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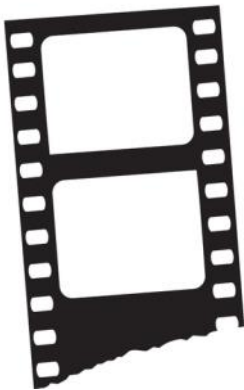


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Nov 5 - 13th, 2016

HAMILTON FILM FESTIVAL

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ABOUT THE FESTIVAL : **WE EARN THE HAMILTON IN OUR TITLE**

The 11th annual Hamilton Film Festival (HFF XI) screens a juried selection of local & international independent films and will include film score and script submissions.

We connect filmmakers and give them another voice. We celebrate the art of movie making from concept to completion. From the budding filmmaker to the pro, we are always working to move the film industry in Hamilton... a little further each year.

~Nathan Fleet, Festival Director 2016

JUXT

What is JUXT? : JUXT is an HFF original series that is entering it's 8th year. Each year a filmmaker is asked to create a short film and leave it open ended. The following year, a new filmmaker picks up the story where it left off. During the awards we will show every instalment including the newest JUXT 8, by local filmmakers Camp 905! JUXT Makers 1-7: Ken Turner & Paul J. Boresky, Jason Hofing, Craig F. Watkins, Jeremy Major, Brian Berneker, Kyle Hytonen, Lee Skinner.

BOX OFFICE

Box office opens 1/2 hour before each screening during the week of the festival Nov 5-13th. We hold 20 tickets at the box office for walk-up sales. **Sorry, no reservations!** The box office is inside the Stair-case Theatre at 27 Dundurn Street North. You can also purchase tickets at the venues 1/2 hour before each screening. Tickets will be available online throughout the festival at HamiltonFilmFestival.com.



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

7:00pm Raiders! **Z**

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

12noon HFX 72 Film Challenge **DC**

MONDAY NOVEMBER 7

8:00pm First Round Down **SC**

8:30pm The Open **EMT**

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8

6:30pm Student and First Time Filmmakers **EMT**

7:00pm Hamilton Shorts **SC**

7:00pm Man Made Epidemic **TC**

8:30pm The Lockpicker **EMT**

9:30pm Experimental Shorts **SC**

10:30pm Dark Harvest **EMT**

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9

7:00pm Ken Foster **TC**

7:00pm Bickerman's Grove **DC**

6:30pm Vive La Mort **EMT**

7:00pm German Short Films 1 **SC**

8:30pm Hear The Silence **EMT**

9:30pm German Short Films 2 **SC**

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10

6:30pm Chasing Valentine **EMT**

7:00pm Animated Shorts **SC**

8:30pm Drama Shorts 1 **EMT**

9:30pm 24 x 36: A Movie About Movie Posters **SC**

10:30pm There is No Undo **EMT**

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11

12noon The Family **EMT**

1:00pm Restoring Tomorrow **SC**

3:00pm Drama Shorts 2 **SC**

3:30pm Play Your Gender **SH**

6:30pm Peelers **EMT**

7:00pm Year By The Sea **SC**

7:00pm The Red Maple Leaf **Z**

9:00pm LGBTQ Shorts! **EMT**

9:30pm Thrills and Chills! **SC**

11:30pm Under the Sun **EMT**

11:59pm Be My Cat: A Film For Anne **SC**

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12

1:00pm	The Paper Store	SC
3:00pm	Doc Shorts	SC
6:30pm	Second Spring	EMT
7:00pm	Comedy Shorts	SC
7:00pm	HFX 72-Hour Film Challenge Screening	Z
9:00pm	Dark Comedy Shorts	EMT
9:30pm	Scratch	Z
9:30pm	Generation Wolf	SC

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

10:00am	Family Shorts	SC
11:30am	Film Club Films	SC
2:00pm	Milton's Secret	Z
3:00pm	The Land of Rock and Gold	SC
7:00pm	Awards Ceremony + JUXT	SC
8:30pm	The Sublet	SC

SC	Staircase Theatre	27 Dundurn St N
MPAC	McIntyre Performing Arts Ctr @ Mohawk	135 Fennell Ave. W.
CL	Central Library - Wentworth Room	55 York Blvd
SH	Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, Heritage Room	116 King St W
TC	The Café	1365 Main Street E
EMT	Elaine May Theatre	25 Dundurn St N
DC	Digital Canaries	520 Burlington St E
Z	The Zoetic	526 Concession St
FM	Factory Media Centre	228 James St N

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5



RAIDERS! THE STORY OF THE GREATEST FAN FILM EVER MADE

Z : 7pm - \$10
(106m, USA Dir. Eric Zala)
Cosplay + Trivia + Prizes + Movie!
Free admission with your Hamilton Film Expo wristband

After Steven Spielberg's Raiders of the Lost Ark was released 35 years ago, three 11-year-old boys from Mississippi set out on what would become a 7-year-long labor of love and tribute to their favorite film: a faithful, shot-for-shot adaptation of the defining action adventure film. They finished every scene...except one: the thrilling, explosive airplane set piece. Over two decades later, the trio reunited with the original cast members from their childhood in order to complete their masterpiece.

Featuring interviews with John Rhys Davies, Eli Roth and more, Raiders! The Story of the Greatest Fan Film Ever Made is just that: the story of this long gestating project's culmination, chronicling the friends' dedication to their artistic vision—mixed in with some movie magic—to create a personal, epic love letter to a true modern classic.

Win prizes as the audience judges the best Indy costume, try your luck at

our trivia and definitely enjoy the Hamilton Theatrical premiere of the documentary! A night of Action and Adventure

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 6

HFX 72 FILM CHALLENGE

For registered teams only.



