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Academy Theatre fundraiser still a winner for dinner

Diners' Card returns for 2021 with 25 participating restaurants from across the City of Kawartha Lakes

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The COVID-19 pandemic may have changed the way many people 'dine out' but coordinators of the annual Diners' Card fundraiser continue to offer a way to save money and help support a community landmark.

The fundraiser has returned and this year offers up to \$300 in savings from 25 City of Kawartha Lakes restaurants - several of which have been involved since the campaign started more than 25 years ago such as The Olympia Restaurant and The

Schnitzel House - including newcomers Ping's Homemade Chinese Food in Lindsay and The Locker@The Falls in Fenelon Falls. 'Deals' range from buy-one-get-one-free to 50 per cent off items and free appetizers.

"As always, it's a win-win for all," said Anne Rodd, a member of the Diners' Card committee. "All proceeds go to the Academy Theatre which, this year, has been closed since March. . . The restaurants, this year in particular, look forward to those who purchase a card coming to their business either as dine in or take out. It gives patrons an opportunity to visit a restaurant they didn't perhaps know about while enjoying the individual savings each offers."

The cards, which essentially pay for themselves after just two uses, provide great gift ideas for Christmas, birthdays and anniversaries, a 'thank you' to a helpful neighbour, or a senior who enjoys treating themselves to someone else's cooking.

Each card costs \$20 and is valid from Jan. 1 to Nov. 31, 2021.

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Although the Academy Theatre box office is closed due to the pandemic, individuals can purchase cards by calling the box office at [705-324-9111](tel:705-324-9111) or online at www.academytheatre.ca or from the Durham Café, Hobarts, The Olympia and the Cat & Fiddle, all in Lindsay, until Jan. 15.

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