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Style expert and TV personality Mark Challen shares his tips and trends at the Art Gallery of Hamilton's Art Sale

Hamilton, Ontario, October 19, 2007 -- Learn about the basic rules of decorating with art as the Art Gallery of Hamilton presents a special appearance by style expert and television personality **Mark Challen** at the AGH's popular **Art Sale** on **Friday, November 2 at 7 pm**.

The **AGH Art Sale** takes place in the AGH's Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Pavilion and the Irving Zucker Sculpture Garden, 123 King Street West in downtown Hamilton.

Admission to the **AGH Art Sale** and the Mark Challen presentation is free.

On Friday, November 2nd, special guest **Mark Challen** will take you on a visual tour of his own home and illustrate how his use of original art - from paintings to mixed media to photography - has created pleasing vignettes around the house. Learn the best tricks and tips on how to decorate with flair and personality.

Mark Challen is the Vice-President of Communications for House & Home Media, where he manages a diverse portfolio of Canadian and international advertising agencies and clients - from Kraft to IKEA to Intel - to create custom multi-media campaigns for House & Home Magazine. Mark has appeared as a regular style and shopping expert on House & Home Television and Entertainment Tonight Canada, and he has been a speaker and interviewer at The Interior Design Show and The One of a Kind Show. Last year, Mark was one of the first Canadian magazine writers to develop a successful blog on pop culture and lifestyle trends, and today, he is working on producing interactive video content for houseandhome.com. Mark has a BA in Art History and English and spent two years at York University working on his MA in Art History while teaching courses in visual appreciation to undergraduate students.

Attendees to this special **AGH Art Sale** evening can also seek one-on-one professional decor advice provided by Hamilton's own decor experts **Homework**. **Bay City Paint** will provide colour consultation to ensure your choice of paint colour maximizes the impact of your art.

With prices starting from \$100, the AGH's three-day **Art Sale** event - **Friday, November 2 from 12 noon to 9 pm, Saturday, November 3 and Sunday, November 4 from 12 noon to 5 pm** - features original works in oils, watercolours, pastels, photography, acrylics, glass, sculpture, textiles, jewellery and garden art, created by a roster of specially invited artists.

Featured artists include Bruno Capolongo, Robert Carley, Jeff Curtis, Shu-Chen Cheng, Victoria Cho, Margaret Clark, Giselle Comtois, Conrad Furey, Barry Hodgson, Julia Hillyer, Dave Hind, Clarissa Schmidt Inglis, Jamie Kapitain, Stephen Kitras, Robin Laffier, Susan Lapp, Mario Laroche, Gordon Leverton, Claudette Losier, Maplehollow Studio, Bob McNair, Sandor Monos, Paula Myers, Valerie Nichol, James Olley, George Raab, E. Robert Ross, Andrea Shewchuk, Sandy Trunzer, Taisa Walvius, Olena Zylak, among others.

For more information about the **AGH Art Sale**, please contact 905-527-6610, ext. 224 or visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com.

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For more information about the **Art Gallery of Hamilton Art Sale**, please contact Janine Belzak, Art Rental and Sales Consultant at 905-527-6610, ext. 224 or e-mail janine@artgalleryofhamilton.com.

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