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AGH i love film series – November Screenings
*Higher Ground, Winter in Wartime, Precious Life
and Restless*

Art Gallery of Hamilton's *i love film* series continues in November with the screening of ***Higher Ground*** on **Wednesday, November 9 at 7 pm** at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, ***Winter in Wartime*** on **Saturday, November 12 at 1 am** followed by ***Precious Life*** on **Saturday, November 12 at 4 pm** both at the Westdale Theatre. November screenings continue with ***Restless*** on **Wednesday, November 23 at 7 pm** at Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas.

Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas is located at 2 King Street Street West, Hamilton; Westdale Theatre is location at 1014 King Street West, Hamilton.

Regular film tickets are \$6.00 for AGH Members (including Student Access participants), \$8.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for adults. The AGH *i love film* series Pass (offering ten tickets per pass and valid for a year from date of purchase) is \$54.00 for AGH Members, \$72.00 for students and seniors and \$90.00 for adults. Tickets and passes may be purchased online in advance at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com, in person at the AGH during Gallery hours or at the screening venue 30 minutes prior to start time.

In Vera Farmiga's directorial debut, ***Higher Ground*** depicts the landscape of a tight-knit spiritual community thrown off-kilter when one of their own begins to question her faith. Inspired by screenwriter Carolyn S. Briggs' memoir *This Dark World*, the film tells the story of a thoughtful woman's struggles with belief, love, and trust - in human relationships as well as in God. *Director: Vera Farmiga, 2011, USA, 111 min. Rated 14A.*

Winter in Wartime is set in Nazi-occupied Holland in 1945. In a snow-covered village, thirteen-year-old Michiel is drawn into the Resistance when he aids a wounded British paratrooper. Michiel's boyish sense of defiance and adventure soon turns to danger and desperation, as he is forced to act without knowing whom to trust among the adults and townspeople around him. Wartime's harsh reality encroaches on childhood innocence as Michiel confronts good and evil, courage and duplicity, and his own burden. *Director: Martin Koolhoven, 2011, Netherlands/Belgium, Dutch with English subtitles. Rated 14A.*

With the help of a prominent Israeli journalist, ***Precious Life*** chronicles the struggle of an Israeli pediatrician and a Palestinian mother to get treatment for her baby, who suffers from an incurable genetic disease. Each must face their most profound biases as they inch towards a possible friendship in an impossible reality. *Director: Shlomi Eldar, 2010, USA/Israel, Hebrew/Arabic with English subtitles, 90 min. Rated PG.*

Restless is the story of a terminally ill teenage girl who falls for a boy who likes to attend funerals. and their encounters with the ghost of a Japanese kamikaze pilot from WWII. *Director: Gus Van Sant, 2011, USA, 91 min. Rated PG*

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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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