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A film by the legendary director Franco Zeffirelli

La Traviata

The **AGH film series** screens the passionate and poetic **La Traviata** directed by legendary filmmaker Franco Zeffirelli on **Thursday, July 30 at 7:00 pm** at the **Art Gallery of Hamilton**, 123 King Street West, downtown Hamilton.

A 1982 Academy Award nominee for best art direction and costume design, **La Traviata** follows the heart-breaking love affair between dying courtesan Violetta (soprano Teresa Stratas) and nobleman Alfredo (tenor Plácido Domingo), whom Violetta rejects in order to save his family's reputation. Set in 1840s Paris, this opera by Giuseppe Verdi offers magnificent locations, sets, and costumes, and features the Metropolitan Opera and Chorus directed by James Levine. Rated F.

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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In celebration of *Vista Italia*, the AGH's year-long celebration of Italian art and culture presented by TD Bank Financial group, the Gallery is proud to partner with the following organizations in presenting a selection of Italian films throughout the year: Cinema Insieme, Festitalia and Istituto Italiano di Cultura.

Full-time students of Mohawk College, McMaster University, Redeemer College, Columbia College and the Canadian Institute for Dental Hygiene are student e-Members at the AGH, courtesy of the Gallery's Audience Development partner, RBC. Student e-Members receive free admission to the AGH and discounted pricing for AGH *film* tickets.

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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