

Musician likes to turn insignificant events into song

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When asked about how hard it was for him from the point of getting into the music industry to where he's at today, Mr. Nelson stated, "It wasn't that hard at all. It's almost too easy. When I am on stage, I just feel so comfortable."

The album's opening track 'Gentle Touch' is a symbol of his song-writing style, that being to simply take the small, seemingly insignificant events of the day and turn them into a song.

"The first track is about getting your haircut," joked Mr. Nelson.

"The stylist asked me where I got the ideas to write songs and I told her I would go home today and write a song about getting my haircut."

Mr. Nelson's album is a triumph to the success of local talent these days. He's toured across Ontario and has a following down in the Caribbean where he has seen a terrific response to his efforts.

On the heels of his success with 'Decent Bloke Material', Mr. Nelson has hopes for a bright future. His goal is to play at Massey Hall.

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Now a resident of Waterdown, Mr. Nelson will return to his hometown tonight, headlining at The Dickens for St. Patrick's Day.

He's set to perform both his own material and a few select Celtic numbers.

Series will wrap up next month

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ing consultations are also in the offing.

Brass by Request features the Philharmonia's Brass Quintet.

And coming May 5 is the concert series grand finale, Classical Celt Concert. Scottish dances and Fantasy on Welsh Themes will be featured, along with young Canadian violinist Jasper Wood.

All concerts kick off at 8 p.m. at the Milton Alliance Church, 2850 Derry Rd. E. between the fire hall and Milton District Hospital.

Adult tickets cost \$25, while seniors and students pay \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the door or by calling 878-2432 or 878-4604.

Floral art show at Harrop is on now

The Harrop Gallery is currently hosting a floral art show and sale featuring decorative floral art prints in honour of the approaching spring.

Artists include Monet, Erikson, Zhan, Robie and Liu.

Also, local designer Danielle McBride has created many floral arrangements and swags available for purchase.

The show, open Monday to Saturday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m., continues until April 5.



The price range for artwork ranges from \$49 to \$350. Admission is free.

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TIME TO CRUISE - LOTS TO CHOOSE!

ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISES has ordered its fourth and fifth new vessels, which will cost the company about US\$1.1 billion and are scheduled for delivery in 2002 and 2003. This year, Royal Caribbean will add the "EXPLORER OF THE SEAS" to its fleet, while the "ADVENTURE OF THE SEAS" will be delivered next year. Both will have such features as a four-deck-high atrium, ice-skating rink and rock-climbing wall. Skating while out on the ocean blue - sounds like an exciting idea!



HOLLAND AMERICA LINE GUARANTEES FIRST TWO SAILINGS OF THEIR NEW "m.s. ZAANDAM" OR THEY'RE FREE. May 6 and May 13 are the dates in which if either cruise is cancelled due to delayed delivery, booked and fully paid guests will receive a free future seven-day cruise, in addition to a full refund. There are qualifications as in all offers but this is an indication of the competition there is out there in the cruise industry. THE 1,440-PASSENGER ZAANDAM (a nice size - not in the 'city on the water category') is currently under construction at the Fincantieri shipyard in Marghera, Italy. Following a series of inaugural activities to introduce the ship to travel agents, the Zaandam's seven-day maiden cruise to the Eastern Caribbean will depart Ft. Lauderdale on May 6. THE SHIP WILL ALTERNATE BETWEEN SEVEN-DAY EASTERN AND WESTERN CARIBBEAN ITINERARIES until Oct. 7, after which it will sail on alternating 10-day Wayfarer/Seafarer Southern Caribbean cruises.

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WORLD TOURISM NUMBERS ARE ON THE RISE according to the World Tourism Organization (WTO). They report International tourist arrivals reached 657 million last year. Faring very well was Egypt, which saw growth of almost 40 per cent and a record number of tourist arrivals. The Asia/Pacific region was up 7.5 per cent from the year before. Others on the rise around the world include Central America, which showed a 23 per cent increase in arrivals, the Middle East, up 17.5 per cent, South America, up 10 per cent, and Africa, up nine per cent. More and more folks are catching the travel bug to further away places!

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DID YOU KNOW: OVER-CAPACITY IN THE CRUISE MARKET is a concern for the Cruise Lines, but A BENEFIT TO YOU! The rate of building of new ships has increased from its usual 10% per year for the past several years to a new level this year and next, and this will mean GOOD PRICES for you on a cruise vacation into the future. Have your professional travel and cruise official compare the value of a cruise in comparison with a resort adventure. It's always TIME FOR A CRUISE!



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