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**AGHfilm celebrates Deepa Mehta's acclaimed film *Water***

The Art Gallery of Hamilton proudly presents Deepa Mehta's acclaimed film ***Water*** on **Wednesday, December 7 at 7:10 pm** at the Empire Jackson Square Cinemas, 2 King Street West, Downtown Hamilton. Special guest Devyani Saltzman, Mehta's daughter and author of ***Shooting Water: A Mother-Daughter Journey***, will discuss her book following the film.

Set in 1938 Colonial India, against the backdrop of Mahatma Gandhi's rise to power, ***Water*** begins when eight-year-old child bride Chuyia is widowed and sent to a home where Hindu widows must live in penitence. Chuyia's feisty presence affects the lives of the other residents, including a young widow who falls for a Ghandian idealist.

Devyani Saltzman's memoir ***Shooting Water*** is a transformative and inspiring story that chronicles her life-changing experience in India, the struggle to produce a film, and the emergence of a deeper love and mutual recognition between mother and daughter.

AGHfilm is sponsored by Turkstra Lumber and is organized in partnership with The Film Circuit, an association of film groups that screen Canadian and international films in communities across Canada.

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AGHfilm tickets are \$6.00 for AGH Members, \$8.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for adults.

For complete AGHfilm information and to purchase tickets, visit the Art Gallery of Hamilton's Web site at [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com) call 905-527-6610, ext. 232, or e-mail [film@artgalleryofhamilton.com](mailto:film@artgalleryofhamilton.com)

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