

Arts Milton

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Arts Milton responds to proposed Arts & Cultural Centre locations

by Laura Jeffrey, President Arts Milton

The following are extracts from Arts Milton's response to the Town of Milton regarding the proposed locations for an Arts & Cultural Centre in Milton.

We have read the (consultants) report, met with the consultants and listened to the desires of our responding groups. The only option that makes sense to us is development option 2A – the Arts & Cultural Centre on the site of the current Town Hall.

Without exception, every responding group is passionate about preserving and revitalizing Milton's downtown core – the heart of our community, now and in the future. Each group sees enormous potential in focusing arts and cultural activities in this core area, activities that would bring residents old and new, as well as tourists to our downtown on a regular basis. Needless to say, the spinoffs of sup-

porting a vibrant cultural life in a historically significant downtown area are tremendous.

As noted in the response sent by Milton Concert Presentations, Toronto Mayor Mel Lastman noted in 2001 that that city's retail businesses take in over \$9 billion dollars a year from residents and visitors attending concerts, art galleries, theatre productions, and dance events, most of which are in downtown venues. We realize that Milton is not Toronto, but a well-attended cultural centre, centrally located, is good for business in any town, including Milton. Fine restaurants and unique and interesting shops seem to thrive in combination with a lively arts community nearby. One has only to spend time in Niagara-on-the-Lake and Stratford to understand this. Arts Milton is committed to working with the Downtown Business Improvement Area and the Milton Chamber of Commerce to realize the potential for increased business that such a combination could bring. We agree that this

facility should be multi-purpose, i.e., hosting events that would run both during the day and in the evening, thereby ensuring a constant pool of potential customers for our downtown merchants.

In closing, Arts Milton and its members are looking forward to the reality of a cultural centre in our community. That centre, in combination with a heritage building located in a historic downtown, could be the centerpiece of a new Milton. The town that we see places value on its past and has a complete vision for its future that includes recognizing the importance of arts, culture and heritage to the well being of its citizens.

What better way to integrate old Milton with the newcomers to our town than to create and sustain a vibrant, interesting environment for their leisure activities in the heart of our historic downtown.

Calendar of Events for Arts Milton Members (Jan. – April 2002)

January

Carolyn Skelly presents...

CREATIVE JOURNAL

Starts Thursday Jan 17, 7-10pm

A 10 week course on the Creative Journal at Sheridan College, Davis Campus, 7899 McLaughlin Road, Brampton (at Steeles Ave.) A Continuing Education Course, covering a variety of ways to apply the Creative Journal Method to: career planning; accessing creativity; over-coming creative blocks; connecting with the body's natural healing abilities; developing creative problem-solving tools; connecting with the spiritual self; and making your dreams come true.

You will be led through a series of writing and drawing exercises using BOTH hands to make the changes we want in our lives. Whether you think you are creative or not this is a fun and empowering tool anyone can use and benefit from.

For a Continuing Education calendar call 905-842-8800 or visit the website at www.sheridanc.on.ca

For further information call Carolyn Skelly at 905-875-2788.

February

Milton Players presents...

AN ACT OF THE IMAGINATION

Written by Bernard Slade, directed by Sharon Beddoes

Show only (\$12.00):

Friday, Feb. 8

Doors open 7:00 p.m.

Curtain 8:00 p.m. Cash bar and refreshments

Thursday, Feb. 14

Doors Open 7:30 p.m. Curtain 8:00 p.m.

Dinner Theatre (\$30.00):

Sat, Feb. 9, Fri, Feb. 15, Sat, Feb. 16

Bar Opens 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Curtain 8:15 p.m.

"They say that art imitates life but Arthur Putnam, a

February (continued)

renowned author finds that life imitates art when a character from his latest novel appears suddenly at his door. As the plot unfolds we are taken on a roller coaster ride of deceit and betrayal.

Tickets can be purchased from Delacourts (corner of Main & Martin). For further information call 905-875-0629 and leave a message.

All shows are performed at the Milton Senior's Activity Centre, 500 Childs Drive.

Milton Music Teachers' Assn presents ...

STUDENT RECITAL

Monday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.

Milton Seniors' Activity Centre auditorium

Valentine theme.

March

Song Spinners presents...

AN EVENING IN WALES

Friday, March 8, 7:00 p.m.

Milton Seniors' Activity Centre auditorium

The Song Spinners welcome special guests Men II Boys and Laura Jeffrey.

Milton Concert Presentations presents...

STRONG AND FREE

Friday, March 1, 8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Church, Milton

Featuring the True North Brass and a "Silent Auction Night".

For tickets please call 905-878-2432.

Milton Players Auditions for...

RUN FOR YOUR WIFE

By Ray Cooney, Directed by Geoff Ford

Auditions will be held on:

- Sunday, March 3, 1:30 p.m.

- Monday, March 4, 7:30 p.m.

Unit 15, 295 Alliance Road, Milton Call 905-875-0629 for

more information.

(6 men and 2 women are required.)

March (continued)

Milton Music Teachers' Assn presents...

STUDENT RECITALS

Thursday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.

Milton Seniors' Activity Centre auditorium

Recital - Duets, Ensembles featured.

Milton Choristers presents...

REQUIEM FOR EASTER

Sunday, March 24th, 3:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Church, Main St., Milton

Rutter's Requiem interweaves English texts with traditional Latin text, creating a selection which is accessible to a wide audience. This program will be rounded out with other Holy Week selections.

Tickets can be purchased from Delacourts and The Paper Zone (Milton Mall) or call 905-876-2401.

April

Milton Concert Presentations presents...

ALLELGAR

Friday, April 12, 8:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Church, Milton

With conductor Kerry Stratton, the Toronto Philharmonia, and soloist Denise Djokic.

For ticket information, please call 905-878-2432.

Milton Music Teachers' Assn presents...

STUDENT RECITALS

Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.

Milton Seniors' Activity Centre auditorium

Recital - Pre-Festival.

16th MUSIC FESTIVAL

Monday, April 22 - 26

Monday, April 29 - May 4

The Festival will take place at three locations: Milton Seniors' Activity Centre, Hugh Foster Hall, and Knox Presbyterian Church.

And the winner is...

In October 2001, Arts Milton ran a contest to boost the number of Associate Members. This membership category is exclusive to those who belong to a member group of Arts Milton. A contest draw was arranged for a \$100.00 Gift Certificate, donated by The Harrop Restaurant in Milton, for a lucky individual who joined in this category before the end of November.

From all of the new Associate Memberships received, we are pleased to award the gift certificate to:

Margaret Spencer, Member of The Milton Choristers

Congratulations Margaret and thank you for becoming a part of the work of Arts Milton!

An exciting time to join the board of Arts Milton

The Arts Milton Board is recruiting new members - people who believe in our goal of raising the profile of all the arts in our community. This is an exciting time for the arts in Milton, as the dream of building the long-awaited Cultural Centre comes ever closer.

If you are a member of Arts Milton, or if you belong to a group that is a member, you can join the Board.

The board currently meets for two hours, once a month, on a Friday morning. To find out more, contact:

Laura Jeffrey at 905-854-0443 or

laura.jeffrey@sympatico.ca

Join us and be part of the excitement!