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**AGH i love film series – August Screenings**  
*Beginners, Joueuse (Queen to Play)*  
*and Even the Rain*  
*and a special free outdoor screening of Avatar*  
*at Hamilton City Hall*

Art Gallery of Hamilton's *ilovefilm* series continues in August with the screening of ***Beginners*** on **Saturday August 13 at 1 pm**, followed by ***Joueuse (Queen to Play)*** on **Saturday, August 13 at 4 pm**, both screening at the Westdale Theatre, 1014 King Street West, Hamilton. ***Even the Rain*** screens Wednesday, August 31 at 7 pm at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, 2 King Street West, Hamilton.

*City Hall Outdoor Cinema Nights: Screenings under the Stars* also continues in August with a free screening of the phenomenally successful film ***Avatar*** on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup> at dusk at Hamilton City Hall.

Regular film tickets are \$6.00 for AGH Members (including Student Access participants), \$8.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for adults. The AGH *ilovefilm* series Pass (offering ten tickets per pass and valid for a year from date of purchase) is \$54.00 for AGH Members, \$72.00 for students and seniors and \$90.00 for adults. Tickets and passes may be purchased online in advance at [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com), in person at the AGH during Gallery hours or at the screening venue 30 minutes prior to start time.

***Beginners*** imaginatively explores the hilarity, confusion, and surprises of love through the evolving consciousness of Oliver (Golden Globe Award nominee Ewan McGregor). Oliver meets the irreverent and unpredictable Anna (Mélanie Laurent of *Inglourious Basterds*) only months after his father Hal (Academy Award nominee Christopher Plummer) has passed away. This new love floods Oliver with memories of his father who – following 44 years of marriage – came out of the closet at age 75 to live a full, energized, and wonderfully tumultuous gay life. The upheavals of Hal's new honesty, by turns funny and moving, brought father and son closer than they'd ever been able to be. Now Oliver endeavours to love Anna with all the bravery, humour, and hope that his father taught him. *Director: Mike Milne, 2010, USA, 98 min. Rated 14A*

Sandrine Bonnaire and Kevin Kline (in his first French-speaking role) shine in ***Joueuse (Queen to Play)***, a sophisticated feel-good comedy set in idyllic Corsica. Middle-aged chambermaid Héléne's newfound obsession with the game of chess leads her to seek the tutelage of a reclusive American expat, transforming both of their ho-hum lives in the process. *Director: Caroline Bottaro, 2009, France. French w/English subtitles, 97 min. Rated PG. Co-presented with Le Centre français Hamilton Inc.*

In ***Even the Rain***, Spanish director Sebastian, his producer and crew are in the Corachamba area of Bolivia to shoot a motion picture about Christopher Columbus, his first explorations and the way the Spaniards treated the Indians at the time. Costa has chosen this place because the budget of the film is tight and here he can hire local actors and extras on the cheap. Things go more or less smoothly

until a conflict erupts over the privatization of the water supply. The trouble is that one of the local actors, is a leading activist in the protest movement. *Director: Icíar Bollain, 2010, Spain. Spanish w/English subtitles. 119 min. Rated 14A.* Co-presented with Halton-Peel Hispanic Association (HPHA)

The City of Hamilton and the Art Gallery of Hamilton are pleased present **City Hall Outdoor Cinema Nights: Screenings under the Stars**, a three-evening outdoor film series screening in the City Hall plaza.

In the second film of this series, **Avatar** takes us to a spectacular world beyond imagination, where a newcomer from Earth embarks on an epic adventure, ultimately fighting to save the alien world he has learned to call home. *Director: James Cameron, 2009, USA. 2D version, 162 min. Rated PG.*

This outdoor screening of **Avatar** begins at dusk. Admission is free. Hamilton City Hall is located at 71 Main Street West, downtown Hamilton between Bay and MacNab Streets. Refreshments will be available for purchase at the Country Style Lounge located in City Hall. Some seating will be provided but film lovers are also encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and/or blankets.

Show your **AGH i love film series Pass** and receive discounts from Bula Smoothie and Nutrition Bar, Deco's Deli, The Pita Pit, The Snooty Fox, Thai Memory, Westdale Café and Hotti Biscotti. For discount details offered by our partners, please visit [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://www.artgalleryofhamilton.com). Bryan Prince Booksellers will sell film-related publications in the Westdale Theatre lobby.

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For complete AGH*film* information, visit the Art Gallery of Hamilton's website 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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