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Project Team

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Art meets architecture in Transformation AGO. An elegant glass and wood façade spanning 600 feet on Dundas Street provides a canopy for pedestrians as well as an exciting second-story glass promenade for AGO visitors. A titanium and glass-faced five-story south tower, visible the length of John Street, complements The Grange historic house, OCAD's Sharp Centre for Design and Grange Park.

The extensive glazing on both the north and south façades allows visitors to view the surrounding cityscape. Windows and skylights gently introduce natural light into galleries and walkways throughout the building.

A signature design element is the sculptural ribbon staircase that soars through the glass ceiling of Walker Court and is echoed with an exterior "barnacle" staircase connecting the fourth and fifth levels of the south tower.

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