MONDAY NOVEMBER 7

OPENING FILM

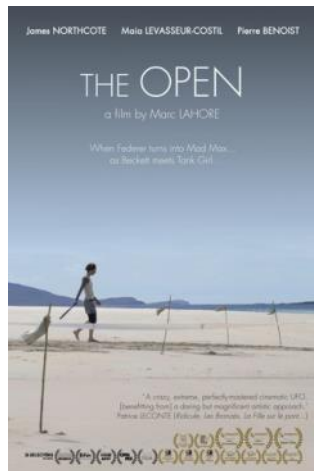
FIRST ROUND DOWN

ST - 8pm - \$12
(96min, Canada, Comedy / Action, Brett Butler, Jason Butler)
HAMILTON PREMIERE

This screening will sell out. A former hockey star turned hitman returns home after ten years to take care of his younger brother, but his checkered past catches up to him

faster than he can deliver pizza. Features the Hamilton Steelhawks!

The Butler Brothers are 3-time HFF Alumni



THE OPEN

EMT - 8:30pm - \$12
ONTARIO PREMIERE
(103min, France, Drama, Action, Marc Lahore)

Limited Seating

Bombs have exploded. The war is global. Yet André and Stéphanie won't give up: Roland Garros is their life, the reason why they live – their history. And come what may, they will organize their Open, whatever the cost. Even without rackets, even without balls, by the sheer strength of their faith. They believe in it. So hard they could even convince Ralph – a guerrilla from the plain – to join them, lay down his weapons, take his racket once more and try his luck in the final: Roland Garros! Three misfits, playing air tennis in the middle of nowhere, strive to dream – even though life is turning into a farce, even though the world is coming to an end.

French and English with English Subtitles

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TUESDAY NOVEMBER 8

STUDENT AND FIRST TIME FILMMAKERS EMT - 6:30pm

- **FINAL CASSETTE** (USA, Lianghong Deng)
- **TOASTER** (Romania, Cristian Pop)
- **AT DAWN** (UK, Ollie Wolf)
- **IF WE MUST DIE** (USA, ANTONETA Alamat Kusijanovic)
- **THE SILENCE** (Canada, Cleo Tellier)
- **RUTH'S GREAT ESCAPE** (USA, Thomas Bangert)
- **WHAT GOES UP** (USA, Brian Naughton)
- **TINY TRACKS** (Canada, Naomi Hocura)
- **AT DAWN** (UK, Nathan Morris)

HAMILTON SHORTS SC - 7pm - \$10 (83min)

Wanna see what our local filmmakers are up to? Comedy, Drama, Experimental and more!

- **MICE GUY** (Luther Griggs)
- **TOILET BRUSH** (Bill Boyd -Wilson)
- **FROM ME TO YOU** (Aron Safranyos)
- **FINDER** (Bea Macapagal)
- **SYD** (Bea Macapagal)
- **TIK-TIK** (Larica Perera)
- **THE ADVENTURES OF JIMMY & CHAZ** (Leo Sciarra)
- **GROZOTA** (Taras Hemon)
- **THE BALLAD OF GLORIA SEDGWICK** (Peter Riddihough)
- **WHAT MATTERS** (Logan Hill)

- **THE MAGICIAN FOOL & FORTUNE** (Juliana LaChance)
- **FACE VALUE** (Derek Lukosius)
- **SHRINER'S CREEK** (Tino Notarianni)



MAN MADE EPIDEMIC

TC - 7pm - \$6
(83min, Germany, Documentary, Natalie Beer)

Watch the film, stay for the discussion
Very limited Seating

Filmmaker Natalie Beer sets off on a journey around the world speaking to leading doctors, scientists, and families to find out the truth about the autism epidemic and whether or not vaccines have a role to play. The film explores the common misconception that autism is solely genetic and looks into scientists concerns over recent years about environmental factors such as medication, pesticides and pollution which continue to leave our children with physical and neurological damage.

Synopsis supplied by the film's production company

THE LOCKPICKER

EMT - 8:30pm - \$10
(94min, Canada, Drama / Coming of Age, Randall Okita)

After the death of a friend, teen thief Hashi fantasizes about getting out of town. When his closest friend is victimized by violence, Hashi is forced to choose between fighting back and becoming what he fears, or saving himself and leaving behind everyone and everything he knows.

With screenings happening across Canada, we are thrilled to have the Hamilton premiere!



EXPERIMENTAL SHORTS

SC - 9:30pm - \$10
(12 Local and International Short Films)

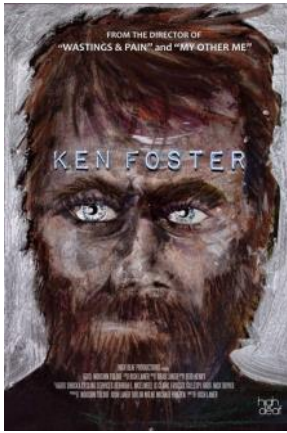
- ***THE GRAND JOURNEY HERE** (Canada, Christopher Healey)
- **ECHOES** (Canada, Darik Maurice)
- **BOMBSHELL** (Canada, Lisa Birke)
- **AIDES (CANADA)**, Robert W. Gray)
- **BOXERS BREAKING** (Canada, Amina Moon)
- **LITTLE PIECES OF PAPER** (Canada, Andrée-Anne Roussel)
- ***79 YEARS** (The Years after Lovecraft) (Canada, Colin Baxter)
- **GLIMPSE** (Canada, John Nicol)
- **SAMBA #2** (Brazil, USA, Rosane Chamecki and Andrea Ierner)
- **We R the World/Mold** (Canada, Dawn George)
- ***ALIEN TRANSMISSION** (Canada, Robert Ezerzgalis)
- **SUBSTRATE** (Canada, Margie Kelk)
- **THE KEYS** (Switzerland, Sonia Benarab)

*Filmed in Hamilton

DARK HARVEST

EMT - 10:30pm - \$10
(92min, Canada, Drama/
Thriller, James Hutson)

A marijuana grower (Carter, James Hutson) and his mentor's (Ricardo, Cheech Marin) illegal marijuana trade is broadsided by the murder of Carter's best friend. The ensuing homicide investigation lead by suspended and implicated throwback narcotics officer (Bernie, A.C. Peterson) tangles with Carter and Ricardo's transition to legalized pot.



distorted renditions of iconic cityscapes as he is for peddling them on the streets to support a serious crack habit and subdue a schizophrenic mind. Inside Ken's squalid hotel room we are privy to an intimate look at life in the city's most unforgiving neighbourhood and Foster's fragmented approach to his relationships and his work. When Ken's considerable talent is put to the test in Vancouver's Art Battle competition, what emerges is a gut-wrenching portrait of a man caught in conflict between ambition, ego and the desperation of needing his next fix. — written by Jessica Barrett.

