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**AGH *film* series screens a documentary
about the transformative power of art
WASTE LAND**

AGH *film* series screens **Waste Land**, a documentary about the impoverished and the power of the human spirit, on **Wednesday, October 13 at 7:00 pm** at the **Empire Jackson Square 6 Cinemas**, 2 King Street West, downtown Hamilton.

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.

Filmed over nearly three years, **Waste Land** follows renowned artist Vik Muniz as he journeys from his home base in Brooklyn to his native Brazil and the world's largest garbage dump, Jardim Gramacho, located on the outskirts of Rio de Janeiro. There he photographs an eclectic band of "catadores" -- or self-designated pickers of recyclable materials. Muniz's initial objective was to "paint" the catadores with garbage. However, his collaboration with these inspiring characters as they recreate photographic images of themselves out of garbage reveals both dignity and despair as the catadores begin to re-imagine their lives. Director Lucy Walker (*Devil's Playground*, *Blindsight*) has great access to the entire process and, in the end, offers stirring evidence of the transformative power of art and the alchemy of the human spirit.

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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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