Georgetown teen encourages creative freedom with evening dance

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A local teenager has organized an evening of dance in Georgetown later this month to allow up-and-coming artists to showcase their work with complete creative freedom.

Sixteen-year-old Courtney Martinec is putting on the independent show named Emerge at the John Elliott Theatre on Saturday, Jan. 30 beginning at

Approxmiately 70 young people, consisting of a videographer, several choreographers and dancers from

Valentine dance in Acton on Saturday, Feb. 20

Inspire Halton youth group presents A Belated Valentine Dance on Saturday, Feb. 20, 8-11 p.m. at the Acton Town Hall Centre. Mixed live by DJ Brandon C, playing Top 40, EDM, Hip Hop, and Wavbacks.

Admission, \$5. Food available for purchase.

across Ontario, along with a few Halton Hills-based performers, will take part in what Martinec hopes might become an annual event.

She explained that this is a rare opportunity for young performers to shed the shackles of the often strict disciplines found in competitive dance, with thoughts only on entertaining, personal artistic expression and having fun.

"A lot of times as young dancers, we primarily perform at competitions," said the Grade 11 Georgetown District High School student.

"That's a great tool for learning and it's there for a reason, but we're not choreographing our own work, first off, and secondly there are restrictions in terms of time and we're put into specific categories. Is it jazz or open? Modern or contemporary? Whereas with this show, you move on to that next level. There's freedom and it's just performing art for what the art is instead of being focused on a trophy."

Tickets for the show are \$15. For more info visit the website www.haltonhills.ca/theatre or call 905-877-3700.





Featured items include a print by Albert Casson, Wedgwood salad servers and Royal Doulton figurines (Bumble and Sairey Gamp)

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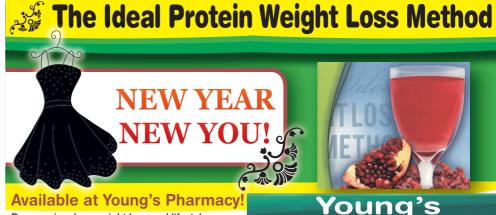
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