

Arts & Ideas

# Former Georgetown resident makes triumphant return

An exhibition of the work of a successful Canadian commercial artist who grew up in Georgetown will be featured this summer in the gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre.

"The Making of a Working Artist, 1966 to 1991" will showcase a selection of commercial art, drawings and paintings by artist, Tony Meers who graduated in 1972 from Georgetown High School, before going on to study at York University and the University of Toronto.

The Working Artist exhibition will be officially opened Wednesday evening, July 10th by Mayor Russ Miller, with former high school art instructor, Terry McDonald returning to comment on the highly successful career of his former student. The show will hang in the gallery from July 10th through August 10th.

This year for the first time, The Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries are sponsoring two August 10th and can be viewed

during library summer operating hours, Tuesday through Saturday, Tuesday through Saturday shows in the gallery. This show will follow a retrospective of the late, Harold J. Newman which closes July 6th.

Best known for his work for the popular press, Tony Meers colorful art is featured on dozens of book covers seen on book shelves from coast-to-coast. He designs for Harlequin, Penguin, Doubleday and General Publishing.

While still in high school, the young artist made a name for himself as a portrait painter. Portraits of former Ontario Premier, Bill Davis and local gallery owner, John Sommer will be included in the diversified collection. An early mentor of the artist, Sommer will mount the show and participate in the program at the Opening Gala hosted by The Friends.

Following the opening, the Meers exhibition and sale will continue in the gallery until

day. Former classmates of the artist, local family and friends are expected at the opening, to which the public has been invited to attend.

Born in Brampton, Tony Meers attended Wrigglesworth Public School in Georgetown. For a number of years, he worked for the advertising department of Sears department store, also drawing comic strips for a Canadian comic book publisher.

At the present time, he attends to his busy and expanding career, while residing with his family in Toronto.



The art of Georgetown native, Tony Meers, will be featured in the Library-Cultural Centre gallery, July 10th to August 10th. The successful commercial artist will attend the Gala Opening of his exhibition "The Making of a Working Artist, 1966 to 1991" in the gallery on Wednesday evening, July 10th. The exhibition and sale is sponsored by The Friends of the Libraries. (Photo submitted)

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## Worker's Centre receives \$25,000

The Ontario Workers' Arts and Heritage Centre will receive a grant of \$25,000 to mount and tour a display highlighting the history of Ontario workers, Ontario Minister of Culture and Communications Rosario Marchese announced recently.

The Ontario Workers' Arts and Heritage Centre, a non-profit organization, is committed to preserving, displaying and communicating the heritage of Ontario workers.

"Exhibits such as this, allow us to appreciate the true value of our collective heritage," Marchese said. "It is very important that we include the many contributions that workers have made to building Ontario."

In addition to depicting the history of workers in Ontario, the display will also focus on the broad cultural and racial diversity of Ontario working people.

The display will tour throughout the province and will be shown in schools as well as community centres.



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