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A documentary seven years in the making

AGH*film* screens

The Heart of the Game

The Art Gallery of Hamilton's Fall 2006 AGH*film* series continues with the screening of ***The Heart of the Game*** on **Wednesday, September 27** at 7:10 pm at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, 2 King Street West in downtown Hamilton. Tickets are \$6.00 for AGH Members, \$8.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for adults. Complete film information and on-line ticket purchasing is available by visiting www.artgalleryofhamilton.com

When Seattle documentary filmmaker Ward Serrill met Bill Resler, a college tax professor who moonlights as a girls' basketball coach, he didn't realize that he was about to embark on an incredible seven-year immersion into a Roosevelt High School gym and the lives of a group of girls whose unbridled toughness, passion and energy he came to call THE HEART OF THE GAME. At the centre of the film is the story of Darnellia Russell, a tough, inner-city girl whose off-court struggles would eventually threaten to crash the star athlete's plans to play college ball.

Director Ward Serrill followed the Roosevelt Roughriders girls' basketball team for six tumultuous seasons capturing the drama and exhilaration of youth and the inspiration of a passionate coach whose lessons of self-esteem, confidence and compassion go far beyond the court.

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

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