

SWIFTIES SCAVENGER HUNT

What happens when the world's biggest pop star meets Canada's biggest Museum? The Swifties Scavenger Hunt: a fully interactive game inspired by Taylor and her iconic lyrics. So, shake it off—and start your hunt now.

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Whether you're a "Fearless" photographer or a "Mastermind" videographer, it's time to channel your inner Swiftie and capture your "Love Story" with ROM. Share your creations on Instagram and tag [@ROMtoronto!](#)

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Bishop White Gallery of Chinese Temple Art |

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1. In the Bishop White Gallery of Chinese Temple Art, look for the large portrait featuring the Buddha in RED at the centre of the piece. He's known as the Buddha of the Future, but his name is _____.

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Gallery of Chinese Architecture | Level 1

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1. “I Don’t Wanna Live Forever” was never said by the Eight Immortals pictured on the front panel of this large burial tomb mound. You’ll find it at the entrance of the Gallery of Chinese Architecture. Which Chinese general was this built for?

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Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Gallery of China |

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1. Taylor Swift was born Dec. 13th, 1989.

According to the Chinese Zodiac, this means she was born in the year of the Snake. Head to the Gallery of China and find our display case that shows all 12 animals associated with each year within a 12-year cycle of the calendar.

2024 is the year of which animal?

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Samuel Hall Currelly Gallery | Level 1

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1. When Taylor mentioned her “Eagles t-shirt hanging from the door,” she wasn’t implying she had an actual eagle as a friend.

However, the eagle in the Currelly Gallery on Level 1 does have a friend to keep it company. What species is the eagle’s friend?

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Weston Queen's Park Entrance | Level 1

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1. "Take a deep breath as you walk through the doors" of our Queen's Park Entrance and look up! You'll find our dazzling Rotunda mosaic ceiling. Images are featured on all four branches, representing the breadth of ROM's collection. These are united in the center by a phrase... Can you spot it?

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Gallery of Birds | Level 2 ([Return to Main Page](#))

1. It's no secret that Taylor Swift adores cats, and guess what? Cats can be found throughout ROM! In fact, we even have a cat-wanna-be! Meet the sky's own copycat, a bird with some serious vocal chops. Not only can it mimic a ton of sounds, but it's also got a pretty convincing meow that'll have you wondering if there's a furry feline hiding nearby.

So, here's your challenge: Can you find the only bird in our collection with "cat" in its name? Head over to our Gallery of Birds and see if you can crack the case!

2. Fly to the Gallery of Birds to find the one with the largest wingspan. What's its FULL name? Hint: It's also a song title from Taylor's most recent album, *Tortured Poets Department: The Anthology*.

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James and Louise Temerty Galleries of the Age of Dinosaurs | Level 2 [\(Return to Main Page\)](#)

1. In the Galleries of the Age of Dinosaurs, it's hard to miss the gigantic *Barosaurus lentus*. This dinosaur weighed a whopping 15 tonnes and reached 90 ft long! 40% of the skeleton in front of you is original bone, making this the largest mounted fossilized skeleton on display in Canada.

In front of this massive creature is a comparatively tiny label copy. It will show you which of its neck vertebrae are original bone. They're tricky to spot – just like Lana Del Rey's vocals in "Snow on the Beach". How many millions of years ago did this creature live?

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Life in Crisis: Schad Gallery of Biodiversity |

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1. "Take me to the lakes" - and by that we mean the Great Lakes Basin, where you can find the world's largest freshwater ecosystem. Including an animal that's a staple of Canadian culture/identity! Although, this one miiiiight be from another country... Find it in the Schad Gallery of Biodiversity. What's its full name?
2. "Weary bones caught the chill" shouldn't describe a polar bear! With hollow, clear fur that traps heat, black skin that absorbs warmth, and nearly 5 inches of insulating fat, these Arctic giants stay cozy. Given all this bulk, find our polar bear on display in the Schad Gallery of Biodiversity, how many kilograms can male polar bears weigh?"
3. All dressed up and awaiting its red-carpet debut, this favourite feline friend of Taylor's is ready for the paparazzi to snap some gorgeous photos. Look for this animal strutting its stuff in the Schad Gallery of Biodiversity. What style of coat is the cat sporting?
4. Unlike Taylor, the Great Lakes Vampire isn't bothered by "Bad Blood." What's the name of the unlucky fish to which this ferocious bloodsucker has taken a liking? You'll find it in the Schad Gallery of Biodiversity.
5. As a prey animal in the African savannahs, you might nickname this creature "The Bolter". Its landscape is dominated by grasses and

scattered trees. You may find this mammal grazing near an Acacia tree or seeking shade underneath the branches.

