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**Art Gallery of Hamilton and
McMaster University Department of Psychiatry and
Behavioural Neurosciences
present**

CHANGING THE SCRIPT FILM FESTIVAL

In support of Mental Health Week 2016

April 13, 2016 - The Art Gallery of Hamilton, in partnership with the McMaster University Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences, is pleased to present Hamilton's only mental health film festival, *Changing the Script*, scheduled during national Mental Health Week from May 2 to 8, 2016. The festival features a series of films selected by psychiatrist Dr. Nadeem Akhtar and AGH Film Curator Ryan Ferguson, followed by panel discussions with experts in the mental health field.

All screenings take place at the Art Gallery of Hamilton / Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Pavilion, 123 King Street West, Hamilton.

"For the last couple of years the McMaster Department of Psychiatry and Behavioural Neurosciences has partnered with the Art Gallery of Hamilton BMO World Film Festival for film screenings followed by panel discussion in an effort to stimulate open discussion about Mental Health issues", said Dr. Nadeem Akhtar. "As a natural evolution of this growing partnership, the *Changing the Script* film festival aims to create a sustainable momentum towards de-stigmatising Mental Illness, through evenings that combine art house film and educational audience-panel discussion. "

Tickets are \$8 for AGH Members and \$10 for general admission. Tickets may be purchased online at www.artgalleryofhamilton.com, by phone at 905.527.6610 ext. 232, in person at the AGH Front Desk and AGH Design Annex or at the screening venue 30 minutes prior to start time.

CHANGING THE SCRIPT FILM FESTIVAL SCHEDULE – May 3 to 8, 2016



Tuesday, May 3 at 7 pm

BLACK BALLOON

Australia | 2008 | Drama | 102min | 14A | Screening at the Art Gallery of Hamilton

When Thomas' pregnant mother has to take things easy, his father Simon puts him in charge of his autistic older brother Charlie. Charlie's unusual antics take Thomas on an emotional journey that causes his pent-up frustrations about his brother to pour out - in a story that is funny, confronting, and ultimately heart-warming. 2008 Berlin International Film Festival – Crystal Bear Winner



Wednesday, May 4 at 7 pm

OSLO, AUGUST 31st

Norway | 2011 | Drama | 102min | 14A | Screening at the Art Gallery of Hamilton

Anders is a fortunate, but deeply troubled man battling drug addiction. As part of his drug rehabilitation program, he is allowed to go into the city for a job interview, but instead drifts around revisiting old friends. The day grows increasingly difficult as he struggles to overcome

personal demons and past ghosts for the chance at love and a new life. 2011 Cannes Film Festival – Official Selection



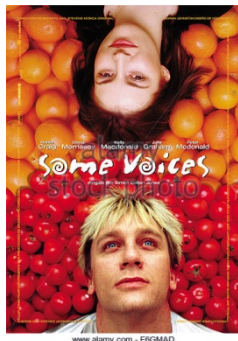
Friday, May 6 at 8 pm

WAKE IN FRIGHT

Australia | 1971 | Drama | 108min | 14A | Screening at the Art Gallery of Hamilton

Sponsored by McMaster Department of Psychiatry

Awe-inspiring, brutal and stunning, *Wake in Fright* is the story a teacher who arrives in a rough outback mining town, planning to stay overnight before catching the plane to Sydney. But, as his one night stretches to five, he plunges headlong toward his own destruction. 1971 Cannes Film Festival – Official Selection

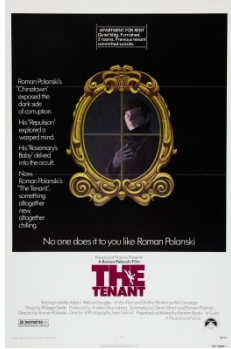


Saturday, May 7 at 7 pm

SOME VOICES

UK | 2000 | Drama | 101min | PG | Screening at the Art Gallery of Hamilton

Daniel Craig stars as Ray a schizophrenic trying to adjust to the outside world after being released from an institution. 2000 British Independent Film Awards – Winner, Best Actor



Saturday, May 7 at 9 pm

THE TENANT

France | 1976 | Drama | 126min | R | Screening at the Art Gallery of Hamilton

Sponsored by Hamilton Family Health Team

When Trelkovsky (Roman Polanski) learns that the previous tenant of his new apartment tried to commit suicide by jumping out the window, he begins to identify with her in increasingly disturbing ways. 1976 Cannes Film Festival – Official Selection

For information about the Art Gallery of Hamilton and the *Changing the Script* Film Festival, please visit www.artgalleryofhamilton.com

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