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER

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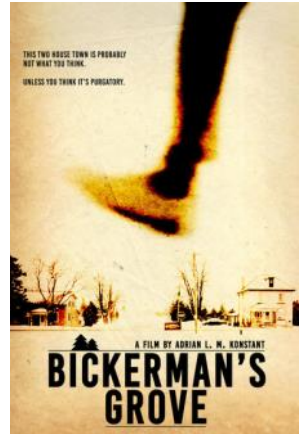
KEN FOSTER

TC - 7pm - \$6
(94min, Canada,
Documentary, Josh Laner)

Watch the film, stay for the discussion

Very limited Seating
Out of the shadowy world of Vancouver's Gastown, Ken Foster emerges as an enigmatic figure. A prolific artist, Foster is known as much for his beautifully

learn to get along before the end of the tree lighting ceremony or else be forced to do it all again. This dark Shakespearean comedy will tickle your other funny bone.



GERMAN FILM CELEBRATION

Wednesday night at the Staircase and Elaine Mae Theatre This was a year where the German entries were praised by the programming team. We are very proud to bring you these films.



VIVE LA MORT

EMT - 6:30pm - \$10
(107min, Germany,
Drama / Thriller / War,
Thomas A. Welte)

1945. After an anonymous tip, Wehrmacht deserter Paul Gmeiner is questioned by the French occupation and accused of the murder of a resistance fighter. Under interrogation, he must prove his own version of the events and refute the false accusations.

BICKERMAN'S GROVE

DC - 7:00pm - \$10
(86min, Canada, Comedy,
Adrian L. M. Konstant)

Old Tucker Herman is told that he won't be the one to flip the switch at this year's tree lighting ceremony, instead, having to 'pass the torch' to either his son or son-in-law. He hatches a dark scheme that pits two families against each other, the victor inheriting his substantial fortune. Comical shenanigans ensue as both families find themselves embroiled and entwined in each other's lives and ultimately deaths. As ghosts, they must see the error of their ways and

GERMAN SHORT FILMS 1

SC - 7pm - \$10
(107min, Dramatic/Sci-Fi)

- **RISKY GAME** (Stefan Plepp and Christine Kabisch)
- **EAT SNOW** (Max Hegewald)
- **NELLY** (Chris Raiber)
- **KRYO** (sci fi) (Christoph Heimer)
- **ASPHYXIA** (Pol Ponsarnau)
- **DARK DREAMER** (sci fi) (Max Ponischowski)



HEAR THE SILENCE

EMT - 8:30pm - \$10
(93min, Germany, Drama,
Ed Ehrenberg)

This is the story of the men and women at the time of the German attack on Russia in 1941. A small, lost unit of German soldiers is looking for shelter in a remote, snowy small village in the Ukraine.

Ed Ehrenberg and Ludwig Franz will be in attendance from Germany



GERMAN SHORT FILMS 2

SC - 9:30pm - \$10
(90min, Germany, Drama & Comedy)

- **UNDER PRESSURE** (Lilli Schwabe)
- **ON AIR** (Robert Nacken) Canadian Premiere
- **PITTER PATTER** (Christoph Rainer)
- **MIKELIS** (Marc Bethke)

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10

CHASING VALENTINE

EMT - 6:30pm - \$10
(86min, Canada, Drama / Thriller / Romance, Navin Ramaswaran)

Unable to get over the tragic loss of the love of his life, and stuck with a day job of editing adult videos, Chase meets an unlikely ally - a call girl (Valentine) who works under the various personas she has created for herself. Is Chase ready to uncover Valentine's dark secrets?

Navin Ramaswaran is a long-time HFF Alumni

Preceded by the music video Loving, Leaving (Robin Blanchard)

ANIMATED SHORTS

SC - 7pm - \$10
(75min)

This program is not for children. Viewer discretion advised. With introduction and Q&A by Colin Doncaster (Peregrine Labs)

- **LILA** (Argentina, Carlos Lascano)
- **A BUMPY RIDE** (USA, Chang Shu)
- **IN THE DISTANCE** (Germany, Florian Grolig)

MY BABA'S KITCHEN

- (Canada, Stephanie Turenko)
- **ANIMA RADIX** (Australia, Fernando Silva De la Cruz)
- **CURE** (UK, Peter Baynton)
- **BLIND EYES** (USA, Yifan Hu)
- **UMBRELLA GIRL** (USA, Monika Norcross-Cerminara)
- **THE WIND** (USA, Jinyue Wan)
- **WEATHER THE STORM** (UK, Peter Baynton)
- **AFTER WORK** (China, mengna Lei)
- **DROWN OR SWIM** (UK, Rebecca Meilak)
- **ONLY LOVERS LEAVE TO DIE** (Canada, Vladimir Kanic)
- **MAYHAM** (Canada, Samantha Tan)
- **OBSCULENCE** (Canada, Andrea Cristini)
- **A LIGHTHOUSE IN BREAKING WAVES** (UK, Cheryl White)
- **LAND OF LAOS** (USA, Peter Chanthanakone)

DRAMA SHORTS 1

EMT - 8:30pm - \$10
(102min, Various)

- **DOG DAYS** (UK, George Taylor)
- **THIS MODERN MAN IS BEAT** (USA, Alex Merkin)
- **THE AGE OF UNREASON** (French, Christophe Louis)
- **GETTING FAT IN A HEALTHY WAY** (Bulgaria, Kevork Aslanyan)
- **WHALE VALLEY** (Denmark, Gudmundur Arnar Gudmundsson)
- **HEAR ME** (France, Nicolas Coquet)

24 X 36 : A MOVIE ABOUT MOVIE POSTERS

SC - 9:30pm - \$10
(83min, Canada,
Documentary, Kevin Burke)



Through interviews with art personalities from the past four decades, 24 x 36 examines the birth, death and resurrection of illustrated movie poster art.

