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Art Gallery of Hamilton presents a Literary Event
Jan Wong: *Beijing Confidential*

Co-presented with A Different Drummer Books and Bryan Prince Bookseller

Art Gallery of Hamilton is pleased to present a special literary event with renowned journalist **Jan Wong** as she discusses her latest work *Beijing Confidential* on **Thursday, November 29 at 7:30 pm** at the AGH's Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Pavilion.

Tickets are \$5.00 for AGH Members and \$7.00 for Non-Members. Tickets may be purchased online at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com, in person at the AGH Front Desk during Gallery hours or by calling 905-527-6610, ext. 232.

Beijing Confidential tells of Jan Wong's return to Beijing and her quest to find someone she encountered briefly in 1973, and whose life she was certain she had ruined forever.

In the early 1970s, Jan Wong travelled from Canada to become one of only two Westerners permitted to study at Beijing University. One day a young stranger, Yin Luoyi, asked for help in getting to the United States. Wong, then a starry-eyed Maoist, immediately reported Yin to the authorities. Thirty-three years on, and more than a decade after the publication of her bestselling *Red China Blues*, Jan Wong revisits the Chinese capital to begin her search for the person who has haunted her conscience. She wants to apologize, to somehow make amends. At the very least, she wants to discover whether Yin survived.

"With her unique perspective, Wong has given us front row seats at Mao's theater of the absurd. It is hard not to laugh and cry . . . this book will become a classic, a must-read for anyone interested in China."
—*The New York Times*

This special literary event is organized as part of the AGH's *Inspiration East*, a year-long celebration of Asian arts and culture presented by TD Bank Financial Group with support from Sheraton Hamilton, Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund and the Canadian Foundation for Chinese Heritage Preservation. The AGH acknowledges the Canada Council for the Arts, Ontario Arts Council, Canadian Heritage and the City of Hamilton for its support of its programming activities.

Art Gallery of Hamilton is located at 123 King Street West, downtown Hamilton. 905-527-6610. Gallery Hours: Tuesday and Wednesday Noon to 7 pm; Thursday and Friday Noon to 9 pm; Saturday and Sunday, Noon to 5 pm. Closed Mondays.

For further information, please contact 905-527-6610, ext. 232.

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