

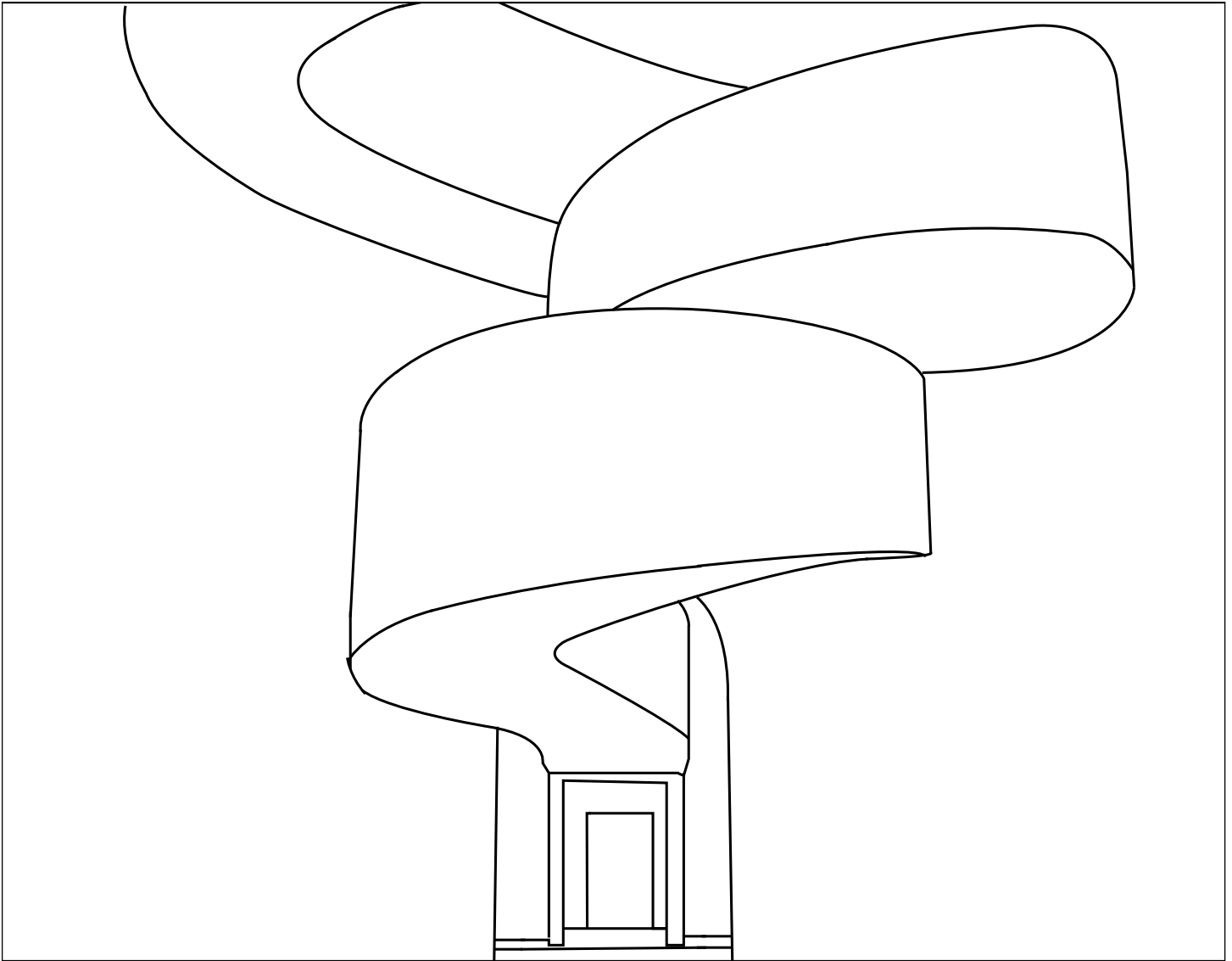
## AGO INSIDE: WALKER COURT

This is a line drawing of Walker Court, the heart and central meeting space of the AGO. Installed between the archways are artworks by artist Robert Houle, titled *Seven Grandfathers*, representing ceremonial drums that correspond to the seven traditional teachings in Anishinaabe culture. Each drum corresponds to an animal spirit and symbolizes one of the sacred teachings: the eagle means love; the beaver means wisdom; the wolf means humility; the buffalo means respect; the turtle means truth; the bear means courage, and a woodland transformational figure means honesty.

The large interior space at the AGO, known as Walker Court, with its glass ceiling, spiral wooden staircase, large archways and a series of artworks mounted on the walls. Line drawing artist: Asifa Minhas.

Robert Houle, *Seven Grandfathers*, 2014. Oil on canvas, digital prints, Mylar, watercolour on paper. Seven site-specific works, each 20.3 cm (diameter). © Robert Houle. Art Gallery of Ontario.

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Things to do in Walker Court:

- Pick your favourite drum and find the animal and teaching that goes with it.
- Count the steps on the spiral staircase – go up, up, way up!
- Describe what this stairwell looks like to you.
- Take a selfie from a bird's eye view at the very top!
- Come back down, down, down to take a selfie with a worm's eye view from the ground looking back up!
- Pretend you're a butterfly, a bee or a caped artist and twirl around, just like the stairwell.



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