

# halton happenings

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## March 4 & 5

• **The Fine Arts Society of Milton's annual reception and sale, From Heart to Hand**, at the Milton Sports Centre, Santa Maria Blvd, at Derry Rd. Reception (invitation only) Friday 6 to 9 pm, wine tasting provided by Scotch Block Winery. Art Show and Sale, Saturday, 9 am to 3 pm (Everyone welcome!)

## March 8

• **Rotary Club of Erin Centennial Clock Unveiling and Celebration Breakfast** 8am till 9am 109 Main St in Erin. All are welcome. Prizes for those dressed in centennial costume (circa 1905). Erin 833-4616 for details.

• **The Halton/North Peel Naturalist Club** invites the public to hear Dennis Frazer, from Toronto Zoo, speak on "Endangered Species" at 7:30pm at the Halton Hills Cultural Centre, 9 Church Street, Georgetown.

## March 9

• **Esqueuing Historical Society** - Archival Treasures. Find out how the extensive variety of documents, photos, drawings and art in your local archives can give insight into past eras. Everyone welcome. Meeting is free of charge. Knox Church, 116 Main St. S., Georgetown 7:30 pm.

## March 9, 16, 23

• **The Passion of Christ** - Using the movie *Jesus of Montreal* and Joyce Rupp's book, *Your Sorrow is My Sorrow* as our discussion points you are invited into a thoughtful and spiritual reflection on the final days of Jesus' life. All are welcome. Ebenezer United Church, 12274 Guelph Line, Campbellville - 7:30-9:30 Cost: Without book, free. With book, \$20.00. Mark Rutledge at (519) 824-7303 or (905) 854-2423.

## March 11

• Youth, 9-13 years of age, are invited to a **St. Patrick's Day Party for MLC Fridays** at the Milton Leisure Centre from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Be sure to wear green on this special day to play games the leprechaun way! Cost is \$4/ person, payable at the door. For more information, call 905-878-7946.

## March 14

• **Milton Rural Residents Association** open public meeting, Nassagaweya Community Centre, Brookville, from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Guest speaker MP Gary Carr will be discussing rural Milton issues from a federal perspective; a question and answer period to follow. Call Mike Grimwood at 905-854-0627 or visit our website, www.miltonrra.org for more info.

## March 15

• **"Ornamental Trial Gardens"** with speaker, Rodger Tschanz, U. of Guelph and 2005 Canada Blooms speaker at the Eden Mills Garden Club. 7:30-9:00 at the Community Hall. Members, free. Non-Members, \$2. Call Janine at 519-856-9749 for more information.

• **Acton Horticultural Society**, "Rock Gardens" with Trevor Ashbee will be the topic at our meeting, 7:30pm at Knox Church, Acton! Info: Sandy 519-853-3912

## March 17

• **About the Street Where You Live** - Jim Dills, well-known and respected Milton historian, will provide an interesting talk about the origin of the names of various streets in the old and new town. Milton Historical Society, Waldie's Blacksmith Shop, 16 James Street, Milton at 7:30 pm.

• **2nd Annual St. Patrick's Supper** - Beef Stew - Knox Church, Acton, 44 Main Street North. One sitting only at 5:30pm. Tickets \$10 adults - \$6 children under 12 can be reserved by calling 519-853-4757.

## March 18

• Youth, 9-13 years of age, are invited to **Fun Factor Night for MLC Fridays** at the Milton Leisure Centre from 6:30 - 9 p.m. Bring your friends for some wacky challenges and exciting contests. Cost is \$4/ person, payable at the door. For more information, call 905-878-7946.

• **Canadian Federation of Poets** - evening of poetry and performances from anyone who wishes to participate. www.federationofpoets.com/halton.htm - 7pm Express Yourself Café, 220 Main St. East, Milton.

