

Tony Meers exhibit emotes erotic aura

"I already know what makes me happy," she murmured, her eyes on Grant's tall shape, so oddly at home in the tiny cabin. "You do."

"You mean you are tired?" he teased with a trace of devilment, before adding softly, "I hope not, because I'm not going to let you sleep for a long time yet." Elise felt her pulse quicken. Her mind whirled for an instant as she thought of the future that lay ahead, of everything they would share in their intense, tempestuous relationship, and then it came back to tonight, a whole long glorious night of love and passion, the forerunner of countless such nights.

For him the rest of the world had retreated, a world that too often had shown him only ugliness and horror and uncomfortable reality. Now there

was a only Marie. And in her hands, resting in their gentleness and in their care, was his heart.

She looked up at him shyly. "Darling - I want you so much. Sleep with me, please." He laughed and lifted her off her feet into his arms, holding her against his heart. "I thought you'd never ask," he said. And carried her up the stairs into the friendly darkness.

Four endings from four different Harlequin Romances taken at random. Are there really millions of us who read this stuff? We know there are. It is easy to poke fun at this kind of literature, far too easy, and because of that I will not.

There is right now an exhibition on view at the Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, with some of the skillfully rendered paintings that Tony Meers, a



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former Georgetown boy and presently a very successful commercial artist in Toronto, has done for Harlequin book covers. I have spent some time with these paintings and I must admit that I am utterly fascinated by them. Their technique is beyond reproach. In another age Tony

Meers would be the celebrated portraitist of rich and handsome men and women. In our time, a great talent like Tony paints bookcovers for adult fairy tales, each depicting a beautiful man and woman in differing stages of intoxication. When you come across these paintings for the first time, you might laugh, or turn your eyes to heaven, they seem to be so preposterous.

But I suggest that you wait a minute and give them some time to work their magic. They are much less simplistic as the texts they advertise. There is a great variety as to situations and types of people, and their psychological involvement with each other differs too. A very convincing erotic aura emanates from Tony's paintings, and he employs no ironic devices, except in the tongue-in-cheek titles the artist gave to some of his creations.

They are illustrations of adult

fairy tales but they are not painted in a fairy tale manner. They are painted so uncompromisingly realistic, that what is the exception, perfect love, seems to become the only right and possible solution the relationship between two people of the opposite sex.

That, of course is the power of the pictures as well as the books, and that, I am sure, is the secret of their success. As much as we might desire the perfect union in body and soul, in real life this ideal eludes us most of the time. Men are hardly the sensitive beings of the Harlequin Romances, with no other wish but to devote themselves to a woman forever and ever. And women very rarely are the soft and comforting creatures that banish, with a sweet caress, the heavy burdens of life, a man is supposed to carry around with him.

Community Service Bulletins



If you are a non-profit organization, service club or charity or church group and would like us to publish your community service announcement of community interest, call us at 877-2201 during regular office hours. There is no charge for this service to Halton Hills community groups. The deadline for submissions is Friday at Noon for publication for the following Wednesday. Deadlines will not be extended. Although we will do our best to print all announcements, space is limited and there are no guarantees of insertion.

The Halton Hills Community Chess Club meets every Wednesday from 7:10-30 p.m. in the Library of Georgetown District High School. Casual and tournament play available. For further information contact the school.

A local cycling group meets every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. at Georgetown District High School's front parking lot. For more information call Heinz Rusche at 877-3288.

Acton Lions Club meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month at 8 p.m. at Legion Branch 197, Acton. For more information contact Dave Pyke at 853-3410.

Lioness Club of Georgetown meet at the members homes on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the month. For more information contact Louise Giffin at 877-8888.

Living With Cancer Group meets every second Thursday at the Canadian Cancer Society, Milton Branch, 751 Main Street East at 7:30 p.m. For more information call 877-5228 or 878-1876.

La Leche League of Georgetown and Acton meet the 2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. to talk about breast feeding and parenting. Pregnant moms and nursing babies welcome. For more information call Sandra at 878-4732.

