

Art Gallery of Ontario

What Matters Most: Photographs of Black Life

North Wall

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Unknown photographer
[Woman holding Polaroid in park], 1978
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/3541

Unknown photographer
[Little girl in dress standing outside and waving], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2601

Unknown photographer
[Girl smiling in short-sleeved white dress with a red ribbon pinned to it], 1987–1997
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2801

Unknown photographer
[Woman in bikini wading in water], 1986–1996
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 778]
2018/645

Unknown photographer
[People sitting in strong shadows from slatted roof structure], 1980–1990
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/503

Unknown photographer
[Woman and two girls dressed up and posing in front of car], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2501

Unknown photographer
[Man in straw hat leaning against exterior of Bungo Café], 1963–1970
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]
2018/407

Unknown photographer
[Two women standing outside by road], 1978
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/788

Unknown photographer
[Child in white suit beside statue], 1980–1990
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2199

Unknown photographer
[Funeral portrait of baby], 1960s–1990s
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2204

Unknown photographer
Grandma [Woman sitting by a fridge with a plate of food on her lap], 1988
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2203

Unknown photographer
Me on our church lot [Woman in dress standing by open door of car], April 27, 1990
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/3404

Unknown photographer
[Girl with ball posing in driveway], around 1980
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2090

Unknown photographer
[Woman with pink corsage standing outside by car], 1976
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/761

Unknown photographer
[Little girl in party hat with yellow balloon], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/749

Unknown photographer
[Person sitting in chair in dark room], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/173

Unknown photographer
[Man holding girl, sitting in armchair (fist bump)], 1988
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/846

Unknown photographer

Grant, N.M. [Man in rocky landscape holding shirt above his head], 1963–1970

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/119

Unknown photographer

[Boy with glasses snapping his fingers], 1988

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/79

Unknown photographer

[Man in cowboy hat smiling at woman beside him], 1981–1991

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/2637

Unknown photographer

[Man in glasses with hands in pockets], 1981–1991

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/340

Unknown photographer

[Woman in white t-shirt posing by car], 1976–1985

colour instant print [Kodak]

2018/182

Unknown photographer

Mosque [Older woman dressed up and holding hands with girl in green outfit], 1997

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/3511

Unknown photographer

[Profile of woman with a stud earring and bare shoulders], 1974

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/3547

Unknown photographer

[Boy with hands on hips standing beside dog in backyard], 1963–1970

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/2187

Unknown photographer

[Two children swimming in large body of water], 1970–1980

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/1906

Unknown photographer

Grandpa and his sweet thing [Baby on roof of car, man smiling at her], March 29, 1970
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/418

Unknown photographer

[Two young men in uniforms standing outside], 1978
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/834

Unknown photographer

[Woman in wedding dress in back seat of car], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/75

Unknown photographer

[Child running inside gymnasium with red flag], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]

2018/2182

Unknown photographer

[Woman in hat posing in front of a building], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2464

Unknown photographer

[Teenage boy with his hands together in parking lot], 1984–1994
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/765

Unknown photographer

[Woman with short curly hair looking at camera, standing with man looking at her], 1978
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/3454

Unknown photographer

Just Chillin [Man in white outfit standing against wall outside], December 21, 1990
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2665

Unknown photographer

[Two men and two women in kitchen], 1975
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/114

Unknown photographer

[Man kissing cheek of woman with gold hoop earrings], 1981–1997
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/3457

Unknown photographer
[Girl wearing costume glasses in front of wooden door], 1982–1992
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2071

Unknown photographer
Neicy, Donta [Woman kneeling by toddler in front of door], 1990
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/284

Unknown photographer
[Woman doing elderly woman's hair in living room], 1980
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2201

Unknown photographer
[Profile of children dressed in white and walking in a line], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2824

Unknown photographer
[Boy kneeling, resting his chin on his hand, in front of house], 1988
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2461

Unknown photographer
[Woman in yellow bikini top sitting in dim room], 1974
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2872

Unknown photographer
[Three women sitting on bed, woman in centre wearing colourful sweater], 1979
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2503

Unknown photographer
[Man in white t-shirt sitting on wicker chair], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2812

Unknown photographer
[Photograph of two people on table], 1986–1996

colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra]
2018/606

Unknown photographer
11-28-98 [Man with head cocked to the right, smiling in front of door], 1998
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/1445

