

Jazz vocalist Adi Braun performs church benefit

Jazz lovers are in for some afternoon delight on Sunday, May 4 at St. John's United Church, Georgetown. Vocalist Adi Braun, fresh from venues in Toronto and New York, is performing a benefit concert to help the church raise funds for a major interior renovation. Her set will include songs by Cole Porter, Harold Arlen and Shirley Eikhard, and at least one of her own originals. Also performing are jazz pianist Dave Restivo and classical pianist Linda Ippolito on the grand piano.

Famed for its music program and outstanding acoustical space, St. John's is changing its sanctuary to reflect a modern approach to worship and performance. Anticipated improvements include an open, wheel-chair accessible platform at the front, new audio-visual and projection technology, flexible seating, and new carpet and lighting.

When the work is completed some time this fall, the congregation will be ready to celebrate in style its 175 year history in



ADI BRAUN

Georgetown, beginning with a time when circuit riders on horseback travelled through "interminable wilderness" to preach to waiting villagers.

The first concert for the Creating Inspiring Spaces campaign was held in March this year with folk singer/songwriter Katherine Wheatley and the St John's choir, starting the series with a wonderful Spirit filled community event.

On Sunday, November 2, organist Christopher Dawes will close the series in the newly renovated space.

Both concerts, in May and November, begin at 2:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance for \$25 each. They can be ordered by calling 905-877-2531 or email office@stjohnsuc.ca

Author to launch fundraising book

Annetrista Absalom, a student in Sheridan College's Education Support program, has authored 'We are more alike than we are different.' The children's book will be launched on Saturday, May 3 from 2-5 p.m. at 318 Guelph St. in Georgetown.

"With the help of Mayor Rick Bonnette all proceeds for this book will be going to the Town in building a wheelchair swing for children and adults who have physical disabilities, so that they feel included in their own community parks and recreations," said Absalom.

Absalom said she wrote the book based on a trip she took to Sri Lanka. It is the story about a nine-year-old girl named Rosie who is blind, deaf and can't speak. The moral of the story is that even children with a disability can be just a regular kid like everybody else. Sherry Cayea, the illustrator of this book, has brought the images to life of



Annetrista Absalom with Mayor Rick Bonnette

Rosie's daily life in an orphanage.

"This book teaches that no matter what disability children have, we should all treat them the same as everyone else and we should not isolate them in our society," said Absalom.

The book is also available on Amazon.

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