

Knox holding benefit concert to aid artists

Knox Presbyterian Church, 44 Main St. N., Acton will be holding a benefit concert January 14 at 7 p.m.

Your support (by free will offering) of this special evening will help the church's "Artist Assistance Fund". Tax receipts will be issued for donations of \$20 or more.

This fund is used to assist students in the Acton area to fulfill their artistic dreams in any of the arts. An application form is available from Knox Church for anyone wishing to apply for assistance from this fund.

The line-up includes young people and adults with diverse artistic talents and skills. The special featured artist is Darrelle London, who is classically trained in voice and piano and has been critically acclaimed throughout Canada and the United States.

The evening also features Irish dancers, Rylea and Olivia Wilson, singer Courtney McIsaac and guitarist Kevin Parrish; pianist Jake Hazzard, vocalist Kevin Hazzard, author and storyteller Jean Somerville, musical theatre students Karen Mansfield and friends, violinist Sasha Daleman, fitness expert Leanne Monaghan of Staying Alive Fitness, Everybody Dance Club from Robert Little Public School and the Jazz Band from



DARRELLE LONDON

Acton High School. During intermission, there will be artwork and paintings by Maria Sallay, Janet Holdridge, Gabriella Britton and Sandra Hancock for the audience to view.

Bruce Graham, a retired longtime CBC employee, will handle the emcee duties, with Kevin Hazzard and Bob Jeffries providing expert technical and musical direction.

Artistic training may help students to discover their creative self, to develop skills that last a lifetime. With your help, it is hoped that someone with exceptional talent and skills who may not otherwise have the chance, may now achieve their goal and perhaps even one day, become a star.

For more information, please call Knox Church 519-853-2360.

Wednesday, Jan. 4
Winter Celebration: at Willow Park Ecology Centre, 2-3:30 p.m. Learn how to recycle your Christmas tree for wildlife, identify the furry and feathered visitors to your yard, and enjoy the cold, fresh air. Pre-register for this event as spaces are limited: 905-873-0614, www.willowparkecolgy.ca

Al-Anon Family Group meetings: for families and friends of alcoholics on Wednesdays— One Day at a Time Group, 10 a.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church starting on Dec. 7 and Acton Al-Anon Family Group, 8 p.m. at Trinity United Church, 70 Mill St., Acton- use back door). Info: 1-888-425-2666.

Quilting: Every Wednesday at Nassagaweya Presbyterian Church, you can find quilting worked on, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Both learners and experienced quilters are welcome. Drop in for any amount of time that you have available or just come see. From 9:30-10 p.m. there is a time of coffee, refreshments and chat for quilters and others. Info: 905-878-6151, 905-854-1055 or www.nassagaweya.com

Aphasia recovery: Halton Aphasia Centre can assist persons recovering from a stroke or other trauma and living with aphasia (the resultant language disorder from damage to the communications centre of the brain). Program runs Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Glen Williams Town Hall, 1 Prince St., Glen Williams.

Community Calendar

Info: 905-702-5312 or www.haltonaphasiacentre.com

Nordic Pole Walking: Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. outside Gellert Centre; bring toonie for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. Led by certified Nordixx Pole Walking instructor Ginger Quinn, 905-691-9122. Sponsored by GEM Health Care Services www.gemhealthcare.com

Thursday, Jan. 5

Thursday afternoon euchre: 1:15-3:35 p.m. at the Acton Legion, 15 Wright Ave. Hosted by the Ladies Auxiliary. Everyone is welcome. Come out and meet others for a good time. Admission: \$2.

Learn and perform Celtic music: Play in the Georgetown Celtic Orchestra. Violin/fiddle, guitar, mandolin, etc. Age 12+. Rehearsals are Thursdays, 7:30-9 p.m. at 330 Guelph St. from Sept. to June. Info: www.georgetowncelticclub.com, 905-877-2770.

Bingo: every Thursday hosted by Georgetown Optimist Club, 13439 Hwy. 7, 7-9 p.m. Cash prizes. Fund-raiser for youth activities. Info: Clay, 905-873-1709.

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