Can you name this animal, on display on Level 2?

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Patrick and Barbara Keenan Family Gallery of Hands-on Biodiversity | Level 2 [\(Return to Main Page\)](#)

1. “You had me crawling for you, honey”—just like our bees. In our live hive in the Gallery of Hands-on Biodiversity, the queen bee is marked by a colourful dot on her back. What colour is it?

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Teck Suite of Galleries: Earth's Treasures |

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1. We've got our own collection of hidden gems—"From the Vault". Head to the back of our Teck Suite of Galleries: Earth Treasures to find "The Light of the Desert". This huge cerussite gem is the largest faceted gem of its kind in the world. How many carats is it?
2. Did you know that Taylor has broken 58 Guinness World Records? (Among them: the fastest-selling single in digital history for "We Are Never Getting Back Together.")

Inside the Teck Suite of Galleries: Earth's Treasures you'll find another Guinness World Record winner: a \$1M gold coin. Produced by the Royal Canadian Mint, the coin is 99.999% pure gold, weighs 100 kilograms, and is legal tender in Canada. In 2007, the Guinness Book of World Records confirmed this coin was the largest of its kind in the world.

What nature image is depicted on the front of the coin?

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Toy Soldiers | Level 2 [\(Return to Main Page\)](#)

1. “My boy only breaks his favourite toys” We sure hope not.

On level 2, we have many stunning toy soldiers on display protected by their glass cases, and we'd like to make sure they stay that way. How many toy soldiers are protecting a miniature dino in this gallery? (For security purposes, of course.)

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Willner Madge Gallery, Dawn of Life | Level 2

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1. Ever wonder what the Earth looked like 4 billion years ago? Well, we remember it “All Too Well”...

Just kidding. But the bacteria that once lived in the tiny, fossilized tubes of this rock sure do. In our Willner Madge Gallery, you can touch the oldest evidence of life on earth! In what province was this extra special rock discovered?

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Eaton Gallery of Rome | Level 3 [\(Return to Main Page\)](#)

1. “Your name forever the name on my lips...” may have been true for the Romans living between 100-176 CE, as there were TWO consecutive empresses with the same name. You can find their busts on Level 3, standing near each other.

What name do they share?

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Galleries of Africa: Egypt | Level 3 [\(Return to Main Page\)](#)

1. “I don’t know about you, but” Tay’s not the only one “feelin’ 22.” Cleopatra, the Egyptian Pharaoh, reigned for 22 prosperous years. In our Galleries of Africa: Egypt, find the beautiful marble statue depicting the queen, sculpted in a unique, non-realistic style. Can you name this traditional style of art?
2. Did you know ancient Egyptians used to wear makeup? In the Galleries of Africa: Egypt, you’ll spot a woman getting ready for a big event: her best outfit on, nicest wig, and flashiest jewelry. She’s also doing her makeup—though not quite “red lips and rosy cheeks.” What does she appear to be touching up?
3. Taylor has received many nicknames over the years: T-Swift, Tay-Tay, T-Swizzle.

This lion-headed goddess worshipped by Ancient Egyptians also had a few nicknames, though they’re a lot more gruesome. Some include “Lady of Slaughter” and “The One Before Whom Evil Trembles” Yikes! What is her true name? You’ll meet her in the Galleries of Africa: Egypt.

4. We’re honoured to have another musician in our Museum—a chantress from the temple of Amun-Re in Thebes, who lived nearly 3,000 years ago. Her mummy case is adorned with art, hieroglyphs, and gold leaf. Meet her in the Galleries of Africa: Egypt. What was her name?

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Gallery of Greece | Level 3 [\(Return to Main Page\)](#)

1. We have somewhat of a tortured poet of our own in the Gallery of Greece... Okay, not exactly. But you can find a marble bust of Menander of Athens, a prominent writer of Greek & Roman plays. He's best known for being the "father" of THIS style of play.
2. Remember the 2013 meme with Taylor's "I Knew You Were Trouble" and the screaming goat? Well, it might come to mind when you head to the Gallery of Greece to see the 2,000-year-old drinking horn shaped like a ram's head. In which country was it found? Hint: It's not Greece.

