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**Art Gallery of Hamilton CIBC Wood Gundy
World Film Festival
September 23 to October 2, 2011**



Now for the third year, international cinema comes to Hamilton as the Art Gallery of Hamilton CIBC Wood Gundy World Film Festival showcases acclaimed films selected from the world's top film festivals from **Friday, September 24 to Sunday, October 3, 2011**. Hamilton and area film audiences will experience films of all genres from Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Canada, China, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, United Kingdom and USA in the languages of English, French, Japanese, Korean, Italian, Northern Sotho and Spanish.

In partnership with the Le Centre français Hamilton inc. and in keeping with the AGH's themed French Connection year presented by TD, a selection of French and francophone films will be screened.

New to this year's film festival and ensuring that more film lovers can experience the best in world cinema is a selection of screenings in Burlington at the Encore Upper Canada Place Cinemas and a roster of free films screening, and presented in partnership with, the Hamilton Public Library – Central Branch.

"We're delighted to offer a festival of top-quality international films that will amuse, inform, touch, shock, and entertain," says AGH President and CEO Louise Dompierre. "As perhaps the most accessible of art forms, film offers the opportunity for our community to come together and join in a shared experience for two hours at a time."

The AGH CIBC Wood Gundy World Film Festival will be screening films and holding events at the following venues:

- Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas (2 King Street West, Hamilton);
- Westdale Theatre (1014 King Street West, Hamilton);
- McIntyre Performing Arts Centre (Mohawk College Fennell Campus, 135 Fennell Avenue West, Hamilton);
- Ancaster SilverCity (771 Golf Links Road, Ancaster);
- Encore Upper Canada Place Cinemas (460 Brant Street, Unit 3, Burlington);
- and the Art Gallery of Hamilton (123 King Street West, Hamilton).

Returning this year is the CLiC Cinema Hamilton night on Thursday, September 29 at the AGH. The best in indie films from Hamilton 24, Hamilton Film and Music Festival and Hamilton Film Festival will be screened. A noted jury of film professionals will vote on their favourites.

Throughout the ten day festival, film buffs are encouraged to vote for the BMO Bank of Montreal Audience Choice Award. The winning film will be screened as part of the AGH i/lovefilmseries regular screenings.

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Top Billing: Opening Night Celebration and Screening

Friday, September 23 at 7 pm

A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO ENDINGS

Dir. Jonathan Sobol, 2010, USA/Canada, 129 min. Not Yet Rated | COMEDY/DRAMA

Screening at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, Hamilton

Presented by CIBC Wood Gundy

Saturday, September 24 at 1 pm

LE NOM DE GENS (The Names of Love)

Dir. Michel LeClerc, 2010, Belgium, 100 min. French w/English subtitles. Rated 14A | COMEDY

Screening at Westdale Theatre, Hamilton

Presented by Mark A. Rizzo, CIBC Wood Gundy

Programming Partner: Le Centre français Hamilton inc.

Saturday, September 24 at 4 pm

LIFE IN A DAY

Dir. Kevin Macdonald, 2011, USA, 95 min. Rated PG | DOCUMENTARY

Screening at Westdale Theatre, Hamilton

Presented by Robert T. Hill/Joel Smith/Iain Mitchell, CIBC Wood Gundy

Saturday, September 24 at 7 pm

THE TRIP

Dir. Michael Winterbottom, 2010, UK, 102 min. Rated 14A | COMEDY

Screening at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, Hamilton

Presented by The Hutton Family

Sunday, September 25 at 1 pm

SMALL TOWN MURDER SONGS

Dr. Ed Gass-Donnelly, 2010, Canada, 75 min. Rated 14A | CRIME/THRILLER

Screening at Westdale Theatre, Hamilton

Presented by BankoMedia

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Sunday, September 25 at 4 pm

L'AMOUR FOU

Dir. Pierre Thoretton, 2010, France, French w/English subtitles, 98 min. Rated PG | DOCUMENTARY

Screening at Westdale Theatre, Hamilton

Presented by The Frisina Group

Programming Partner: Le Centre français Hamilton inc.