Unknown photographer
11-23-90 [Man in black cap and sunglasses standing in field], 1990
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/163

Unknown photographer
Donald Jones [Young man in graduation cap and gown], 1983
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/853

Unknown photographer
[Woman in tan beret with hands on hips], 1976
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/860

Unknown photographer
[Baby in white sitting on brown couch, curtains behind], 1982–1992
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2184

Unknown photographer
Ashley, 9 weeks old, 1020 gms, 2 lbs 4 oz. [Hand covering baby's head], 1984
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2019

Unknown photographer
Ashley, 62 days old, 1000 gms = 2 lbs 3 oz. [Newborn in hospital], 1984
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2017

Unknown photographer
Geoffrey, 62 days old, 1180 gms = 2 lbs., 9 1/2 oz., [Person in glasses holding baby],
1984
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2016

Unknown photographer
To: My Son, Daddy loves you Shamar [Man in blue shirt holding little boy], 2005

colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra]
2018/2092

Unknown photographer
[Little boy standing on lawn with Easter basket], 1980s
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/833

Unknown photographer
Evan (Gloria's son) [Man in blue jacket by wood door], December 21, 1984
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/322

Unknown photographer
[Group of young men and women posing, most wearing leather jackets], 1986–1996
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2248

Unknown photographer
[Man wearing long brown coat, standing inside], 1987
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2297

Unknown photographer
[Young woman in white graduation cap and gown, holding diploma], 1987–1997
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2450

Unknown photographer
[Three children in white outfits with ribbons standing by classroom wall], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2192

Unknown photographer
John A. James Jr. [Boy in turtleneck smiling], 1973
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 88]
2018/2528

Unknown photographer
[Man and woman sitting behind microphone and turntable], 1978
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/826

Unknown photographer
[Man with two toddlers in pink toy car], 1988
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2098

Unknown photographer

[Girl in tank top posing with one arm behind her head], 1985–1995

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/2608

Unknown photographer

[Man kneeling outside by rose bush], 1975

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/2715

Unknown photographer

7-17-88 [Man in shower covering his face with washcloth], 1988

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/3515

Unknown photographer

[Five men in suits posing in front of backdrop], 1981

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/623

Unknown photographer

Sam [Baby sleeping on person's lap], April 4, 1998

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/187

Unknown photographer

[Person wearing lace top and beaded hairpiece reclining on bed], 1982–1992

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/3411

Unknown photographer

[Person in nightgown and beaded hairpiece reclining on bed, legs crossed], 1982–1992

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/83

Unknown photographer

[Woman sitting outside on steps looking at baby in chair], 1997–2008

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2091

Unknown photographer

[Girl leaning on bicycle with her arms crossed], 1976–1985

colour instant print [Kodak]

2018/653

Unknown photographer

[Man in military uniform walking down sidewalk, holding books and binder], 1970s–1980s

chromogenic print

2018/1035

Unknown photographer

[Man lying in bed with a smiling baby], 1981–1991

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/3490

Unknown photographer

[Man and woman posing in front of mural of dancing people], 1963–1970

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/685

Unknown photographer

10/31/90 [Man holding toddler in tiger costume], 1990

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/830

Unknown photographer

[Two women in matching dresses standing with two men in a kitchen], 1986–1996

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/3453

Unknown photographer

[Group posing in front of tree, three men holding three women in their arms], 1988

colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra]

2018/2245

Unknown photographer

Melchezdek, Age 6 [Boy playing on skateboard in front of house], June 19, 1988

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2065

Unknown photographer

Age 6 [Little boy sitting on sidewalk with skateboard], June 19, 1988

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/809

Unknown photographer

[Man and two women dressed up, standing together], 1963–1970

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]

2018/687

Unknown photographer
[Girl in dress standing in doorway and smiling], 1991
colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra]
2018/2023

Unknown photographer
[Girl in dress standing in doorway with back turned], 1991
colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra]
2018/2024

Unknown photographer
[Woman with hoop earrings sitting on black couch], 1974
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 88]
2018/1921

Unknown photographer
Richard L. Williams Birthday Party [Two men with arms around each other], 1990
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2541

Unknown photographer
Xmas Party, Ronzi & Pam [Two girls holding Christmas presents], December 20, 1974
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]
2018/751

Unknown photographer
[Woman with two toddlers in pink toy car], 1988
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2099

Unknown photographer
[Man with earring wearing plaid shirt], 1987–1997
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/629

