to teach at the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic School Board, ICAA, ACCA and is a senior artist at the "Under the Willows program (Lynwood Hall). He has recently started an Artist Co-operative with other artists called Pastime.



