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ACCLAIMED ACTOR NICK NOLTE IN TOWN TO PRESENT SPECIAL SCREENING OF CLEAN

Hamilton – The Art Gallery of Hamilton and Film Circuit, a division of the Toronto International Film Festival Group present a special charity screening of **CLEAN**, the internationally acclaimed, award-winning film on **September 12** with special guests, Oscar Nominated actor **Nick Nolte**, director **Olivier Assayas** and others in attendance. The screening begins at **8:00 pm** at **Famous Players Jackson Square**, 2 King St West in downtown Hamilton, and is a benefit for the **Art Gallery of Hamilton** and the **Kiwanis Service Foundation of Hamilton**. Tickets on sale **September 2** at **AGH** in the **Square, Jackson Square 2 King St. West**. To purchase tickets by phone, call 905.527.6610 ext. 232. Tickets are **\$20.00 AGH Members / \$25.00 General**. No refunds or exchanges. AGH Film Programme Fall Season Passes are not valid for this special event.

Strikingly shot in Hamilton, Paris, London, and San Francisco, **CLEAN** introduces us to Emily Wang (Maggie Cheung), a woman who wrestles with her dream of becoming a singer, her fitness as a mother, and daily life without her partner Lee (James Johnston). Her past is riddled with drugs and regrets, the result of which left Lee dead in a desolate motel room in Hamilton, Ontario, and landed Emily with a six-month jail sentence. The only thing that she desires for the future is a loving relationship with her son, Jay. While she first ventures to Paris to find a job and rebuild her life, Jay remains in Vancouver under the care and custody of Lee's parents, Albrecht (Nick Nolte) and Rosemary (Martha Henry). The pair are divided in their opinions of Emily – while Rosemary blames her for Lee's death, Albrecht is more forgiving. **CLEAN** follows Emily to four cities and three languages (English, French, and Cantonese) as she battles for a place in a world that can't accept her for the woman she is, but only as the woman she longs to be.

"When I first read the script, I knew that the beginning of the film had to be set in Hamilton," said producer Niv Fichman. "The city has such a unique urban aesthetic and everyone there is super friendly. Fortunately Olivier Assayas agreed, and the final result is a film in which Hamilton almost outshines his own hometown - Paris."

Written and directed by Olivier Assayas, **CLEAN** is produced by Edouard Weil, Niv Fichman and Xavier Marchand. The film features sensational live musical performances by Maggie Cheung, Tricky and Toronto's Metric. It was co-produced by Rectangle Productions (Paris), Haystack Productions (London) and Rhombus Media (Toronto). **CLEAN** is distributed internationally by The Works of London and in Canada by TVA Films.

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