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Art Gallery of Hamilton presents a film, talk and performance

The 8th Fire: One Earth / One Whole Circle / Again

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is pleased to present a screening of the compelling film ***The 8th Fire*** on **Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 pm** at the **Art Gallery of Hamilton**, 123 King Street West in downtown Hamilton.

Presented in partnership with Indigenous Culture and Media Innovations, this special evening includes a talk with visiting **Anishnabe Elder Dave Courchene Jr.**, a performance by **Six Nations Clan Mother Sadie Buck** and drumming by **The Sweet Grass Sisters** and **Young Spirit**, under the direction of **Rod Nettagog**.

The film ***The 8th Fire*** begins with the Anishnabe prophecy which reveals the two choices that we now face on this planet - Materialism and Destruction or the Spiritual Path, which includes caring for the earth and for each other. ***The 8th Fire***, as told through interviews with **Anishnabe Elder Dave Courchene Jr.** and others, combines striking images, powerful music, extraordinary interviews relating to the Earth, Nature and the great need for all the races of the Earth to come together in peace.

Dave Courchene, Jr. comes from a long line of chiefs and elders and is a member of the Religious and Spiritual Leaders of the United Nations.

Sadie Buck, a respected Clan Mother, has performed with Robbie Robertson and the Juno-nominated Six Nations Singers.

The **Sweet Grass Sisters** and **Young Spirit** are local youth performing together under the direction of Rod Nettagog

Tickets for this powerful evening of film, talk and performance are \$8.00 for AGH Members, \$10.00 for students and seniors and \$12.00 for general admission. Tickets are available in advance on-line at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com, at the AGH Front Desk during Gallery hours or by calling 905-527-6610, ext. 232.

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For complete *AGHfilm* information, visit the Art Gallery of Hamilton's website at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com, call 905-527-6610, ext. 232, or e-mail film@artgalleryofhamilton.com

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