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An extraordinary portrait of the last shining hours of the British Empire

AGH*film* screens Wah-Wah

The Art Gallery of Hamilton's Fall 2006 AGH*film* series begins a new season with the screening of **Wah-Wah** on **Wednesday, September 13** at 7:10 pm at the Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas, 2 King Street West in downtown Hamilton. Tickets are \$6.00 for AGH Members, \$8.00 for students and seniors and \$10.00 for adults. Complete film information and on-line ticket purchasing is available by visiting www.artgalleryofhamilton.com

Directed by acclaimed actor Richard E. Grant (*Withnail and I*, 1987), **Wah-Wah** is a semi-autobiographical "coming-of-age" story, told through the eyes of young Ralph Compton. Set during the last gasp of the British Empire in Swaziland, South East Africa in 1969, the plot focuses on the dysfunctional Compton family whose gradual disintegration mirrors the end of British rule. What results is a tumultuous cocktail of gin, theatre, petty snobbery, and the determination of a young man to rise about it. Starring Gabriel Byrne, Emily Watson, Julie Walters and Miranda Richardson.

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