Sunday, September 25 at 7 pm

MEEK'S CUTOFF

Dir. Kelly Reichardt, 2010, USA, 104 min. Rated G | WESTERN

Screening at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, Hamilton

Monday, September 26 at 1 pm

PROJECT NIM

Dir. James March, 2011, UK, 99 min. Rated PG | DOCUMENTARY

Screening at Ancaster SilverCity, Ancaster

Programming Partner: Ancaster Film Fest

Monday, September 26 at 4 pm

PHIL OCHS: THERE BUT FOR FORTUNE

Dir. Kenneth Bowser, 2011, USA, 96 min. Rated 14A | DOCUMENTARY

Screening at Ancaster SilverCity, Ancaster

Programming Partner: Ancaster Film Fest

Monday, September 26 at 7 pm

MIDNIGHT IN PARIS

Dir. Woody Allen, 2011, USA/Spain, 94 min. Rated PG | ROMANTIC COMEDY

Screening at Ancaster SilverCity, Ancaster

Presented by Scott W. Nichols, CIBC Wood Gundy.

Programming Partner: Ancaster Film Fest

Monday, September 26 at 7 pm

CAVE OF FORGOTTEN DREAMS

Dir. Werner Herzog, 2011, Austria/France/UK, 90 min. Rated G | DOCUMENTARY/HISTORY

Screening at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, Hamilton

Presented by Guido Di Cesare/Raj Aujla/John R. Dryden/Tom Van Zuiden, CIBC Wood Gundy

Tuesday, September 27 at 7 pm

THE FIRST GRADER

Dir. Justin Chadwick, 2010, UK/USA, 103 min. Rated PG | BIOGRAPHY/DRAMA

Screening at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, Hamilton

Presented by Effort Trust

Tuesday, September 27 at 7 pm

SPARK: Igniting Change with Les Stroud (Survivorman), Serena Ryder, Dave Courchene and Velcrow Ripper. Hosted by Farley Flex (Canadian Idol).

Event location: McIntyre Performing Arts Centre, Mohawk College – Fennell Campus

Event Partners: Kate and Carl Turkstra and Upper James Toyota

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Wednesday, September 28 at 1 pm

BOBBY FISCHER AGAINST THE WORLD

Dir. Liz Garbus, 2011, USA, 90 min. Rated PG | DOCUMENTARY

Screening at Ancaster SilverCity, Ancaster

Programming Partner: Ancaster Film Fest

Wednesday, September 28 at 4 pm

A BETTER LIFE

Dir. Chris Weitz, 2010, USA, 98 min. English and Spanish w/subtitles. Rated PG

Screening at Ancaster SilverCity, Ancaster

Programming Partner: Ancaster Film Fest

Wednesday, September 28 at 7 pm

SNOW FLOWER AND THE SECRET FAN

Dir. Wayne Wang, 2011, China/US, 120 min. Rated PG | DRAMA

Screening at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, Hamilton

Presented by Fred K. Walsh, CIBC Wood Gundy

Thursday, September 29 at 7 pm

LIFE, ABOVE ALL

Dir. Oliver Schmitz, 2010, Canada/Germany/South Africa, 100 min. Northern Sotho w/English subtitles, Rated 14A | DRAMA

Screening at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, Hamilton

Presented by Ross & McBride LLP

Thursday, September 29 at 7 pm

CLiC Cinema Hamilton Night A party screening of the best indie films from Hamilton24, Hamilton Music and Film Festival and Hamilton Film Festival. Cash bar.

Event Location: Art Gallery of Hamilton

Friday, September 30 at 4 pm

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Dir. Werner Herzog, 2011, Austria/France/UK, 90 min. Rated G | DOCUMENTARY/HISTORY

Screening at Encore Upper Canada Place Cinemas, Burlington

Presented by The Murphy Investment Group (Harley J. Murphy and Sarah Murphy), CIBC Wood Gundy

Programming Partners: Encore Cinemas and Burlington Art Centre

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Saturday, October 1 at 1 pm

RESTE AVEC MOI (Stay with Me)

Dir. Robert Ménard, 2011, Canada, French w/English subtitles, 100 min. Rated PG | DRAMA

Screening at Westdale Theatre, Hamilton

Programming Partner: Le Centre français Hamilton inc.

