

In a world that drops out, Sasha drops in

By DONNA DANIELLI

A slightly built man from a larger than life family, thirty year old Alexandre Trudeau may be best known to Canadians as the son of former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau. It is through his renowned documentaries however, that Alexandre may soon be known simply as a man with a great deal of talent.

Alexandre was the keynote speaker for "The Guelph Lecture on Being Canadian", presented by the Eramosa Institute on November 5. When speaking of his decision to write and produce documentaries, Alexandre argued that he had often found media representations of wars to be reductionist, essentially minimizing the impact of war around the world. "I decided that media was the way to express the struggle for ideas, and I began to make documentaries," he explained. "I've chosen excerpts from my documentaries tonight as a framework of my journey from someone who really didn't care to one who does."

That sense of caring is one that he made very clear, is, at times, the most difficult aspect of his job. When in 2003, he produced and directed his first full-length documentary, "Embedded in Iraq", he lived full time with an Iraqi family. The result was an intimate portrait of a middle class family caught at the centre of a war, and new worries for the filmmaker who came to care for his host family and is deeply concerned for their safety. It has been months since he spoke with them and his worry was evident throughout his lecture. "I'm sorry I'm not more upbeat," he apologized at one point to the sold out crowd.

Alexandre's second documentary was produced in 2004 and aired on CTV in September. Like "Embedded

in Iraq", "The Fence" is a simple story told by the people most effected, in this instance two families residing on opposing sides of a security barrier between Israel and the Palestinian territories. "I give them a voice," said Alexandre. "They are common people but I think their stories convey a lot."

Alexandre Trudeau's lecture was broad in focus, often straying away from what it meant to be a Canadian to what it really means to be a human being. "We all have a role to play," he insisted. "Freedom is a collective responsibility that we share as individuals. The lessons of democracy, justice and freedom don't happen just because they are good ideas. ... Democracy is not the quick answer. We can start with justice."

Still, he did admit that his experiences producing documentaries from the hidden corners of the world have had an effect on how he views the country of his

birth. "I am fascinated by how diverse the Canadian experience is. The experience of being Canadian is immense and without end," he commented quietly

before adding, "it was through travelling that I learned to face the country that I had taken for granted."

"I GIVE THEM A VOICE"



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Dr. Joy Roberts welcomes renowned documentary producer Alexandre Trudeau to Guelph for his appearance at the River Run Centre. Mr Trudeau was the keynote speaker for the Guelph Lecture on Being Canadian.



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Class Environmental Assessment Retirement of Tenth Line Well Facility Georgetown Water Supply System Town of Halton Hills, Region of Halton

The Regional Municipality of Halton has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to retire the Tenth Line municipal water supply well facility. The Tenth Line well was taken out of service in May 1999, as it does not have sufficient capacity to operate as a municipal supply well. Halton Region intends to retire the process equipment and unused pumping station building. Halton Region will abandon the Tenth Line Well as required by the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) under Regulation 903 of the Ontario Water Resources Act.

A water facility that was subject to the Class EA process for its establishment is also subject to Class EA requirements for its retirement as described in the document entitled Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Municipal Engineers Association, June 2000). The Class EA for the Tenth Line Well Facility Decommissioning will be conducted in accordance with Schedule B of the Municipal Class EA process.

Input from interested stakeholders is a key component of this project. Halton Region is interested in any comments that you may have concerning this project and will receive comments in writing until November 26, 2004. Subject to comments received from review agencies and the public, the decommissioning activities associated with the retirement of the Tenth Line well facility are anticipated to commence in the spring of 2005.

For additional information about the project, to provide comments or to be added to the project mailing list please contact:

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Information regarding this project is also available on the Region's website:
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