Unknown photographer
[Five women dressed up and posing in corridor], 1989
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/824

Unknown photographer
[Woman in sleeveless white dress looking in mirror, combing her hair], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/3519

Unknown photographer

1st Hair Cut, 2 yrs old [Man cutting child's hair], January 16, 1982

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/2093

Unknown photographer

[Woman in blue dress sitting by TV set], 1980–1990

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/2306

Unknown photographer

[Girl posing in yellow and green cheerleader outfit], 1981–1991

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 779]

2018/2894

Unknown photographer

[Woman sitting by elderly man in bed], 1984–1994

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/2502

Unknown photographer

Betty + Andre [Woman and boy standing by Christmas tree], December 23, 1976

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/2211

Unknown photographer

[Two girls dressed up and standing in front of blue car], 1986–1996

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2531

Unknown photographer

[Three girls posing in front of car], 1986–1996

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2078

Unknown photographer

[Person in nightgown reclining on bed], 1982–1992

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/82

Unknown photographer

[Woman and children outside with balloons], 1980s

colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/2881

Unknown photographer

Jordans High [School group marching down street], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/616

Unknown photographer
Brenda [Two women and two men smiling together in restaurant booth], 1963–1970
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]
2018/744

Unknown photographer
[Man shaving in front of mirror], 1968–1978
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]
2018/101

Unknown photographer
[Woman in yellow dress posing next to brown car], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2385

Unknown photographer
[Boy posing with arms crossed in front of brown car], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2371

Unknown photographer
[Boy smiling and wearing a suit in living room], 1970s–1980s
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/1884

Unknown photographer
[Man crouching beside toddler on rocking horse outside], 1980–1990
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2798

Unknown photographer
Breaking in Arizona [Four children standing outside in front of bus], June 24, 2001
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2238

Unknown photographer
[Child making a peace sign, crouching next to car], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2196

Unknown photographer
[Girl in white dress making peace sign in front of brown car], 1983–1993

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2200

Unknown photographer
[Woman and two boys posing in garden], 1990
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/843

Unknown photographer
[Four boys posing together on grass, by road], 1980s
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/117

Unknown photographer
Shawna [Young child in a white tank top sitting up straight in chair outside of house],
1981–1991
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2620

Unknown photographer
[Teenage girl with man and woman holding baby], 1987–1997
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/758

Unknown photographer
[Young man holding baby cheek to cheek], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2592

Unknown photographer
[Man on bench press lifting weights], 1980–1990
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/160

Unknown photographer
[Woman wearing beaded necklace sitting with man], 1980–1997
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2657

Unknown photographer
[Young man in blue shirt standing on city sidewalk], 1976
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 88]
2018/3517

Unknown photographer
To Galynn, Daddy's Thinking About You!! [Man with his hand on his chin], 2000

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/865

Unknown photographer
[Young man and woman hugging in living room in front of television set], 1994–2004
colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra]
2018/2058

Unknown photographer
[Two men wearing jackets standing on city street], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/2084

Unknown photographer
[Man and woman with arms around each other standing on lawn], 1988–1992
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2038

Unknown photographer
Gran B & Sammy [Woman in blue dress and pearls holding baby], July 18, 1998
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2470

Unknown photographer
[Woman leaning into man with baby on his lap, sitting on plaid couch], July 19, 1998
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/1701

Unknown photographer
[Woman and man holding baby together and sitting on plaid couch], July 19, 1998
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/1730

Unknown photographer
GiGi Rose, Gran Barbara, Mommy, Aunt Nora, Uncle Matt, Aunt Jackie, Aunt Juanita,
Logan + Sammy [Family portrait inside by staircase], July 19, 1998
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2229

Unknown photographer
July 19, 1998 [Woman and man holding baby], July 19, 1998
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/192

Unknown photographer
Sammy's Baptism [Woman in yellow beside man holding a baby], July 19, 1998

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/3499

Unknown photographer
[Young man in yellow tank top holding a drink at a party], 1980–1990
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2547

Unknown photographer
[Woman in white dress with lace sleeves striking a pose], 1985–1995
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/3531

Unknown photographer
[Man and woman hugging outside by tree], 1970s–1980s
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/780

Unknown photographer
Skylar 3 yrs. old [Boy standing barefoot between houses], September 5 1986
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 778]
2018/2822