THERE IS NO UNDO

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EMT - 10:30pm - \$10
(90min, Canada, Thriller, Simon Winterson)

When odd events start to occur around her, Laila starts to question some of the actions and comments she has made amongst friends and peers. The appearance of a ominous stranger and a new female friend makes her question them even more. Be careful what you wish for ... there is no undo.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11

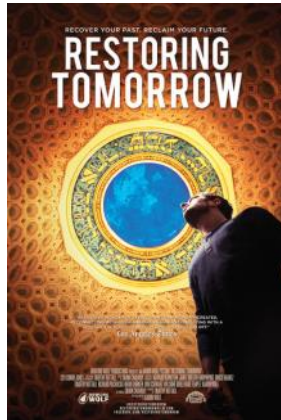


THE FAMILY

EMT - 12noon - \$10
(282min, China, Drama, Shumin Liu)
CANADIAN PREMIERE
Filmed in 35mm, presented digitally

Chinese with English Subtitles : **Please note this movie is almost 5 hours long.**

Liu and Deng are a couple both in their 70s who have been married for nearly half a century and live in a small inland city of China. The family of Liu and Deng is a typical ordinary family of China. Although the family are separated in three cities with long distances in between, the old couple are doing everything they can to keep the family tied together. The family is the sole purpose of their whole life.



RESTORING TOMORROW SPECIAL PREVIEW

SC - 1pm - \$10 General
(75min, USA, Documentary, Aaron Wolf)

Preceded by the short film Kapunka

Director Aaron Wolf in attendance. He is a 3x HFF alumni and won the 2013 Audience Choice Award for his film Guest House.

Religious institutions through history have always formed the bedrock

of American communities. Today they are losing members and even closing their doors at an alarming rate. Director Aaron Wolf's personal journey of rediscovery comes alive in Restoring Tomorrow. The film tells the story of a Los Angeles treasure, Wilshire Boulevard Temple, built by the original Hollywood moguls, its near demise and its determination to achieve the impossible - raise \$150 million to restore its majesty and vibrancy, thus also restoring the future of the Jewish community, the greater Los Angeles community--and on a personal level, Wolf himself.

KAPUNKA

(12min, Israel, Short, Tal Greenberg)

When Israeli law pushes Shmulik's back to the wall, he decides to take matters into his own hands. What he can't foresee is the comical farce his life will become when everything turns topsy-turvy.

DRAMA SHORTS 2

SC - 3pm - \$10
(108min, Canada, Various)

All films from the Greater Toronto Hamilton Area Filmmakers in attendance

- **ON THE LINE** (Canada, Sean Menard)
- **MARINER** (Canada, Thyron Tommy)
- ***HOW SWEET AND SAD AND STRANGE** (Canada, Travis Hayden-Rowe)
- **DOROTHY'S SECRET** (Canada, Matthew MacFadzean)
- **ADORN** (Canada, Elizabeth Melanson and Mouna Traoré)
- **STIR** (Canada, Niari Modi)
- **RESERVATION** (Canada, Matthew Willson)

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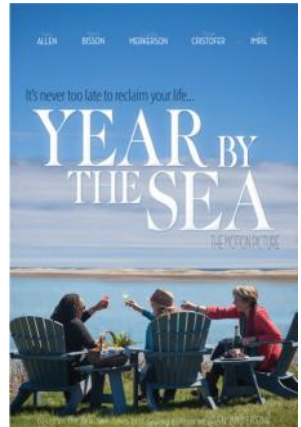
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PEELERS

EMT - 6:30pm - \$10
\$25 All Night Thriller 3-Pack (see PASSES)
(95min, Canada, Horror, Sevé Schelenz)

A small town strip club owner must defend her bar, her strippers and her life when violent infected patrons show up on the final closing night.



YEAR BY THE SEA

SC - 7pm - \$10
(114min, USA, Drama / Comedy, Alexander Janko)

Hoping to reclaim who she was before marriage and children, an empty nester retreats to Cape Cod where she embarks upon a quest to set herself free.

Starring Karen Allen, Yannick Bisson and S Epatha Merkerson.

Director / Composer Alexander Janko and Producer Laura Goodenow will be in attendance.

An award-winning writer/director/composer, ALEXANDER JANKO'S



PLAY YOUR GENDER

SH - 3:30pm - \$10
(90min, Canada, Documentary, Stephanie Clattenburg)

Hamilton Premiere
Sponsored by Hamilton Musician Media

Play Your Gender is a documentary with Kinnie Starr about the gender divide in the music industry. Only 5% of music producers are women even though many of the most bankable stars in the industry are female. Under these conditions, what does it for a woman to make it in music?

Featuring Kinnie Starr, Melissa Auf de Maur, Lily Frost, Chantal Kreviazuk, Sara Quinn and many more



repertoire spans the music, literary, stage, TV and film industries. A graduate of Princeton, he has worked on more than 65 major motion pictures, including the Oscar®-nominated ANASTASIA and Grammy-nominated MAN ON THE MOON. A career milestone, he composed the score for the indie sensation MY BIG FAT GREEK WEDDING, the highest grossing romantic comedy in history. As a writer, he has penned a one-act stage play and five screenplays, including HOME TOWN, which became a semifinalist in Final Draft's "Big Break" competition. He has also written two TV pilots and a mini-series, LOST HOPE (based on the Walsh-McLean family's pursuit of the Hope Diamond) now in development. His book, VMS (the first in a tween action-adventure series), will soon be published. YEAR BY THE SEA is his feature film directorial debut.

Jenni Adams, daughter of U.S. Ambassador Patrick Adams, is snatched from right under the nose of her Secret Service detail. The blatant act has left the American authorities searching for answers with powerful pressure coming at them from every side. From senators all the way up to the President of the United States, the hunt is on to find this girl alive and return her to her family. While two nations fight over jurisdiction as the case grows cold, seasoned RCMP veteran Alfonso Palermo puts everything else aside, his emotions, his alcoholism, his tact, to step up and search for the little girl and return her to her very powerful Washington-elite family.

