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Lead actor Devon Bostick will attend Art Gallery of Hamilton's screening of Atom Egoyan's *Adoration*

Lead actor **Devon Bostick** joins producers **Simone Urdl** and **Jennifer Weiss** at the AGH film series' upcoming screening of *Adoration* on **Wednesday, October 28 at 7:00 pm** at the **Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas**, 2 King Street West, downtown Hamilton. Bostick, Urdl and Weiss will answer questions following the screening.

In *Adoration*, Sabine (Arsinee Khanjian) is a high school French teacher who gives her class a translation exercise based on a real news story about a terrorist who plants a bomb in airline luggage. The assignment has a profound effect on one student, Simon (Devon Bostick), who lives with his uncle (Scott Speedman). In the course of translating, Simon re-imagines that the news item is his own family's story, with the terrorist standing in for his father. Simon's version makes it to the Internet, allowing him to journey deeper into his past, while the public reaction is swift and strong. 2008 TIFF Best Canadian Feature Film – Special Jury Citation.

Devon Bostick has amassed an impressive resumé of film and television roles. He recently appeared in the 2007 Toronto International Film Festival opening feature *Fugitive Pieces*, directed by Jeremy Podeswa. Additional feature credits include *The Stone Angel*, directed by Kari Skogland, George Romero's *Land of the Dead*, Michael Mabbott's *Citizen Duane* and Darren Bousman's *Saw IV*.

Bostick's television credits include the recurring role as 'Nic' in the hit television series *Degrassi: The Next Generation*, the Lifetime movie *A Life Interrupted*, the A&E movie *Knights of the South Bronx*, a guest starring role on Lifetime's *Missing* plus a leading role in CBC's highly controversial *The Altar Boy Gang*.

According to Director Atom Egoyan, finding just the right actor to play Simon was integral to the story. "Simon was a real search and Devon [Bostick] is a true gift because, like the character, he really is this young man at the cusp of adulthood and it's really very moving to me to see him in this zone," says Egoyan. "There's an innocence and a playfulness to him and he is still seeking approval, which I find very touching. He somehow got the tone really right on his own and I consciously decided not to rehearse too much with him because what he feels is so close to what had in mind."

Canadian producers **Simone Urdl** and **Jennifer Weiss** are partners in the production company *Film Farm Productions*. In 2008, they received the Genie Award for Best Motion Picture for the acclaimed film *Away From Her*.

Tickets are \$6.00 for AGH Members (including student e-Members), \$8.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased online in advance at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com, in person at the AGH's Front Desk during Gallery hours or at the venue door the evening of the screening beginning at 6:30 pm.

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

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