

Spring Showcase Gets Growing with Frankie Flowers

On November 5, at Christ the King Secondary School in Georgetown, 46 local moms in business, a.k.a. Mompreneurs, gathered together to showcase their services and products to the community. With over 600 visitors through the doors, the inaugural Showcase for the Halton Hills' Mompreneur Chapter was a great success. The day's activities included cupcake decorating, a live reptile display, a bouncy castle and face painting. Families had a great visit while discovering the talent available in our own backyard.

Adina Ingram, owner and longtime resident of Halton, said the day was nothing short of amazing. "As a small business owner and mom myself, having an outlet like our Showcase is what mompreneurs need to help market their talent to the community. We are a proud supporter of the Shop Local Campaign, and the public here in Halton Hills spoke loud and clear that they are here to support these businesses as well."

Brenda Damota, Latasia representative and vendor at the show said, "I had the pleasure of being a vendor at the Mompreneur show in November. It was a great experience with a wonderful turnout. I am looking forward to the next one as I got plenty of leads and some great sales as well. It was one of the best shows I have participated in here in Georgetown...very professional."

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Mom-run businesses are not here for the short-term. With the desire (and need) for a dual-income household, moms have turned to entrepreneurial and home-based businesses to continue supporting their families financially, while having the flexibility of schedule and workload. The Ontario Mompreneurs Groups and Showcases has 12 successful chapters in the province, all partnered with the Canadian-based magazine, MOMpreneur® (www.themompreneur.com).

With the achievement of the Fall Showcase, Ingram was eager to start planning the Spring Showcase, set to happen at Ctk on March 31 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Our Spring Showcase will need to be bigger, better and offer more for our guests. We welcome Mayor Bonnett at 10:30 a.m. for opening remarks and we are happy to have Economic Development Officer, Doug Penrice join us as well. Our list of vendors is amazing and we know the community will love to shop, browse and play amongst the talent in Halton Hills.

The Showcase also offers some celebrity presence. Ingram has been busy securing a well-known Breakfast Television personality and nationally acclaimed expert gardener Frank Ferragine (Frankie Flowers). Frankie will be on stage at 11:30 a.m. to demonstrate some ideas for potted flowers this spring and will welcome questions from the guests. A book signing will take place immediately following the

demonstration. His new book "Pot it Up" and his national bestselling, "Get Growing" will be available for purchase below cover price. One dollar from each book sold will go to the Show's charity of choice, Halton Habitat for Humanity.



Frankie Flowers will be on stage at Ctk Secondary School in Georgetown at 11:30 a.m.

Admission and door prize ticket sales will go directly to Habitat. The November Showcase brought in close to \$1,000 for Halton Food for Thought.

The Showcase is made possible by local businesses and their sponsorship dollars. With a hefty advertising campaign to help aid in the Showcase's success and, in turn, public awareness for our mompreneur businesses, the show relies on the generous support of these companies to help brand the show.

If you are interested in joining the line up of mompreneur vendors or want to be recognized as a business that supports the local mompreneur by becoming a sponsor, contact Adina at info@haltonhillsmompreneurs.com or visit their website at www.haltonhillsmompreneurs.com.

Halton Hills Mompreneurs is a proud member of the Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce and supports the Shop Local Campaign.



The Showcase welcomes back Headline Sponsor Achilles Mazda – Litsa Pelitis (Achilles Mazda), Adina Ingram (Owner, Halton Hills Mompreneurs), Lisa-Ann Schueler (Achilles Mazda)



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THE COMPOUND SAY IT AGAIN NOW



The Compound's third album release CD cover features band members from left, Kevin Farmer, Simon Talevski and Tommy Lowe.

Local band releases third album

Georgetown band, The Compound, has released its third album, *Say It Again Now*, and music lovers will be able to hear them play live, 9 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 12 at Nashville North.

The Compound, comprised of Simon Talevski (lead vocals, guitars and keyboards) Kevin Farmer (drums, percussion and backing vocals) and Tommy Lowe (bass and backing vocals), have been together for about four years.

The latest album is mainly a pop/rock sound with eight new tracks. It was recorded at BWC Studio with engineer and co-producer Greg Dawson.

"We are very proud of this third album," said Talevski. "It is the best Compound record to date. We really found a sound that we are happy with on it. This time around we feel we are better arrangers and producers of our own music. It's a stepping stone to what will

happen next with us."

You can get the album for free online only. To download please visit www.sayitagainnow.com. Also become a fan on Facebook by visiting www.facebook.com/thecompoundband. Follow on Twitter: www.twitter.com/thecompoundband. The band's official site is: www.thecompoundband.com

To listen to the first single off the new record entitled "Memories" check out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Ucz3OF0f5c>

More dates for the "Say It Again Now" Tour will be announced soon.

The Sunday concert is part of The Georgetown Homecoming Kickoff Fundraiser, an 11-hour event, from noon until 11 p.m. For tickets, \$10, call Katie Downes, 905-873-4417, email homecomingkickoff@mail.com or pick them up at Nashville North.

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