Starring Frank D'Angelo, James Caan, Robert Loggia,

Martin Landau, Paul Sorvino, Mira Sorvino, Kris Kristofferson, Michael Pare, Margot Kidder, Daniel Baldwin, Armand Asante, Eric Robert, Doris Roberts, Ellen Dubin, Tony Nardi and Marc Blucas



LGBTQ SHORTS!

EMT - 9pm - \$10 (101min, Canada and International, Various) Nudity / Violence

- **JADON** (Canada, Abraham Bankole)
- **HOMESCHOOL REUNION** (USA, Matt Ritchey)



THE RED MAPLE LEAF
Z - 7pm - \$12 (132min, Canada, Thriller, Frank D'Angelo)

The short film Schrodinger's Cat (Canada, Bobby Del Rio) will play before the feature film.

On a seemingly worry-free Ottawa morning, young

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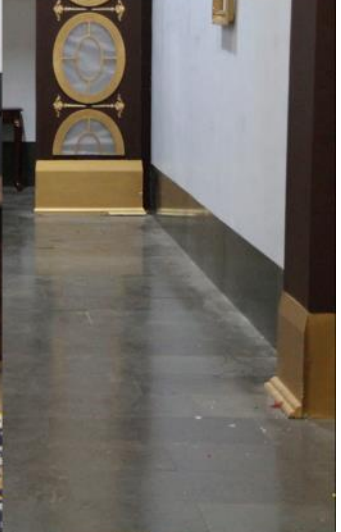


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- **STILL CLOSED** (Canada, Mark Datuin)
- **OCCUPY ME** (USA, Adam Fitzgerald)
- **ECSTASY** (Canada, Kyle Reaume)
- **FLUSH** (Canada, Maisie Jacobson)
- **TRUE COLOURS** (Australia, David Valent)
- **NO MATTER WHO** (France, Anne-Claire Jaulin)
- **PENROSE TRIANGLE** (UK, Michael Boucherie)



THRILLS AND CHILLS!

SC - 9:30pm - \$10
 \$25 All-Night Thriller 3-Pack (See PASSES)
 (97min, Local, Canadian and International Shorts, Various)

- ***FOOTPRINTS** (Canada, Kevin Saychareun)
- ***INFIRMITY** (Canada, Kyle Hytonen and Derek Lukosius)
- **THE MONSTER** (UK, Bob Pipe)
- **HIDDEN WINDOW** (Canada, Greg Jackson)
- **EMPTY BED** (USA, Brandt Shandera)
- **COVER UP** (Canada, Spencer Ryerson)
- **SURGERY** (UK, The Clemens Bros)
 *Hamilton Films

UNDER THE SUN

EMT - 11:30pm - \$10
 (95min, Ukraine, Experimental Drama, Igor Parfenov)

Viewer discretion strongly advised



This epic film has three chapters "The Lawlessness", "The Revolution", "The War" and tells about a man's destiny in Ukraine. This story is told with Black and White images juxtaposed with jarring sequences, this is an experimental film that is not to be missed.

BE MY CAT: A FILM FOR ANNE

SC - 11:59pm - \$10
 \$25 All-Night Thriller 3-Pack (See PASSES)
 (87min, Romania, Horror, Adrian Tofoi)

CANADIAN PREMIERE

A young man in Romania goes to shocking extremes to convince Hollywood actress Anne Hathaway to star in his film.

PLOT SUMMARY: Obsessed with making a movie with Hollywood actress Anne Hathaway, a young man in Romania goes to shocking extremes using three local actresses to shoot scenes from the movie to send to Anne as proof of his filmmaking and acting skills.

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THE FILM THAT REQUIRED THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12



THE PAPER STORE

SC - 1pm - \$10
(97min, USA, Drama,
Nicholas Gray)

Annalee is an academic ghostwriter. A freelance cheat working in the shadows of a college campus. Or rather, she was, until Sigurd books her for the entire semester. He's subcontracting his entire graduate degree. She has reservations, but he's paying double. Annalee and Sigurd become lovers. But things turn sour. 'It's been all Simpsons and dirty sex.' She can't end the romantic relationship without ending the business one. Sigurd has been recording their meetings. When he won't explain, Annalee rats him out to Professor Kane. But instead of the swift justice she envisioned, Kane has his own idea of what should happen next.

Nicholas Gray and Katharine Clark Gray in attendance from NY

DOC SHORTS

SC - 3pm - \$10
(110min, Local and International)



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- **ART OF A LOST TRADE** (USA, Mary Gerretsen)
- **PRETTY DANGEROUS** (Canada, Dan Laera)
- **THE ECHOES OF CHLOE COOLEY** (Canada, Andrea Conte)
- ***LOOKING FOR INCLUSIVENESS: DAVID'S STORY** (Canada, Colin Baxter)
- **FANTASSÙT / RAIN ON THE BORDERS** (Canada, Directed by Federica Foglia - Produced by Deepa Mehta)
- ***CALLING OCCUPANTS** (Canada, Mitch Fillion)

**Filmed in Hamilton*

SECOND SPRING

EMT - 6:30pm - \$10
(107min, Italy, Drama / Romance, Francesco Calogero)

A return to life for Andrea, a 50-year old architect, thanks to a meeting and a garden. While looking for new tenants for his seaside villa, surrounded by a big garden, Andrea meets Rosanna, an aesthesiologist



at the local hospital, married to Riccardo, ten years her junior: an aspiring writer, who at the moment is employed as a salesman at a local shoe store. During an eventful New Year's Eve, Andrea introduces Riccardo to a Maghreb restaurant owner - who is interested rehabbing an attic apartment - and his lovely sister Hikma. Andrea discovers that Hikma is pregnant with Riccardo's child and of the subsequent difficulties facing her old-fashioned, fundamentalist brother. He offers to help



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during the HFX Film Challenge screening**

the couple and let them stay with him in his villa...