# film review

By LAURA COOK

## Son of the Mask

Nearly ten years after the original film entitled "The Mask" starring Jim Carey, the Mask of Loki returns in this sequel, "Son Of The Mask", to wreak havoc on an unsuspecting family in the suburbs. When the magi-

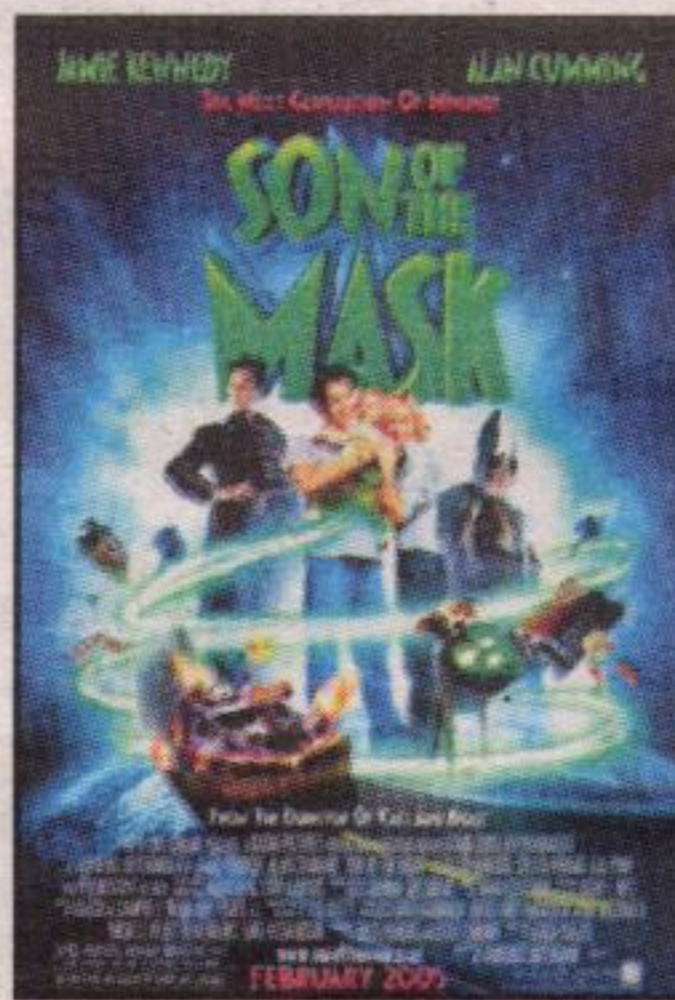


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cal mask reappears in a stream and is found by an adorable Jack Russell terrier named Otis, the comedy begins for the Avery family. Ignorant of its powers, cartoonist Tim Avery, played by Jamie Kennedy, accidentally discovers just how fierce the mask's powers are while at a Halloween party. When Tim gets exposed as the masked man, coworkers are so impressed by his abilities that the boss takes notice and promotes him as a cartoonist.

Just when the Avery's lives seem to be coming together, Mrs. Avery announces her pregnancy and delivers a child with some very unique gifts. Possessed by the powers of the mask, the family's jealous dog takes on the new baby in a struggle for control. The resulting storyline is a hilarious combination of special effects and adorable close up shots of the Avery's baby. Throughout the film the baby and the dog each get their fair share of visual enhancements made with animation. Although the distortions are difficult to detect unless they are extreme, the appeal of a cute baby speaking in a voice akin to James Earl Jones is enough to make anybody laugh uncontrollably. Using a variety of visual effects combined with hugely exaggerated prosthetics throughout the film, "Son Of The Mask" is a film that anybody, including families, can enjoy.

With an MPAA rating of PG, for action, crude and suggestive humor, and language, this film is fairly tame and easily comprehensible for younger viewers. Running a full hour and twenty-six minutes, "Son Of The Mask" is a definite crowd pleaser for a lazy weekend afternoon.

# recreation & entertainment

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## Georgetown Bach Chorale Annual Spring Festival

The Spring Festival begins on Good Friday, March 25, at Knox Presbyterian Church with a choral concert. The choir will be accompanied by a baroque orchestra. The orchestra musicians will all be playing period instruments with Andras Molner on baroque trumpet. The Chorale will sing the second part of *Handel's Messiah* and selections from Bach's *St. Matthew and St. John's Passions*. Joining the choir for the opening chorus of the *St. Matthew Passion* and the Hallelujah Chorus of the *Messiah* will be a nine member children's vocal ensemble. Guest soloists for this concert are soprano Abigail Wong and tenor Peter McCutcheon. Tickets are \$25 and the concert starts at 8 pm.

