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Take a look at twelve of the best short film and videos screened outdoors at the
Art Gallery of Hamilton International Film and Video Festival

View the unexpected and the experimental at the **Art Gallery of Hamilton International Film and Video Festival - Photophobia 8** on **Thursday, August 10 at 9 pm**, presented outdoors in the AGH's Irving Zucker Sculpture Garden. Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

Culled from over 200 entries submitted from artists all over the world, the screening presents the top 12 films as chosen by jury, comprised of artists Gwen MacGregor (Toronto), Shawna Dempsey (Winnipeg) and Alan Flint (Hamilton).

New to this year's Festival will be the awarding of the Bell Canada 2006 Award, a \$1000 cash prize awarded to the best entry as decided by the jury.

In the event of rain, the screening will take place indoors in the AGH's Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Pavilion.

Ancillary programming includes the following: Hamilton Artists Inc presents *In Safe Places* by Nora Hutchinson on Thursday, August 17th. For more information, please visit www.hamiltonartistsinc.on.ca or call 905-529-3355. On Thursday, August 24, The Factory: Hamilton Media Arts Centre presents *Naked Vision!*, a screening of regional artists and live music party. For more information, please visit www.hamiltonmediaarts.org or call 905-577-9191.

Organized by the Art Gallery of Hamilton, the International Film and Video Festival – Photophobia 8 is presented in partnership with Hamilton Artists Inc. and The Factory: Hamilton Media Arts Centre. Sponsored by Bell Canada Inc., the Festival is funded in part by the Department of Canadian Heritage Arts Presentation Program. Media support provided by View Magazine.

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For complete AGH International Film and Video Festival information, please visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com or contact 905-527-6610, ext. 235.

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For information about the **Art Gallery of Hamilton** and its current and upcoming exhibitions, please contact Steve Denyes, Manager, Communications at 905-527-6610, ext. 255 or by e-mail steve@artgalleryofhamilton.com