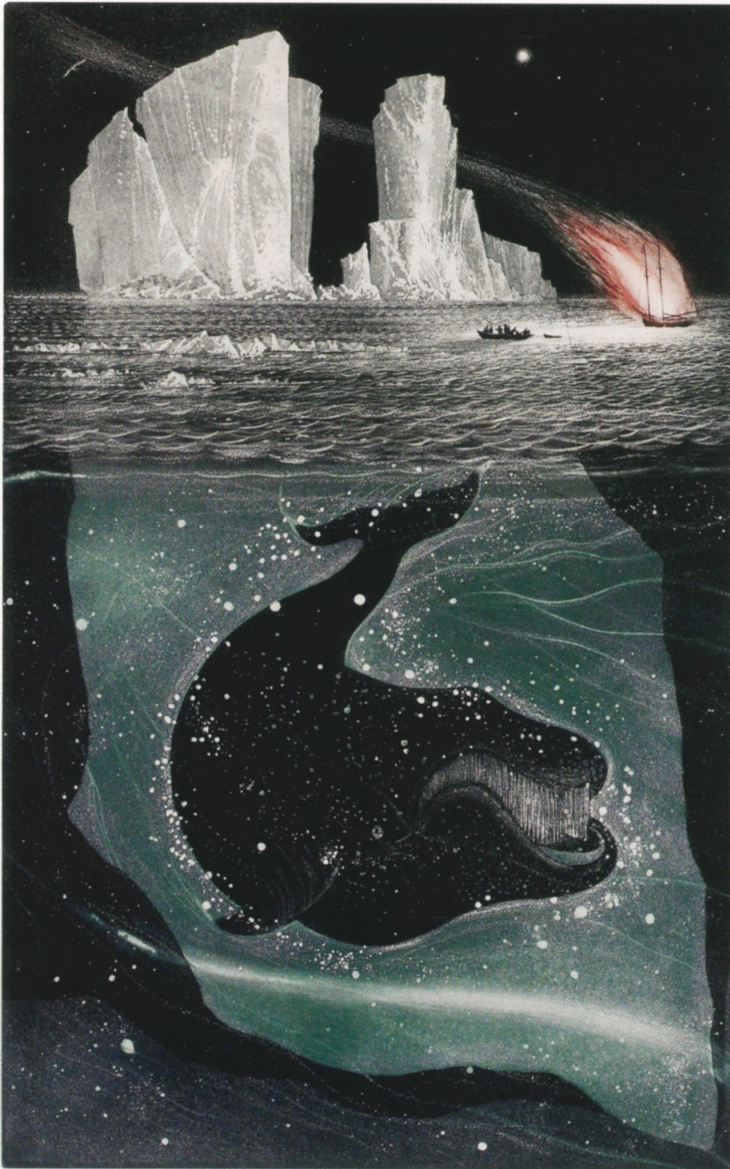


# AGENDA TORONTO



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David Blackwood *Fire Down on the Labrador* 1980

▲ **DAVID BLACKWOOD** The well-known printmaker David Blackwood is one of Canada's best storytellers and, indeed, mythologists. Entitled "Black Ice," this exhibition provides an exclusive look into a large bequest given to the AGO by Blackwood and his wife, Anita, more than ten years ago, and places the artist's mystical visions in the context of Newfoundland's history. *From Feb. 5. Art Gallery of Ontario, 317 Dundas St. W.*

► **THOMAS HIRSCHHORN** The Swiss artist's sprawling installations are breathtakingly graphic and, if not polemic, then violently topical. *Das Auge (The Eye)*, which premiered at Vienna's Secession in 2008, concerns red. The artist has used the colour before, but here it flares up to gory proportions. Canada figures prominently, with its flag and its infamy as host to the controversial practice of seal clubbing. *Opening Feb. 24. The Power Plant, 231 Queens Quay W.*



Thomas Hirschhorn *Das Auge (The Eye)* (installation detail) 2008



Simon Glass *At Rosh Zohar* 2008



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Tim Whiten *Lucky, Lucky, Lucky* 2010

▲ **SIMON GLASS** The forboding words of the Biblical Jeremiah provide the context for Glass's views of the Middle East's West Bank. The series of nine photographs is accompanied by an aircraft wing, which bears a Hebrew warning from the prophet, written in India ink, about the invasion of the kingdom of Judah and the demolition of its temple by the Babylonians. The images paint an apocalyptic portrait of a region torn apart by centuries-old conflict. *Jan. 7 through to Feb. 12. Gallery 44, 120-401 Richmond St. W.*

▲ **TIM WHITEN** A reverential attitude toward objects, from everyday tools to human skulls, characterizes the work of sculptor Tim Whiten. A new suite of glass replications, including those of children's toys such as tricycles and rocking horses, emphasizes the delicate, magical aspects of innocence and experience. *From Jan. 29 to Feb. 26. Olga Korper Gallery, 17 Morrow Ave.*