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## The AGH Design Annex: RE-DESIGNED

May 5, 2016 – The Art Gallery of Hamilton is currently working on an exciting re-design of the AGH Design Annex located in the heart of Hamilton's historic James Street North district.

Multi-faced cultural programming will be introduced to the newly renamed AGH Annex starting in June with plans to officially launch the new programming mix in Fall of 2016. The programming will encompass a varied menu of arts disciplines and offer the community a creative mix of film screenings, music performances, studio classes and theatre.

"The AGH is looking forward to the changes we have developed for the AGH Annex," says Tor Lukasik-Foss, AGH Director, Programs and Education. "After much thought, discussion and community consultation we will achieve our goal of creating a vital cultural destination for the community."

Plans are currently underway to scale back the retail footprint to approximately 30% at the front of the store, while programming and event rental space will increase to 70% and merge towards the front of the store that will be viewable from the street, yet separate from the retail area.

"Two key priorities that have been identified in the AGH's new Strategic Plan are Community Engagement and Learning through Art," says Shelley Falconer. "By enhancing our programming and educational offerings at the re-designed AGH Annex, the AGH is opening a vibrant new chapter to our James Street North presence."

The re-designed AGH Annex will also proudly boast Hamilton civic pride by promoting local artists as part of the Art Rental + Sales and exhibitions. Local artists and vendors will also be part of the retail component along with rental space that will highlight local catering and restaurant partners. The reconfigured space will allow for great flexibility to what is already a unique rental space.

AGH Annex is located at 118 James Street North, Hamilton. 905.667.6620.

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