The second concert in the series is at the Library and Cultural Centre Gallery and features the Tokai String Quartet. The quartet

was formed in 2002 and take their name and inspiration from the famous Hungarian dessert wine, a rich and delectable treat. They received international exposure as the only Canadian group invited to compete at the Banff International String Quartet Competition in September of 2004. They will be launching their own concert series this year. Music by the quartet will include works by Haydn and Dvorjak. The quartet will also accompany the Bach Chorale's own artistic director Ron Greidanus for Chopin's *Piano Concerto, Opus 11, in e minor*. This is sure to be an extraordinary musical experience for those who love chamber music and the gallery has excellent acoustics for a concert of this type. Tickets are \$20 and the concert takes place on Sunday, April 10 at 8 pm.

"The Russian Revolution" is the third concert of the series, taking place at 157 Main Street South and tickets must be purchased in advance. This intimate recital, featuring coloratura soprano Kyra Bailey, will showcase works by the Russian masters Rachmaninoff, Scriabin, and Rimsky-Korsakov. Kyra has performed with the Toronto Symphonietta, Calux Concert Series, Canadian Concert-Artists and on BRAVO! Television. She will be accompanied on piano by Ron Greidanus. Ron has a real affinity for Russian music and Rachmaninoff in particular. He has been invited on several occasions to play for the Rachmaninoff Society both in North America and Europe. Audiences will round out their evening with a reception on a Russian theme. The performance on Friday, April 15 is already sold out but a few tickets still remain for Saturday, April 16. Tickets are \$35 and the concerts start at 8 pm.

The final concert of the Spring Festival series is the Gala Concert. The choir will again perform with baroque orchestra and with soloist Abigail Wong. The Chorale will complete the Resurrection portion of the *Messiah* and sing Handel's "Zadok the Priest". The orchestra will perform "Spring" from Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* and Bach's *Concerto for Two Violins in d minor*. The Chorale will also perform this concert in Caledon East as part of the Caledon Chamber Series. The Caledon performance is on Sunday, May 1 at St. James Anglican Church and starts at 7:30. The Georgetown concert follows a week later on Saturday, May 7 at St. John's United Church at 8 pm. Tickets for each performance are \$25.

Tickets may be purchased at two locations in downtown Georgetown: Foodstuffs, 89 Main Street South, 905-877-6569 and The Freckled Lion, 56 Main Street South, 905-873-1213. Tickets can also be purchased by calling 905-877-8321, or 905-877-7733.

For further information and updates on concert information go to [www.georgetownbachchorale.com](http://www.georgetownbachchorale.com).

## Top 10 Rentals

THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES AT HOME

This week's Top Ten Movie Rentals brought to you by



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| 1. <b>Flight of the Phoenix</b>           | 5. <b>I Huckabees</b>     |
| 2. <b>The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie</b> | 6. <b>Saw</b>             |
| 3. <b>The Notebook</b>                    | 7. <b>Ray</b>             |
| 4. <b>Exorcist: The Beginning</b>         | 8. <b>Taxi</b>            |
|   | 9. <b>Shark Tale</b>      |
|   | 10. <b>Shall We Dance</b> |

## New Releases

### Flight of the Phoenix:

Cast: Scott Michael Campbell, Dennis Quaid, Tony Carran, Paul Ditchfield.

After a plane crash in the Mongolian desert, the survivors stay together and remarkably manage to build a new plane to escape the inhospitable desert.

### Spongebob Squarepants the movie:

Tom Kenny, Alec Baldwin, Rodger Bumpass, Clancy Brown, Mr. Lawrence

Someone stole King Neptune's crown and it looks like Mr. Krabs is the culprit! Though he's been passed over for the promotion of his dreams, Spongebob stands by his boss and along with his best...

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