Saturday, October 1 at 4 pm

GERRY

Dir. Alain Desrochers, 2011, Quebec, French w/English subtitles, 131 min. Rated 14A |

BIOGRAPHICAL DRAMA

Screening at Westdale Theatre, Hamilton

Presented by G4S Secure Solutions (Canada) Inc.

Programming Partner: Le Centre français Hamilton inc.

Saturday, October 1 at 4 pm

HAPPYTHANKYOU MORE PLEASE

Dir. Josh Radnor, 2010, USA, 98 min. Rated 14A | COMEDY/DRAMA

Screening at Encore Upper Canada Place Cinemas, Burlington

Programming Partners: Encore Upper Canada Place Cinemas and the Burlington Art Centre

Saturday, October 1 at 7 pm

THE TREE

Dir. Julie Bertuccelli, 2010, Australia/France, 100 min. Not Yet Rated | DRAMA/ROMANCE

Screening at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, Hamilton

Presented by The Histed Investment Group (John R. Histed and Rochelle K. Wilson), CIBC Wood Gundy

Saturday, October 1 at 7 pm

OLIVER SHERMAN

Dir. Ryan Redford, 2010, Canada, 82 min. Rated PG | DRAMA/THRILLER

Screening at Encore Upper Canada Place Cinemas, Burlington

Presented by CCXIT

Programming Partners: Encore Upper Canada Place Cinemas and the Burlington Art Centre

Casting Call: University & College Screening and After Party

Saturday, October 1 at 9 pm

SUBMARINE

Dir. Richard Ayoade, 2010, UK/USA, 97 min. Rated 14A | COMEDY DRAMA

Screening at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, Hamilton

Presented by Tom Cosentino, CIBC Wood Gundy

Sunday, October 2 at 1 pm

LA SACRÉE

Dir. Dominic Desjardins, 2011, Canada, 90 min. French w/English subtitles. Not Yet Rated | DRAMA

Screening at Westdale Theatre, Hamilton

Presented by Cogeco

Programming Partner: Le Centre français Hamilton inc.

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Sunday, October 2 at 4 pm

POTICHE (Trophy Wife)

Dir. François Ozon, 2010, France/Belgium, 103 min. French w/English subtitles. Rated 14A | COMEDY

Screening at Westdale Theatre, Hamilton

Programming Partner: Le Centre français Hamilton inc.

Presented by Grant Thornton

Sunday, October 2 at 4 pm

MIDNIGHT IN PARIS

Dir. Woody Allen, 2011, USA/Spain, 94 min. Rated PG | ROMANTIC COMEDY

Screening at Encore Upper Canada Place Cinemas, Burlington

Programming Partners: Encore Upper Canada Place Cinemas and the Burlington Art Centre

Sunday, October 2 at 7 pm

ORANGES AND SUNSHINE

Dir. Jim Loach, 2010, UK/Australia, 105 min. Not Yet Rated | DRAMA

Screening at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, Hamilton

Presented by Ralph Manley, CIBC Wood Gundy

Individual tickets for films are \$10.00 each. Tickets to the *Top Billing: Opening Night Celebration and Screening* (Friday, September 23 and includes complimentary drink at the Art Gallery of Hamilton), *Spark: Igniting Change* event (Tuesday, September 27) and *CLiC Cinema Hamilton Night* (Thursday, September 29) are \$18 each in advance and \$20 each at the door.

Ten-packs of ten film tickets (excluding *Top Billing: Open Night* screening, *Spark: Igniting Change* and *CLiC Cinema Hamilton Night* events) are \$90.00. A Festival Pass, which gives access to all screenings and events, is \$250.00.

Tickets can be purchased **ONLINE** at www.aghfilmfest.com, by **PHONE** at 905-527-6610, ext. 252 or ext. 226, or **IN PERSON** at the AGH Front Desk during Gallery hours.

For further Art Gallery of Hamilton CIBC Wood Gundy World Film Festival information, including individual film descriptions, trailers, screening locations and festival-related programming, please visit www.aghfilmfest.com.

Founded in 1914, the **Art Gallery of Hamilton** is Canada's seventh largest public art gallery (and Ontario's third largest), owns one of the country's best art collections, welcomes over 150,000 visitors per year, and hosts an extensive roster of exhibitions, educational programmes, performances, talks, literary events, and film screenings.

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