Pregnant Teens: Prenatal classes designed specifically for teens. Free of charge! Transportation provided! Pregnancy counselling available. Call Susan Stuart at 844-5502 or Public Health Department for more information.

Halton Hills British Canadian Club meetings are held informally on the 1st Thursday of each month in the lounge of the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 120, Georgetown, at 8 p.m. For more information call Dave at 873-2934.

Happenings

Halton Hills Ambulance Service is willing to provide your school, club, business or group with short or long presentations on the nature and history of the Service. For more information call Phil at 877-1615 and leave a message.

Are you expecting a baby this Fall? Halton Regional Health Department offers a series for expectant parents! You will gain the most benefits by attending as early as possible. If your due date is in Oct./Nov./Dec./Jan. 92 - register now for the early series by calling Milton, 878-7281.

Love In Christ Food Bank will be closed on Thursday nights only to September 5th. Anyone needing a ride phone 877-5482.

The Victorian Order of Nurses, Halton Branch, will hold a Foot Care Clinic at the following location. The cost is \$15.00. Georgetown and District Memorial Hospital - Emergency Dept., Georgetown, 1:00-4:00 p.m. Aug. 20. For further information call 1-800-7127 and 7128.

Radio Control Car Racing, Sunday, August 18 at the Georgetown Fairgrounds, starting at 12 noon. Featuring 2WD car, 4WD car and truck. Prizes. Entry fee \$3.00. Pre-register at Georgetown Hobby and Toy, 310 Guelph St., Georgetown.

Halton Hills Anti-Drinking and Driving Assoc. (HHADDA) is holding a car wash, Saturday, August 10, 11 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. \$3.00 per wash. Located at Georgetown's Home Hardware.

Beach Party Dance, Saturday, August 11, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. \$6.00 per person. Tickets available at the Ballinafad General Store. To be held at the Ballinafad Community Centre.

Meetings of the Region of Peel VBAC Support Group held the 1st Tuesday of each month and offer post-caesarean support and discuss birth options. Call 828-9467 or 873-2770.

Kiwans Club of Georgetown meets Wednesdays at the Halton Golf and Country Club for a noon luncheon. For information contact John Schalljo at 877-5206.

Halton Hills Toastmasters meet Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at Glen Williams Town Hall. For more information call Don at 873-3954 or Paul at 853-3712.

Kinsmen Club of Georgetown meet every other Wednesday at the McGibbon Hotel at 7 p.m. For more information call Ron Lefebvre at 877-2370.

Lion's Club of Georgetown meets every Tuesday at the Lion's Hall on Mill Street behind the Arena at 7 p.m. For more information call Bill Mason at 877-7901.

The Rotary Club of Acton meets Tuesdays at 8:30 p.m. at the Wooden Hearth Restaurant. For more information call Brian Robertson at 853-1653.

Georgetown Branch 120 Royal Canadian Legion monthly meeting at 8 p.m., 4th Thursday of each month at the Georgetown Legion Branch, 127 Mill Street, Georgetown. For more information call 877-4413.

Optimist Club of Georgetown meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the club, Hwy. 7. For more information contact Sandy Booth at 877-4569.

Meetings

Tony Meers, The Making of a Working Artist, 1968 to 1991 in the Gallery of the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, Georgetown, from now to August 10th. Exhibition and Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Halton Hills Libraries, Acton and Georgetown. All welcome. Free admission.

Want to go back to school? But you can't find child care? If you are a pregnant teen or young mother, then TEAM may be the program for you. Child care is provided while you work on your high school credits. Work at your own pace, with supportive staff to help you. Program to be offered in Georgetown this Fall. Phone Anne Day at 333-3499 or 878-1240.

Maple Co-operative Nursery School, located in Cedarvale Park, has openings left for September. Half day programs, 3 or 5 days for either mornings or afternoons are available. For further information please phone Paula Baker at 877-4693.

Beta Sigma Phi Chapters in Georgetown and Acton. For meeting times please contact City Council President Betty Jamieson at 873-2096.

New Acton Al-Anon Group is meeting every Wednesday at Acton Baptist Church (side entrance), at 8 p.m. Everyone welcome. For further information contact Eleanor Patterson at 853-0331.

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