Filmmakers *Francesco Calogero and Domenico Arfuso* in attendance from *Italy*

COMEDY SHORTS

SC - 7pm - \$10

(91min, Local, Canadian and International, Various)

This program sells out every year

- **DIVORCE PHOTOGRAPHER** (Canada, Christine Bujs)
- **BEAT AROUND THE BUSH** (Canada, Brianne Nord-Stewart)
- **LOVE STINKS** (Canada, Alicia Harris)
- ***FACE WASH** (Canada, March Mercanti)
- **LOVE** (Germany, Nicolai Tegeler)
- **FOX TROUBLE** (Canada, Sam Coyle)
- ***THIRD WAVE** (Canada, James Orr)
- **WHOLE LOTTO LOVE** (Canada, Chris Strikes)
- **ORANGE YOU GONNA DANCE WITH ME?** (USA, Mary Gerretsen)
- **L'ENCENEDOR QUÀNTIC** (Spain, Pau Escribano)
- **ET TA PROSTATE, ÇA VA?** (France, Cécile Rousset and Jeanne Paturle)
- **THE SPOT** (Canada, Shelly Findlay and Miranda Edwards)
- **3-WAY (NOT CALLING)** (Canada, Molly McGlynn)

HFX 72-HOUR FILM CHALLENGE SCREENING

Z - 7pm - \$10

Judged by Academy Award® winner Colin Chilvers (Superman) FILMED in HAMILTON WORLD PREMIERES

Teams were given a set at Digital Canaries, a special effect by MaxFX, Special Effects Make-Up by Carlos



Henriques of The Butcher Shop and had 72 hours to complete their film. We present the films for the first time on this evening!

DARK COMEDY SHORTS

EMT - 9pm - \$10

(111min, Canadian and International, Various)

Viewer Discretion Strongly, Strongly Advised

- **WELCOME TO DELISH** (Canada, Jonathan Choi)
- **LITTLE DOUGIE** (Canada, Steven Cerritos) World Premiere
- **THE LOCK-IN** (UK, Will Norris and Craig Gallivan) Canadian Premiere
- **KADDISH!** (France, Emeline Castaneda)
- **TIME PORTAL GLORY HOLE** (USA, Jason Petrovitch)



- **RANDOM ATTEMPTS** (Cyprus, Vasvi Çiftçioğlu and Doğuş Özokutan Çiftçioğlu) Ontario Premiere
- **#MURDERSELFIE** (UK, Tobias Tobbell)
- **MUST ESCAPE** (Ukraine, Vadym Shapran)
- **JUST DESSERTS** (UK, Michael Yanny)
- **FARM IS A FOUR LETTER WORD** (Canada, Ryan Couldrey)
- **CHRISTMAS EVIL** (Canada, Michael Peeling and Braeden Gosse)



SCRATCH

Z - 9:30pm - \$12

(95min, Canada, Dark Comedy / Action, Maninder Chana)

Action and dark comedy collide when the perfect heist goes inexplicably wrong, leaving a young woman trapped with mobsters and goons headed her way to claim what remains of a 30 -million dollar loot.

Preceded by the short film Hotel Room (Canada, 7min, Drama, Bobby Del Rio)

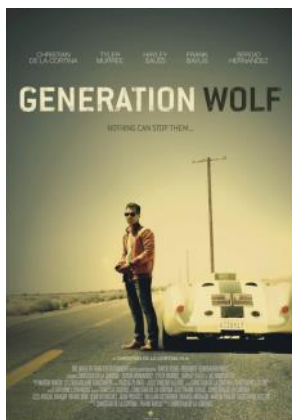
GENERATION WOLF

SC - 9:30pm - \$10

(90min, Canada, Dramatic Thriller, Christian de la Cortina)

Vincent del Toro is part of the Generation Wolf. A generation of ambitious people whose dreams are bigger than their fears. Nothing will stop them from achieving their goals. Vincent took the risk to found his own company, Del Toro Green Motors, in sunny California. His company specializes in refurbishing vintage cars and converting them into electric cars. When a problem arises with the licensing bureau, Vincent is suddenly blocked from selling his cars, jeopardizing his business and putting the family home at risk of being seized. Determined to avoid bankruptcy, Vincent returns home to Michigan to look for a solution. With seemingly no other options available, Vincent becomes involved, with an old friend, in a quick marijuana grow-up inside the family barn. By doing so, Vincent could solve his financial problems. Crossing the line appears to be an easy way out. However, as Vincent falls deeper into the criminal world, he soon realizes that his situation is becoming more dangerous than he ever imagined. But as a wolf, he will have to find a way to survive.

Cast and Crew in attendance



SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

FAMILY SHORTS

SC - 10am - \$6
\$20 Family of 4
(54min, Canadian and International Animated and Live Action)
Perfect for families!

- **LOLA THE GREAT** (USA, Lydia Dullinger)
- **THE FORK** (Canada, Cory Maddalena)
- **RAVEN STEALS THE LIGHT** (Canada, Daniel Foreman)
- **UMBRELLA GIRL** (USA, Monika Norcross-Cerminara)
- **WEATHER THE STORM** (UK, Peter Baynton)
- **MY BABAS KITCHEN** (Canada, Stephanie Turenko)
- **THE CANDY GIRL** (Canada, Joshua Costea)



FILM CLUB FILMS

SC - 11:30am - \$6
\$20 Family of 4

Movies made by local film clubs and youth

- **HCA KIDSCRAWL FILM**
- **ORANGE SUPPORT**
- **B.A.R.F.**
- ***WEENIS** - Rock Band Class / Avalon Music Academy

Factory Media Centre Films:

- ***SUSHI**
- ***THE BREAK UP**

- ***IN THE MOURNING**
- ***LAST LATTE**
- ***STAND UP FOR STEEL**
- ***SECRETS**

**Filmed in Hamilton*



MILTON'S SECRET

Z - 2pm - \$10
\$36 Family of 4
(89min, Canada, Family Drama)
Hosted by CHCH Producer Fred Fuchs will introduce the film. Panel discussion on bullying to follow the film

Twelve-year-old Milton Adams (William Ainscough) feels his world is in crisis. With his parents (Mia Kirshner & David Sutcliffe) stressing about their careers and finances, and the neighborhood bully (Percy Hynes-White) tormenting him, he is constantly anxious. But when Milton's optimistic Grandpa (Donald Sutherland) comes to visit, he learns the secret to finding true happiness from a man who has seen the world and who has committed to living life in the 'now'.