Unknown photographer
[Three woman and a man dressed up and smiling, sitting together on a couch], 1973
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2892

Unknown photographer
[Two women sitting at a table and smiling], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/1842

Unknown photographer
[Girl wearing yellow, sleeping in bed], 1987–1997
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2386

Unknown photographer
[Three boys posing in front of car], 1970s–1980s
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/649

Unknown photographer
[Girl smiling with hands on hips in front of TV set], 1990
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/3428

Unknown photographer

[Woman dressed in white uniform standing by counter with ivy plant], 1984–1994
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2643

Unknown photographer

Ola Mae Bradly “What did you say darling” [Elderly woman in glasses], 2000
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2631

Unknown photographer

[Man sitting at sewing machine], 1976
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/835

Unknown photographer

[Woman in orange blouse posing in front of car], 1981–1991
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/774

Unknown photographer

[Girl in white dress with yellow ribbon, other children lined up behind her], 1982–1992
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/2818

Unknown photographer

[Little girl in white dress with clips in her hair], 1986–1996
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]

2018/832

Unknown photographer

Living Room, Mildred, Fatman [Man in blue hat hugging woman in dress], 1960s–1990s
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/1995

Unknown photographer

Rochelle, Michelle, Stephanie [Three women sitting on couch], August 31, 1991
colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra]

2018/641

Unknown photographer

[Man with eyes wide open, wearing curlers], 1977
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]

2018/2202

Unknown photographer
[Shirtless man at sink looking in the mirror], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/2163

Unknown photographer
[Woman and man posing in front of yellow cityscape backdrop], 1986–2008
colour instant print [Polaroid Spectra]
2018/2568

Unknown photographer
[Young man with boom box, standing by window], 1978
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/326

Unknown photographer
[Young man shirtless wearing blue shorts in army barracks], 1978
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2629

Unknown photographer
[Three children standing inside house], 1970s
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/104

Unknown photographer
[Baptism], 1982–1992
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2089

Unknown photographer
[Man standing by picnic area], 1983–1993
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/877

Unknown photographer
To Dad, Love Butch [Man in a hat, standing inside], December 16, 1977
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/2160

Unknown photographer
12-16-78 [Woman looking at photo album], 1978
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/859

Unknown photographer
[Man sitting in armchair, holding Polaroids], 1978
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 88]
2018/624

Unknown photographer
Apple @ 9 mo [Man in yellow shirt sitting and holding two babies], 1982–1992
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/3479

Unknown photographer
[Two men wearing cowboy hats and smiling], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/2075

Unknown photographer
[Woman with wine glass and making “Call Me” gesture], 2000
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2490

Unknown photographer
[Woman in black hat sitting with a baby, framed family photographs behind them], 1988
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/3492

Unknown photographer
Troy, Nate, Jimmy, MeMe, Tasha, Shana [Six children in front of piano], 1981–1991
colour instant print [Polaroid SX-70]
2018/752

Unknown photographer
Family reunion in Missouri [Family portrait in wood panelled room], 1988
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/238

Unknown photographer
[Woman in yellow pants with hands on her hips], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/115

Unknown photographer
10-15-71 [Three girls in Compton sweatshirts sitting on a couch with a baby], 1971
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]
2018/756

Unknown photographer

Friends of mine [Four women with their arms around each other], April 1989
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2678

Unknown photographer
[Five men in military uniforms posing together outside], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/868

Unknown photographer
[Group of seven young people posing in school yard], 1972
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]
2018/2567

Unknown photographer
Sam and GranBee on Mother's Day [Woman holding baby], May 5, 1999
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/881

Unknown photographer
[Two boys in matching plaid shirts sitting on bed], 1963–1970
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]
2018/825

Unknown photographer
[Man smiling and leaning against lamp post], 1989
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/878

Unknown photographer
Lil Skarekrow & Roy [Two teenage boys shaking hands by brick wall], 1976–1985
colour instant print [Kodak]
2018/3468

Unknown photographer
[Woman playing Solitaire on computer], 1997–2008
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/2066

Unknown photographer
[Two men sitting together at diner booth, signs decorate the walls], 1984–1994
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 600]
2018/3470

Unknown photographer
[Man and woman in patterned shirts standing and holding each other], 1990

colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]
2018/650

Unknown photographer
[Man with large gold chain crouching with arms crossed], 1990
colour instant print [Polaroid Type 108]
2018/1872