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AGH *film* series screens a vivid portrait of obsession

## The Last Mistress

The Fall 2008 **AGH *film* series** begins with a screening of the provocative film **The Last Mistress** on **Wednesday, September 10 at 7:00 pm** at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, 2 King Street West, downtown Hamilton.

Tickets are \$6.00 for AGH Members, \$8.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased online in advance at [www.artgalleryofhamilton.com](http://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.

**The Last Mistress** marks the monumental pairing of cinema's premiere provocateur, director Catherine Breillat (*Romance, Fat Girl*) with the most fearless and explosive actor of our generation, Asia Argento (*Marie Antoinette, Boarding Gate*). A penniless rogue, Ryno de Marigny shocks 19<sup>th</sup>-century France with his engagement to the virginal gem of the aristocracy, Hermangarde, as lurid speculations of Ryno's ten year affair with the carnal Vellini (Argento) swirl around him. A supremely erotic and wickedly humorous depiction of human lust is revealed - overriding the brittle facade of nobility and reverence. Bolstered by Breillat's mastery of the medium and Argento's commanding performance, **The Last Mistress** is a highly entertaining yet incredibly provocative film that has resulted in unanimous praise from audiences and critics across the world. 2007 Toronto International Film Festival. 2007 Venice Film Festival. *Rated 18A*.

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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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