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**AGH *film* series screens a documentary
about the greatest music festival you've never seen**
SOUL POWER

AGH *film* series is pleased to screen **Soul Power**, a documentary about the legendary 1974 music festival staged in Zaire, on **Wednesday, February 3 at 7:00 pm** at the **Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas**, 2 King Street West, downtown Hamilton.

Soul Power is co-presented with the Ghana Association of Hamilton in celebration of Black History Month.

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.

In 1974, the most celebrated American Rhythm and Blues acts of the time came together with the most renowned musical groups in Africa for a 12-hour, three-night long concert held in Kinshasa, Zaire. The dream-child of Hugh Masekela and Stewart Levine, this music festival became a reality when they convinced boxing promoter Don King to combine the event with "The Rumble in the Jungle," the epic fight between Muhammad Ali and George Foreman. This *verité* documentary about the legendary music festival (dubbed "Zaire '74"), depicts the experiences and performances of such musical luminaries as James Brown, BB King, Bill Withers and Celia Cruz. These artists were inspired by this return to their African roots, as well as the enthusiasm of the Zairian audience, to give the performances of their lives.

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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.

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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