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Gallery of Modern Design | Level 3

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1. Taylor's song "Clara Bow" nods to the 1920s/30s Hollywood star, an era marked by Art Deco design—known for its geometric shapes, sleek look, and luxurious materials like ebony and mother of pearl. Head up to the Europe: Themes and Collections and in our Gallery of Modern Design, you'll find a "Moderne" dressing table and mirror made in Canada. Who designed it?

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Gallery of the Bronze Age Aegean | Level 3

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1. Taylor was born on the 13th, her first album went gold in 13 weeks, and her first song that hit number one had a 13-second intro. No wonder 13 is her favourite number!

In the Gallery of the Bronze Age Aegean, you'll find a prominent display of 13 glass-paste beads. Originally as blue as Taylor Swift's eyes, these beads have weathered to white.

What is each bead decorated in relief with?

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Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Gallery of Byzantium | Level 3 [\(Return to Main Page\)](#)

1. Picture this: It's 5th century Byzantium, inside a beautiful church. You stand in front of the crowd as the person you love is about to say "I do" to another. Your "Speak Now" moment has arrived.

The church would be likely illuminated by chandeliers known as polycandela. What does this word mean?

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Samuel European Galleries | Level 3

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1. We love the players AND love the game! Amidst the armour & weaponry in the Europe: Themes and Collections on Level 3, you'll find some modern-day protective gear for players of Canada's favourite sport – hockey! How many sticks are on display?
2. If Taylor was born in the mid-to-late 1700s, she'd need somewhere special to write her next masterpiece. Such a writing table—adorned with a quill, ink, and paper—can be found in Europe: Evolution of Style. What style is this furniture?
3. Given the pages of lyrics probably scattered around, Taylor could surely use a paperweight—and ROM's collection has just the thing! In Europe: Themes and Collections, check out three striking 1980s paperweights featuring birds, including a robin for all you tortured poets. What are the other two birds?
4. “It's a love story, baby...”
Search for the Royalty Souvenirs case in our Europe: Themes and Collections. Traditionally used at weddings and banquets, this pottery has two handles meant to be held by two people.
What is the cup's name?

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Shreyas and Mina Ajmera Gallery of Africa, the Americas, and Asia-Pacific | Level 3

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1. To riff on the joke that Taylor doesn't like to include drums in her music, we've included one in our tour! This ceremonial kultrun is a staple instrument for Mapuche communities of Southern Chile. You'll find it in the Gallery of Africa, Americas, and Asia Pacific. It's beaten continuously during rituals and is considered the most important instrument of the machi (medicine man or woman). Look for the red and yellow overlapping designs on the top of the drum.

What year is it from?

2. Exchanging friendship bracelets is central to the Eras Tour experience. This practice is reminiscent of Mwali—cone shell bracelets that are traded between men throughout the Kula Ring, a geographic ring of islands east of Papua New Guinea.

Mwali move counterclockwise around the Kula Ring as they pass between people, gaining renown and value with age and distance travelled.

Head to the Gallery of Africa, Americas, and Asia Pacific. These bracelets would be traded for red Spondylus shell necklaces known as _____.

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1. Maitreya

Gallery of Chinese Architecture | Level 1

1. Zu Dashou

Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Gallery of China | Level 1

1. Dragon

Samuel Hall Currelly Gallery | Level 1

1. Grizzly bear

Weston Queen's Park Entrance | Level 1

1. That all men may know his work

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Gallery of Birds | Level 2

1. Gray Catbird
2. Royal Albatross

James and Louise Temerty Galleries of the Age of Dinosaurs | Level 2

1. 150

Life in Crisis: Schad Gallery of Biodiversity | Level 2

1. American beaver
2. 680
3. Tuxedo
4. Lake trout
5. Southern Reedbuck

Patrick and Barbara Keenan Family Gallery of Hands-on Biodiversity | Level 2

1. Pink **OR** Red

Teck Suite of Galleries: Earth's Treasures | Level 2

1. 900
2. Maple leaf

Toy Soldiers | Level 2

1. 14

Willner Madge Gallery, Dawn of Life | Level 2

1. Quebec

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Eaton Gallery of Rome | Level 3

