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Celebrating excellence, diversity and innovation in short film and video
Art Gallery of Hamilton International Film and Video Festival 9
Bell Canada Award for Short Film And Video

A spectacular film and video festival staged under the stars will screen international new works at the **Art Gallery of Hamilton International Film and Video Festival - Photophobia 9** on **Thursday, August 9 at 9 pm**, an outdoor event in the Art Gallery of Hamilton's Irving Zucker Sculpture Garden, 123 King Street West, downtown Hamilton. Admission is \$4.00 for AGH Members and \$5.00 for Non-Members. Tickets may be purchased in advance online at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com, at the Gallery's Front Desk during Gallery hours or at the door the evening of the screening.

An exciting programme of 10 international short films and videos are in competition for the Bell Canada Award. These 10 works were selected by jury from over 200 entries by both established and emerging directors from 8 countries. Genres include drama, documentary, performance, comedy, animation and experimental film and video all under 15 minutes in length and produced between 2005 and 2007. Selected works include local, national and international premieres and two short films presented at the 2007 Cannes Film Festival. The Bell Canada Award, consisting of a \$1000 cash prize and an original glass sculpture by artist Shirley Elford, will be announced at the conclusion of the screening and awarded to one of the ten filmmakers, as chosen by the jury. Guest directors will be present as well as the Honorable Consul of Trade and Cultural Affairs, from the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

Selected Films and Videos for Art Gallery of Hamilton International Film and Video Festival 9:

Like is...., 2006, Maisha N. Baddoo, **Hamilton CAN**
Coconut, 2006, Chris Hoag, **Waukesha U.S.A.**
Procession 2005, Erika Loic, **Toronto CAN**
Light As a Feather/Heavy As Lead, 2006, Irene Loughlin, **Hamilton CAN**
My Own 1,000 Square Meters, 2006, Atousa Bandeh Ghasabadi,
Tehran/Amsterdam, Iran/ The Netherlands
Paradise Drift, 2006, Martin Hansen, **Amsterdam The Netherlands**
Tree 2006, Shelley Niro, **Brantford CAN**
Isolating Landscapes, 2007, Heidi Phillips, **Winnipeg CAN**
Ou est Maurice ? 2006, Matthew Rankin & Alek Rzeszowski, **Winnipeg CAN**
For The Love Of God, 2007, Joe Tucker, **London U.K.**

Bell Canada Award Jury:

Mike Hoolboom is an internationally recognized filmmaker and writer, currently developing a large internet project dedicated to Canadian film and video artists: www.fringeonline.ca

Terrance Odette is an award winning filmmaker whose three feature films *Heater*, *Saint Monica* and *Sleeping Dogs* have screened at major film festivals (Berlin, Sundance, Toronto, London). He lives in Hamilton.

Vicky Moufawad-Paul is a video artist and the Programming & Exhibitions Coordinator at A Space Gallery. She is the Former Executive Director of the Toronto Arab Film Festival and has an M.F.A. in Film and Video from York University

In the event of rain, the screening will take place indoors in the AGH's Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Pavilion.

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For complete **AGH International Film and Video Festival 9** information, please visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com or contact 905-527-6610, ext. 232.

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