

COMMUNITY

Tickets still available for 'Made in Canada' Cultural Symposium

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Special to The IFP

The Halton Hills Cultural Symposium, Made in Canada, is a brilliant opportunity to mix and mingle with people who are passionate about arts and culture. Attendees will run the gamut from arts enthusiasts to cultural and arts professionals.

The 2016 Symposium is on Friday, Jan. 29, 6:30-9:30 p.m. at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre. Get your year off to a blazing start by attending this evening of celebration for an opportunity to also hear an exceptionally entertaining and inspirational speaker.

Special guest David Storey will provide insights gained over his stellar career in the arts. Storey's career took off when he directed Tom Cochrane's *Life is a Highway* video, which garnered international acclaim. He went on to direct 60-plus videos, working with Charlie Major, Stompin' Tom Connors, Corey Hart, Anne Murray, Shania Twain, Buffy Sainte-Marie and many more.

Storey's career moved into television when he and Brent Butt pitched the idea of *Corner Gas* to CTV. The award-winning comedy series ran for six seasons and aired in markets around the world. Storey directed the final episode which garnered a 3.02 million audience, setting a record for a Canadian scripted show.

Recently Storey returned to the stage, performing his own songs that explore finding one's own path, seeking new opportunities and keeping the humour alive. Expect to en-



David Storey of *Corner Gas* fame is the keynote speaker at the Cultural Symposium on Jan. 29.

joy a few of his original songs during his time on stage.

The evening will be rounded out with a video highlighting our own Halton Hills Cultural Year in Review and a presentation by youth spoken word artists. There will also be opportunities to mix and mingle before and after the presentations with a cash bar and snacks.

The Symposium is presented by the Halton Hills Cultural Roundtable and is sponsored by the Town of Halton Hills and *The Independent and Free Press*. Tickets are \$15 and are available online at <http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ebvyupsr-d5515e23&llr=s456v7hab>

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