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Art Gallery of Hamilton to participate in Doors Open Hamilton 2006

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is delighted to participate in Doors Open Hamilton, a showcase of the city's architecture, history and heritage, on Saturday May 6 and Sunday May 7 from 12 noon to 5 pm each day.

In honour of this celebration of Hamilton architecture, the AGH is offering free admission to its banner exhibition *Heaven and Earth Unveiled: European Treasures from the Tanenbaum Collection*. The exhibitions *In the Shadow of the Midnight Sun: Sami and Inuit Art 2000-2005*, *Fantin-Latour, Master Portrait Painter and Printmaker*, *Chagall's Lyrical Visions* and the *Women's Art Association of Hamilton 110th Annual Juried Exhibition* will also be on view. Visitors can also enjoy exploring the AGH's Irving Zucker Sculpture Garden with its access from Commonwealth Square.

Special AGH Doors Open Hamilton Programming:

Memories of the Early AGH - 1 pm in the AGH Lounge

Through stories and old photographs, local historian Bill Manson takes you back to June 28, 1914, and the opening of Hamilton's first Municipal Art Gallery. Hamilton's vibrant downtown core will be revisited as it was 100 years ago when the first Art Gallery of Hamilton opened with the William Blair Bruce collection.

Docent-led tours of *Heaven and Earth Unveiled: European Treasures from the Tanenbaum Collection* - 2:30 pm in Gallery Level Two

Fantin-Latour: Curator Talk - 4 pm in the AGH's Ruth and John McCuaig Gallery

Join Patrick Shaw Cable, AGH Curator of European Art, as he explores the work of Henri Fantin-Latour, French Realist painter and lithographer.

For further information of the AGH's Doors Open Hamilton activities, please visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com.

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