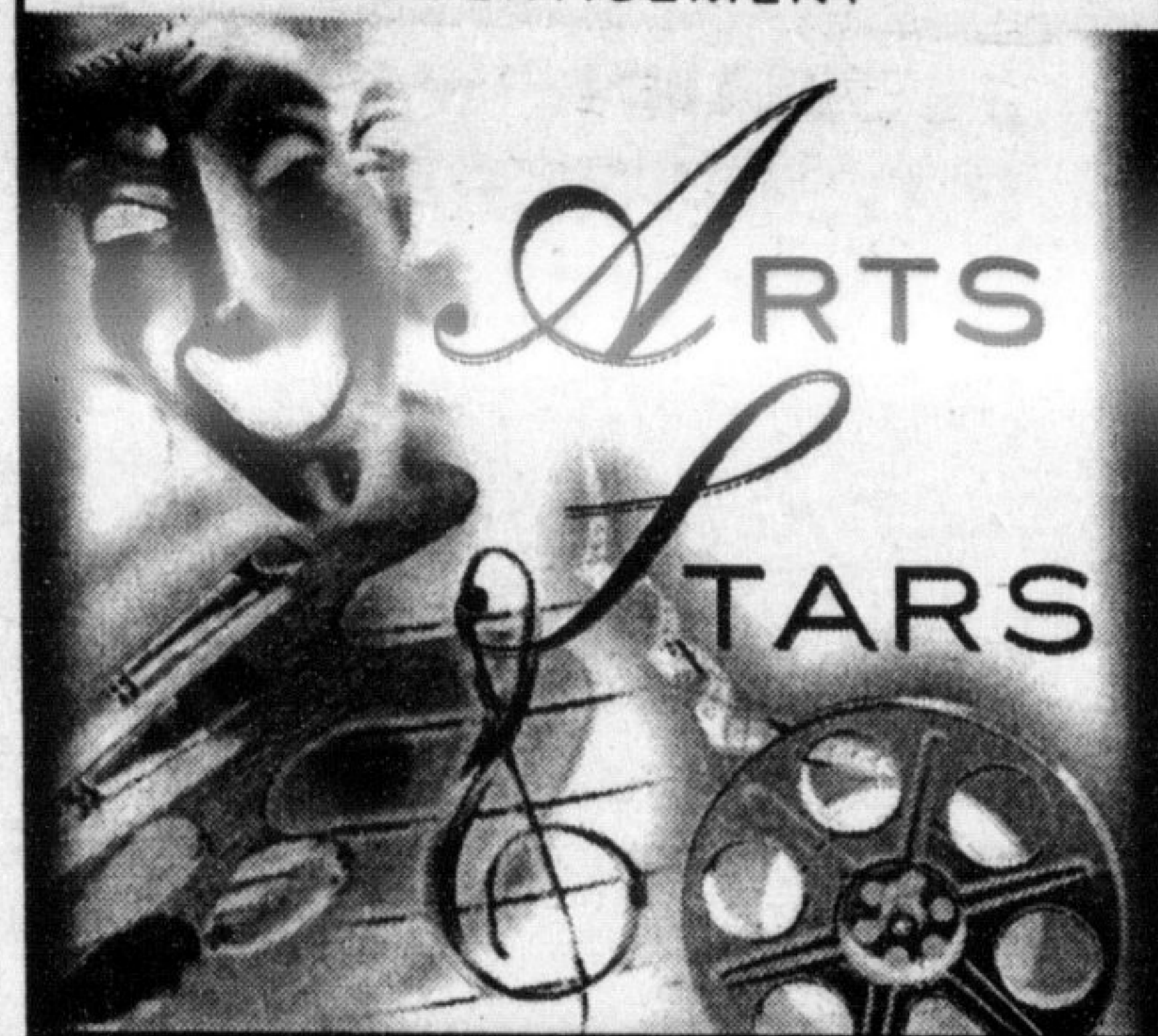


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By Patricia Adams

Today's column features two extremely talented Lauras.

Laura Jeffrey has one of the most beautiful and moving voices in this area. Laura is a soprano and voice teacher. She has performed professionally locally with the Milton Choristers, the University of Guelph Chorale, and the University of Guelph Early Music Ensemble. Her other professional engagements have included; the Orpheus Choir of Toronto, Mississauga Opera Repertory Company and the Mohawk College Singers. She has performed numerous solo recitals in Milton, Guelph, and Toronto. Her repertoire spans Baroque to 20th Century and includes opera and oratorio.

Laura has been sharing her gift with her students since 1990. Students range in age from seven to seventy, at levels from beginner to advanced. Her studio also offers opportunities for performance both in class and through recitals, festivals and competitions.

Her professional associations include the Milton Music Teacher's Association, which she has served as President since 1998. She is an Affiliate Teacher with the Royal Conservatory of Music, a member of the Canadian Voice Care Foundation and new President of Arts Milton.

One of Laura's many passions is the singing ensemble "Women of Note." She was founder and is a director of this nine-woman group. They perform an eclectic program that includes everything from sacred music to showtunes. They have performed for dinner entertainment for many area organizations. Twice a year they perform two of their own concerts - one at Christmas and the other in the spring. Their reputation has caused them to be in high demand for entertaining area groups.

Laura Kingsbury has a studio gallery, called appropriately The Wood Heron, located in Georgetown. Laura is a self-taught artist who works mostly in watercolours, although recently she has been working in both pastels and watercolours. Laura specializes in woodland creatures. Her work captures the beauty and character of her subjects. She has published ten books of Fine Art Limited Edition Lithographs. Private and corporate collectors in countries around the world including England, Australia, Germany, Russia, Zambia and the United States seek her originals and prints. The Canadian Government has presented two of her Limited Edition Prints to the President of Zambia, Kenneth Kuanda and Boris Yeltsin of Russian. She is kept continuously busy with commissions.

Urgent Reminder that artists, designers, and artisans should contact Maureen Casteller at 878-4996 and performers should contact Laura Jeffrey at 878-7025 if they wish to share their talent at the Milton Rotary Celebration of the Arts sponsored by Milton Rotary/Arts Milton and the Milton Champion. The festival is slated for Thanksgiving weekend Oct 8-10. Be part of this exciting event.

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Town offering kids creative opportunity

By IRENE GENTLE
 The Champion

The Town's leisure services department is gearing up to draw on kids' creativity this summer.

Starting July 5, the Town will launch its fifth annual arts day camp.

Milton also offers camps for theatre, sports and swimming.

A regular day camp will serve area kids a steady diet of games, trips and crafts.

Finally, the lazy, hazy days of summer will cool down with the Town's three-week summer's end camp.

That allows the 5 to 10 year old set a chance to send the summer off in style before heading back to school.

Overall, about 1,000 kids participated in Town-operated summer camps last year.

Drawing and painting as well as puppetry and mask-making are on the program at the art camp, open to children 10-14 years old.



Games and weekly field trips are also part of the package that costs about \$80 a week, said camp coordinator Jason Panda.

Kids can sign up for one, some or all portions of the nine-week camp, which spotlights a different art form each week.

Cooking, cartoons, animation, drama and video are explored in the camp.

This year, a partnership with the Milton company We-Crete will offer kids an opportunity to focus on web pages and computer poster design for the first time in

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