1. Faustina

Galleries of Africa: Egypt | Level 3

1. Idealized
2. Eyeliner
3. Sekhmet **OR** Sakhmet
4. Djedmaatesankh

Gallery of Greece | Level 3

1. New Comedy
2. Cyprus

Gallery of Modern Design | Level 3

1. Norman Bel Geddes

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Gallery of the Bronze Age Aegean | Level 3

1. Roses

Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Gallery of Byzantium | Level 3

1. Many lights

Samuel European Galleries | Level 3

1. 2
2. Neo-classical
3. Meadowlarks, Snowy owl
4. Loving cup

Shreyas and Mina Ajmera Gallery of Africa, the Americas, and Asia-Pacific |
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1. 1950
2. Soulava **OR** Bagi

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1. **[Photo]** *"You Need to Calm Down!"* Head to the Gallery of Chinese Architecture and find the figure of the King of Hell. He looks furious. Snap a photo of your group calming his fiery temper.
2. **[Video]** Did you know that Frankie Jonas (younger brother of *"Mr. Perfectly Fine"*) once visited ROM for a private tour? Pick your favourite object in the Museum and test your acting chops in a video delivering a tour stop. (Bonus points if you do the Camp Rock dance.)
3. **[Video]** *"He's so tall and handsome as hell."* We have many statues that fit this description in our Gallery of Greece. Pick your favourite and strike a pose swooning at its beauty!
4. **[Photo]** We're not quite "out of the woods" yet. In our Gallery of Hands-on Biodiversity, immerse yourself in an Algonquin Park Forest filled with diverse wildlife. Take a team photo amidst the touchable trees doing your best to act natural (literally).
5. **[Photo]** In her early days, Taylor was often pictured holding her guitar. At ROM, we have several stringed instruments on display in our Samuel European Galleries. Get one member of your team to pose like Taylor next to it and snap a picture – paparazzi style!

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6. **[Photo]** Did you know that ROM's collection includes over 18 MILLION artworks, artifacts, and specimens? Objects in the Museum are also often removed from the galleries for conservation or to loan to other museums, leaving a temporary "Blank Space".

While you're roaming around ROM, look for an empty spot in a display case where an object is missing. If you find a "Blank Space" like this, snap a picture!

7. **[Photo]** If you've seen Taylor Swift's Eras Tour or watched the movie, you know her powerful dining-table performance of "Tolerate It" opposite a dispassionate man. We'd love to see your best reenactment! Snap a tableau-style photo in front of any dining table set in our galleries.
8. **[Photo]** Guitar, piano, banjo—Taylor sure can play a lot of instruments. We have many mini musicians around the Museum in figurine form. Snap a pic of one that you think would make a cool duet partner for Ms. Swift.
9. **[Video]** Ever wonder why August (the month, not the song) is called "August"? It's named after Rome's first Emperor, Augustus (63BC – 14BCE), whose bust you can find in Europe: Evolution of Style. Film your team serenading him with your favourite lines from "august" (the song, not the month).

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10. **[Video]** Like Taylor said, “Life isn't how to survive the storm, it's about how to dance in the rain.” Follow the sound of music in any of our galleries and show off your dance moves for at least 13 seconds to earn points.

11. **[Video]** We want you to be “Fearless.”

Film you and your very brave friends on a daring expedition into ROM's famous Bat Cave, a recreation of Jamaica's St. Clair Cave, which is home to more than 50,000 bats.

12. **[Photo]** If you're a Swiftie, you'll know Taylor is a Sagittarius.

But do you know the main birthstone of that zodiac sign? Hint: You can find it amongst the minerals in our collection. Take a picture of where it's on display!

13. **[Photo]** “You're the king, baby, I'm your queen.”

Strike a regal pose next to another true queen: Cleopatra VII, Egypt's last Pharaoh, who ruled from 51 to 30 BCE.

14. **[Photo]** “Best believe I'm still bejewelled.”

Think you can “still make the whole place shimmer”? Prove it. Take a group photo in the “Gems and Gold” section of the Teck Suite of Galleries: Earth's Treasures.

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15. **[Video]** "Dear Reader," our time is nearly up! For your encore, head to the Currelly Gallery. Picture yourself on stage before thousands of cheering fans and perform a Taylor Swift song—a cappella, unless someone brought a guitar!