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### AGHfilm presents the Canadian film classic **The Rowdyman**

In a special re-release, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is pleased to present the comedy-drama **The Rowdyman** on **Wednesday, October 26**, 2005 at 7:10 pm at Jackson Square Cinemas, 2 King Street West, Hamilton.

Special guests in attendance for the screening will be Linda Goranson, one of the film's lead actors, and Steve Gravestock, Associate Director of Canadian Special Projects at the Toronto International Film Festival Group. Tickets are \$6.00 for AGH Members, \$8.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for adults. Full ticket and film information is available by calling 905-527-6610, ext. 232 or by visiting [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com)

**The Rowdyman** was a surprise hit in the early '70s. The film follows Newfoundlander Will Cole (Gordon Pinsent), a forthright, independent, fun-loving man whose philosophy is: "Seduce it if it moves and drink it if it pours." Now in his mid-30s, Will's lifetime of not giving a damn is taking its toll, and tragedy strikes when his pranks go awry. This poignant fictional biography is loosely based on Pinsent's own experiences growing up on the East Coast and was both a critical and commercial success.

**The Rowdyman** was screened as part of the Canadian Open Vault programme during last year's Toronto International Film Festival. Canadian Open Vault is a special presentation of iconic Canadian film, part of the Festival's ongoing commitment to the preservation and presentation of classic Canadian cinema.

The mood for the evening will be set with a special performance of *The Sounds of Newfoundland* by Steven Fuller beginning at 6:30 pm, followed by a screening of the exquisitely crafted short animated film **Moon Man**. Inspired by "Moon Man Newfie", a comic tune composed and sung by Canadian music legend Stompin' Tom Connors, **Moon Man** tells the tale of Codfish Dan's legendary fishing trip on the Milky Way, a story which has become a part of Newfoundland folklore.

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