THE LAND OF ROCK AND GOLD

SC - 3pm - \$10
(90min, Canada, Drama Mystery, Daniel Redenbach & Janine Windolph)



In a remote woodland community, a young Indigenous mother and her 7-year-old son find themselves on the run in the wake of the mysterious disappearance of her boyfriend.

AWARDS CEREMONY + JUXT

Admission is PWYC at the door only. We welcome any donation big or small. It takes a tremendous amount of resources to put on a festival this size. We will also gladly accept food donations for the Eva Rothwell centre.

Awards for Jury Choice, Best Feature, Best Short, Best Documentary, Best Screenplay, Best Cinematography, Best Editing, Best Actress, Best Actor, Best Music, Best Student, Sparquie The Squirrel

Also :
Best submitted screenplay
Best submitted music

JUXT SCREENINGS BETWEEN AWARDS

JUXT is an HFF original series that is entering it's

8th year. Each year a filmmaker is asked to create a short film and leave it open ended. The following year, a new filmmaker picks up the story where it left off. During the awards we will show every instalment including the newest JUXT 8, by local filmmakers Camp 905!

JUXT MAKERS 1-7:

Ken Turner & Paul J. Boresky, Jason Hofing, Craig F. Watkins, Jeremy Major, Brian Berneker, Kyle Hytonen, Lee Skinner.

CLOSING FILM THE SUBLET

SC - 8:30pm - \$10
(82min, Canada, Guelph, On, Thriller, John Ainslie)

Joanna, a new mom coping with her baby in an odd sublet apartment as her husband neglects her to focus on his career. Joanna begins to question her sanity as she suspects that the building is haunted. As the walls literally close in on her, she discovers a



violent past to the apartment, but is it postpartum depression or does this building want Joanna to give the most ultimate sacrifice?

Producers Black Fawn Films have been participating at the Hamilton Film Festival for years, they have filmed in Hamilton and are an amazing team from Guelph, Ontario.

Ontario Premiere

TRULY INDEPENDENT AWARD 2016

This year's Truly Independent award will go to Colette Kendall, Hugh McLeod and Kathy Garneau a.k.a The Staircase! If it wasn't for the dedication and support from these three people, the Hamilton Film Festival would not have made it past year one. They operate independently and yet support so many great artists and organizations.

We are extremely proud to offer them this award!

Previous recipients: Eves Raja, Craig F. Watkins, Ken Turner, Robert Ezergeilis, Katie and Joanne Uhlmann



SPECIAL EVENTS

SUNDAY OCTOBER 30



**MARZ HOMES FAMILY
CONCERT**
McIntyre Performing
Arts Centre at Mohawk
College (135 Fennell
Ave. W) - 1pm/2pm

Hamilton filmmakers
Nathan Fleet and Jeremy
Major each create original
video to be screened with a
live performance from the
Hamilton Philharmonic
Orchestra.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5

HAMILTON FILM EXPO 2 Expo Harder

**HAMILTON FILM EXPO 2:
EXPO HARDER**
DC - 10am - 5pm - \$10

\$5 Kids 7-12
6 and under is free
Super cool vendors, Special

Effects Make-Up
demonstration by The
Butcher Shop, Genre
Distribution Panel with
Black Fawn Films, guided
tours of Digital Canaries
film sets and a Film
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Your Expo wristband
includes a free 7pm
screening at The Zoetic of
RAIDERS! The Story of the
Greatest Fan Film Ever
Made. You haven't been to
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Details on the vendors and
events here:
HamiltonFilmExpo.com

*Please note that some of
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may frighten some small
children. Kids must be
accompanied by an Adult.*



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MONDAY NOVEMBER 7

OPENING GALA
SC - 6pm - 7:30pm
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WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9



**SOUNDTRACK ON CFMU
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Festival submissions
Host Stephen Hayes

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10



CANADIAN FILM MARKET
SC - 10am - 5pm
Market Badge Holders Only
The Canadian Film Market
is for film buyers and
sellers and is not open to
the public. Panel
discussions and events will
be open to the public.

VR PANEL
VR introduces a whole new
world of technology and
ideas, but where does
traditional narrative story
telling fit in?

ARE WE THERE YET?

SH - 1pm
Heritage Room at the
Presented by interactive
Ontario

Speakers :

Bernie Roehl - FELT Lab,
University of Waterloo
Henry Faber - New Tropics

ADMISSION:

- Market Badge Holders
- Early Bird and Cinematic Pass Holders
- Industry Development Pass Holders



AFTER SCHOOL

ANIMATION

DEMONSTRATION

FM - 3:30 - 5pm
The Avalon Music Academy is proud to present this demonstration. Using cels from TV's For Better or For Worse, kids will animate a few seconds of the show. These cels were gifted by Lynn Johnston to Steve Parton, who was one of the show's composers, and he has graciously offered these for use in this workshop.



FACTORY MEDIA CENTRE

AGM AND MEMBER'S

SCREENING

FM - 7pm/8pm

11th Annual Members Screening and Annual General Meeting
AGM and election of Board of Trustees: 7PM
Screening and Opening Party: 8PM
FREE event (cash bar available), all are welcome!

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11

ART CRAWL

CANADIAN FILM MARKET

SH - 10am - 5pm
Market Badge Holders Only

MUSIC LICENSING PANEL



Sponsored by Hamilton Musician Media in Partnership with CIMA and Music Ontario

Glen Brown - Moderator

Licensing your music for film and television.

