

AGH Celebrates the 10th Annual AGH BMO World Film Festival

Thursday, October 11 to Sunday, October 21



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Presenting the best in international, independent, and Canadian film, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is pleased to bring over 60 films to multiple unique venues across Hamilton in celebration of the 10th Annual AGH BMO World Film Festival happening **Thursday, October 11 to Sunday, October 21.**

Over the last 10 years, as Hamilton's largest showcase of film and film related programming, the AGH BMO World Film Festival has welcomed over 50,000 attendees, screened over 300 films and worked with more than 100 community and corporate partners to bring premium cinema to the region. Including an array of talks, panels, performances, parties, and other activities, the Festival fosters community, engages critical dialogue, and promotes cultural diversity throughout Hamilton and beyond.

“The AGH BMO World Film Festival is the largest Film Festival in Hamilton and the Region, bringing a variety of film from mainstream to feminist, aboriginal and LGBTQ2+ to an increasingly broader audience,” says Shelley Falconer, AGH President & CEO. “The breadth and variety of views enables all of us to hear a diversity of views through film, one of our most accessible visual mediums. We are so grateful to all our community partners and sponsors for supporting and celebrating the Festival’s 10th year.”

“Film has a unique capacity to empower a diversity of voices,” says Ryan Ferguson, AGH BMO World Film Festival Curator. “Our team works really hard to ensure the Festival balances women, LGBTQ2+, Indigenous, Canadian and International film makers as well as focusing on a range of contemporary themes, from the environment to politics, health and wellness to arts and architecture.”

The Festival kicks off with a special 10th Anniversary two-night edition of Trailers & Teasers on Thursday, September 27 and Friday, September 28 from 7 pm – 10 pm. Attendees to this free event will be the first to receive the 2018 AGH BMO World Film Festival Program, including the complete Festival line-up, and have the first opportunity to purchase individual tickets (Festival passes are now on sale). Thursday’s programming includes a free screening of *The Intouchables* and on Friday, *Loving Vincent*.

Festival highlights include an uniquely formatted Opening Night celebration, this year held in tandem with the Art Gallery of Hamilton’s Fall Exhibitions Opening of *Norvel Morrisseau* and *Rosemary Kilbourn* on Friday, October 12 from 6 pm – 10 pm. Attendees will enjoy a night of art, artists talks, performance, spoken word, and film.

Committed to nurturing future talent in cinema arts, the Festival is proud to host the second edition of the Youth Film Challenge. Youth ages 13 to 18 are invited to create and submit a short film for the chance to have it presented on the big screen. Created in partnership with Collective Arts Brewing, the 24 Hour Film Race also enters in second year. The awarded winners of each competition will be shown as a free public screening.

Film Schedule Highlights

Mary Shelley – [watch the trailer](#)

Whitney – [watch the trailer](#)

Juliet, Naked – [watch the trailer](#)

Won't You Be My Neighbor – [watch the trailer](#)

Love, Gilda – [watch the trailer](#)

ANTHROPOCENE: The Human Epoch – [watch the trailer](#)

Ash is Purest White – [watch the trailer](#)

3 Faces – [watch the trailer](#)

The Wild Pear Tree – [watch the trailer](#)

Shoplifters – [watch the trailer](#)

The Image Book – [watch the trailer](#)

Programming Highlights

Trailers & Teasers Pt 1

Thursday, September 27, 7 pm – 10 pm
Lincoln Alexander Centre
Followed by a free screening of *The Intouchables*

Trailers & Teasers Pt 2

Friday, September 28, 7 pm – 10 pm
Lincoln Alexander Centre
Includes a free screening of *Loving Vincent*

Opening Night Screening

Thursday, October 11, 7pm – 9 pm
Lincoln Alexander Centre
Film to be announced at Trailers & Teasers on Friday, September 27

Official Festival Opening Party & AGH Fall Exhibitions Opening

Friday, October 12, 6 pm – 10 pm
Art Gallery of Hamilton

Closing Night Film, Party & Drag Show

Saturday, October 20, Film at 7 pm, Party at 9 pm
Art Gallery of Hamilton

Screening Locations

Lincoln Alexander Centre (main venue): 160 King Street East, Hamilton
Art Gallery of Hamilton: 123 King Street West, Hamilton
Cineplex Cinemas Ancaster: 771 Golf Links Road, Ancaster
St. John the Evangelist: 320 Charlton Ave W, Hamilton, ON L8P 2E7

Passes and Tickets

Festival Pass: until September 28, \$225. After September 28, \$250. AGH Members 10% off.
Festival 10-Pack : \$108
General Tickets: \$12 (on sale September 27)
AGH Member Tickets: \$10 (on sale September 27 to October 5)

For details and tickets, please visit **aghfilmfest.com**.

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About the Art Gallery of Hamilton:

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is the oldest and largest public art gallery in southern Ontario. Its permanent collection, which is focused on historical Canadian, 19th-century European, and International and contemporary art, numbers more than 10,000 works and is recognized as one of Canada's finest. The AGH is a vital creative hub and centre of lifelong learning that enables people of all ages to enrich their lives by gaining a deeper understanding of art. The Gallery is supported by the City of Hamilton, the Canada Council for the Arts and the Ontario Arts Council. For more information, please visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com.

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