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## **Art Gallery of Hamilton announces major AGH World Film Festival partnership with CIBC Wood Gundy**

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is pleased to announce the support of CIBC Wood Gundy as the presenting partner of its annual world film festival. This partnership results in a name change: the festival will now be called **AGH CIBC Wood Gundy World Film Festival**.

The **AGH CIBC Wood Gundy World Film Festival** runs from Friday, September 23 to Sunday, October 2, 2011.

In a special announcement event held on Tuesday, July 12 at the AGH, Louise Dompierre, AGH President and CEO and Filomena Frisina, Chair, AGH Board of Directors took great pleasure in announcing this substantial commitment of CIBC Wood Gundy to the Gallery's annual film festival.

The Film Festival's phenomenal growth is directly related to the support of our partners," says AGH President and CEO Louise Dompierre. "With CIBC Wood Gundy playing a key leadership role as our presenting partner we will continue to develop and expand this landmark event for our city and region."

"At CIBC Wood Gundy, we believe that successful investing begins with building one to one relationships," says Tom Cosentino, Branch Manager/Investment Advisor, CIBC Wood Gundy, Hamilton Branch. "By supporting the AGH CIBC Wood Gundy World Film Festival, our Advisors are investing in the vibrant cultural health of our community, while hosting our clients to a memorable festival experience. We're proud to uphold our company's history of community involvement and support."

In addition to CIBC Wood Gundy corporate support, individual investment advisors from CIBC Wood Gundy, Hamilton Branch contributed to the partnership. They are: Tom Cosentino, The Histed Investment Group (John R. Histed and Rochelle K. Wilson), Ralph Manley, The Murphy Investment Group (Harley J. Murphy and Sarah Murphy), Scott W. Nichols, Mark A. Rizzo, Fred K. Walsh, Robert T. Hill, Joel Smith, Iain Mitchell, Guido Di Cesare, Raj Aujla, John R. Dryden and Tom Van Zuiden.

Entering its third year, the AGH CIBC Wood Gundy World Film Festival has quickly become an eagerly anticipated fall event. This year's festival offers award-winning films from the Cannes Film Festival, Sundance Film Festival, Tribeca Film Festival and the Toronto International Film Festival as well as a selection of French films from both France and Quebec. In addition, a number of important documentary films will be screened.

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The Art Gallery of Hamilton also gratefully acknowledges the following confirmed film festival partners: Acclamation Bar and Restaurant, Cineplex Media, Banko Media, BMO Bank of Montreal, Cinema Insieme, Effort Trust, Filomena Frisina, Grant Thornton, Hamilton Film and Television Office, Le Centre français Hamilton inc., Localicious/Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Area, Mohawk College, the Government of Ontario, Ross & McBride, LLP, Simplex Grinnell and Upper James Toyota.

On board as programming and/or in-kind partners are the Ancaster Film Festival, Burlington Art Centre, CHCH, Chris Angel (Great Canadian Realty Inc.), City of Hamilton, Dan Lawrie Insurance, Doc Toronto, Empire Theatres, Encore Cinemas (Burlington), The Factory Media Arts Centre, Festitalia, the Government of Canada through the Department of Canadian Heritage, the Government of Ontario, Green Benefits Group, Hamilton Artists' Inc. Hamilton24, Hamilton Music and Film Festival, Hamilton Film Festival, Hamilton Public Library, James Street North SuperCrawl, Mike Lalich, Photographer, Mackesy, Smye LLP, Pegasus Direct Mail Worx, RBC, Chef Helena Robertson/Café at AGH, Special Event Rentals, TIFF (Toronto International Film Festival), and Westdale Village BIA.

Founded in 1914, the Art Gallery of Hamilton is the third largest public art gallery in Ontario, and owns one of the finest collections in Canada. The Gallery has been screening feature and short-format films for over a decade. The AGH CIBC Wood Gundy World Film Festival debuted in 2009, at which time it screened 14 films over 5 days in 3 venues.

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For information on the **AGH CIBC Wood Gundy World Film Festival**, please visit [www.aghfilmfest.com](http://www.aghfilmfest.com)

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