SH - 1pm

Heritage Room

Glen Brown - Moderator

Panelists TBA / 3:30pm
screening of PLAY YOUR GENDER

ADMISSION:

- Market Badge Holders
- Early Bird and Cinematic Pass Holders
- Industry Development Pass Holders
- CIMA and MO Members



DIRECTORY
NEWS
EVENTS



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12

CANADIAN FILM MARKET

SH - 10am - 5pm
Heritage Room
Market Badge Holders Only

DISTRIBUTION (10am)

- Fred Fuchs
- Susan Curran (United Front Entertainment)
- Avi Federgreen (IndieCan Entertainment)
- Inga Diev (Ouat Media)

moderated by **Kelly Payne** (OMDC)

ADMISSION:

- Market Badge Holders
- Early Bird and Cinematic Pass Holders
- Industry Development Pass Holders

FILM FUND PANEL

(11:30am)

ADMISSION:

- Market Badge Holders
- Early Bird and Cinematic Pass Holders
- Industry Development Pass Holders

Special Presentation FIRESIDE CHAT: Visual Effects (1pm)

- Academy Award® Winner **Colin Chilvers**
- Academy Award® Winner **Colin Doncaster**

Please join us for this very special presentation as we bring together two Academy Award® winners who will interview each other on the topic of Visual Effects. There is also a chance you will get to see the gold guy!

**Colin Chilvers 1978
Academy Award®
winner, *Special
Achievement Award in
Visual Effects***

Born in London, England, Colin trained for his chosen career through Hornsey college of Art. Working first as a trainee animation director, then a very short time on 2001 in the Art department, he moved on to special effects as a junior in the special effects department of the movie "The Battle of Britain". He worked on many movies as an assistant until given a chance to supervise an MGM movie "Inspector Clouseau" starring Alan Arkin". Supervising effects on "Tommy", "Lisztomania" and "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" among many others, he was then asked to direct the special effects for "SUPERMAN THE MOVIE", "SUPERMAN" II and III. He was honoured by both the British and American academy with the Special achievement award, OSCAR, for Special Effects on "SUPERMAN THE MOVIE." At the beginning of 1986 Colin joined Michael Jackson to direct his next promotional video "SMOOTH CRIMINAL". Colin and Michael worked together for two years on what became the movie "MOONWALKER". The video "SMOOTH CRIMINAL" received many awards, including, "Best video of the year" from the British music awards.

Colin recently received the Nemoland Legend award for his contribution to motion pictures from the Nemo Academy in Florence.

**Colin Doncaster 2013
Academy Award®
winner, *Technical
Achievement Award***

I'm a father, husband and craftsperson who loves creative technology, visual storytelling and a great user experience.

With 20 years of VFX and animation production experience I'm now building our sustainable studio where great ideas, art and technology can thrive. Over the course of my career I have been lucky to have worked on the the Oscar® winning projects Lord of the Rings and Avatar, along with such directors as Peter Jackson, James Cameron and the brilliant Terry Gilliam.

Most recently I had the honour of receiving a SciTech award for Deep Compositing from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

ADMISSION:

- *Market Badge Holders*
- *Early Bird and Cinematic Pass Holders*
- *Industry Development Pass Holders*

Creative Exchange
(3:30pm)

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13

PAGE TURNER

SH - 10am
Heritage Room
Producer / Writer Meet-Up

This is a casual meet up for producers and writers. All registered exhibitors, companies, authors and screenwriters with scripts entered into the festival are welcome to attend this event.

ADMISSION:

- *Market Badge*
- *Author Badge*
- *Industry Development*

WORDS ON SCREEN

SH - 12 noon
Heritage Room

- *Tony Burgess*
- *Avi Federgreen,*
- *owita Bydlowska*
- *Sheryl Fletcher*

These panelists will talk about their experience in the industry adapting and writing material for film and television.

Admission:

- *Market Badge*
- *Author Badge*
- *Industry Development Pass*

After the panel, head to The Zoetic for a 2pm presentation of Milton's Secret

**WORKSHOP -
THE VISUAL STORY**

CL - 2pm
Jowita Bydlowska
Presented by GritLit
(the Library can be accessed through the mall, which is also attached to the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel)

Jowita Bydlowska says that before she sat down to begin writing her first novel, she had made the whole story into a movie in her head. Her memoir, *Drunk Mom*, has already been optioned for film, and while she did not set out to write a film-able story, she did use visualization to arrange the book's events into a coherent timeline that could potentially lend itself to a script.

Join her for an insightful and informative workshop that examines visualization as a writing tool and talks about staying true to a story, even when it hurts. She will also talk about the experience of having a book optioned and what a writer should – and should not – expect from the process.



SUNDAY OCTOBER 30**1:00pm** Marz Home Family Concert **MPAC****SATURDAY NOVEMBER 5****10am-5pm** Hamilton Film Expo 2 : Expo Harder **DC****MONDAY NOVEMBER 7****6:00pm** Opening Gala **SC****WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 9****10:00am** Soundtrack on CFMU **CFMU****THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10****10:00am** Canadian Film Market **SC****1:00pm** VR Panel - Are We There Yet? **SH****3:30pm** After School Animation Demo **FM****7:00pm** FMC AGM + Member Screening **FM****FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11****10am** Canadian Film Market **SC****1pm** Music Licensing Panel **SH****7pm** Art Crawl**SATURDAY NOVEMBER 12****10:00am** Canadian Film Market **SH****10:00am** Distribution **SH****11:30am** Film Fund Panel **SH****1:00pm** Fireside Chat **SH****3:30pm** Creative Exchange **SH****SUNDAY NOVEMBER 13****10:00am** Page Turner **SH****12:00noon** Words on Screen **SH****2:00pm** Workshop -The Visual Story **CL**

SC	Staircase Theatre	27 Dundurn St N
MPAC	McIntyre Performing Arts Ctr @ Mohawk	135 Fennell Ave. W.
CL	Central Library - Wentworth Room	55 York Blvd
SH	Sheraton Hamilton Hotel, Heritage Room	116 King St W
TC	The Café	1365 Main Street E
EMT	Elaine May Theatre	25 Dundurn St N
DC	Digital Canaries	520 Burlington St E
Z	The Zoetic	526 Concession St
FM	Factory Media Centre	228 James St N

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