

Arts Wilton

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Winter - Spring 2003

Joanne Parker of the Academy of Music studio has been holding a year-end student recital for the past 20 years. This year over 100 of her students performed to an eager audience of over 300 parents and friends at the Oakville Conference Centre on December 1.

A Cappella Showcase! chorus travelled to Watertown, N.Y. early in May for Harmony Inc.'s Area 3 Convention and Competition, returning with the gold medal! Showcase 2002, the chorus' bi-annual show, was held on October 5th at the Oakville Centre. Both shows played to an almost sold-out crowd, to rave reviews. The chorus won silver at Harmony Inc.'s International Competition, in Indianopolis November 9.

Fr. Mark Curtis, Canada's Singing Priest, has recently achieved the status of becoming the number one Recording Artist in Canada in sales. His new CD, Peaceful Sky, is in the running for a JUNO Nomination and his recent concert tour throughout Canada has sold out in 45 cities.

Jacqueline Smith School of Dance, in April, hosted an adjudicator from Scotland who held exams at the studio. All dancers attained high

marks. Chantal Watt retained her titles (Provincial and Canadian Champion) for the sixth consecutive year and placed 4th overall in the World Championships in the under 15 years section. Sarah DeWolfe has won many Championships across Canada and placed 5th overall in the World Championships in the over 18 years section.

The Men II Boys singing group was active this year with several successful performances in Milton, Orangeville, Brampton and Oakville. Their repertoire includes sacred, folk, Christmas and humourous pieces with emphasis still on music from the 50's and 60's.

The Milton Choristers wrapped up this series by celebrating record ticket sales for the season. For their new season, "A Musical Mosaic," the choir has welcomed new director, Sonja van de Hoef. This dynamic new graduate from Wilfred Laurier University has already captivated the choristers with her exceptional energy, charm and enthusiasm.

Milton Concert Presentations last year entertained audiences of 400 to 450 at St. Paul's United. The 2002-2003 season got off to a resound-

ing start with Kerry Stratton and the Toronto Philharmonia performing sold-out concerts with "Gilbert & Sullivan" in September, "Beethoven's Fifth" in October and "Night at the Proms" in November, with flags and

Milton Players Theatre Group began its 23rd season with "The Mumberley Inheritance" Gerwyn Davies, Rotary exchange student from Australia played the fiancé, Rodney. Rehearsals have started for the February production of "Angel Street" directed by Paulette Tae.

The Women of Note, directed by Laura Jeffrey, performed a unique concert in November 2002. The event was called "We Will Remember Them, a Tribute in Story and Song for Remembrance Day", and featured not only some very memorable musical selections, but also professional storyteller Marina Lloyd of Burlington. The concert was a fund raiser for Knox Presbyterian Church, proceeds being put towards its new elevator.

## Calendar of Arts Milton Events (Winter - Spring 2003)

## January-February

Carolyn Skelly presents...

CREATIVE JOURNAL

This is a ten week course in the Creative Journal - An Expressive Arts Method. We will explore our creativity; natural healing abilities, taming our Inner Critic and creating the life of our dreams in fun writing and drawing exercises USING BOTH HANDS!

Monday January 13 - March 24 6:30-9:30 pm Contact Carolyn Skelly for information or to register. 905-875-2788

Milton Concert Presentations presents . . .

THE GALAXY TRIO

Now classical music meets jazz to make magic. Violinists Moishe Hammer and Lenny Solomon, along with pianist Bernie Senensky - three internationally renowned musicians - have combined their specialities in their new concert performance. Support our Raffle Draw for the Albert Casson print "Majesty of the Mountains".

Friday January 17

Doors open 7:15 pm, concert 8:00 pm St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. E.(at James St.) Single Tickets: \$25. Seniors/Students \$20. For tickets call (905) 878-2432

Milton Players present . . .

ANGEL STREET

The Manninghams of Angel Street appear to be a happy and loving couple, but looks can be deceiving. By strong manipulation the mind can be made to believe anything. The twists and turns of fate turn this Victoria setting into a thrilling and exciting melodramatic game. This is a must to see for those who like suspense and mystery!

**Dinner Theatre** 

Sat, February 8, 15 Bar opens - 6:30 pm Dinner - 7:00 pm Curtain - 8:15 pm, Tickets: \$30.00 per person

**Show Only** 

Fri, February 7, 14 Doors open 7:15 pm Thurs, Feb. 13 Doors open 7:30 pm Curtain 8:00 pm Cash bar & refreshments Tickets: \$12.00 /person

## February

A Cappella Showcase presents . . .

A SINGING VALENTINE

Looking for something a little different this Valentine's Day? Have A Cappella Showcase's quartet perform a Singing Valentine at your home or party!

Friday, February 14

Contact Helen at (905) 332-8198 helen\_dahl@hotmail.com

Fr. Mark Curtis presents . . .

SONGS IN THE KEY OF LOVE

An Evening with Canada's Singing Priest. WordSong Communications presents an evening of warmth and joy for the mid-winter blues, with the music of Canada's premier voice. Enjoy an exciting performance as he brings to each concert his stunning tenor voice, captivating on-stage presence and great sense of humour! Father Mark will be performing music from his newest CD, Peaceful Sky, as well as contemporary, gospel, show tunes & classic favourites.

Sunday February 16, 7:00 pm Grace Anglican Church 317 Main St Tickets \$ 10.00 Call 905-878-2411

Milton Concert Presentations presents . . .

AN EVENING OF BAROOUE

Harpsichord, flute, clarinet and oboe combine for a glorious evening of classic baroque music. Support our Annual Fund Raising Silent Auction night! Lots of items up for bids: a chance to conduct the Toronto Philharmonia Orchestra during next season's opening concert in Milton; gift certificates; original paintings; CD's; restaurant dinners; personal care items; and much more!

Friday, February 28

Doors open at 7:30 pm concert at 8:00 pm St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. E. (at James St.) Tickets: \$25. Seniors/Students \$20. For tickets, call (905) 878-2432.

Milton Choristers presents . . .

THE HOPE OF SPRING

This concert has as its focus the anticipation of renewal that spring brings and will feature J. S. Bach's "Jesu, Meine Freude" as well as delightful Renaissance Madrigals and songs of spring and love.

Sunday, April 13, 3:00 pm

Knox Presbyterian. Church Main Street Milton. Tickets: Adult \$15, Senior/Student:\$12, Children <12: \$8 Tickets available at: Delacourts, Main Street, Milton, The Paper Zone, Milton Mall,

Leslie Music, Speers Rd. Oakville or call: (905) 876-2401 or (905) 689-0646

Carolyn Skelly presents . . . CREATIVE JOURNAL

This advanced 10 week course in the Creative Journal Method is for people who have taken my ten week course. We will use the Creative Journal and Voice Dialogue to develop further the skills learned in the first ten week course.

Monday April 21 - June 23

6:30-9:30 pm

Contact Carolyn Skelly at 905-875-2788 for information.

A Cappella Showcase presents . . .

**CONTEST PREVIEW SHOW** 

A Cappella Showcase holds a dress rehearsal and free performance, open to the public. This is an opportunity to hear this gold medal chorus perform its contest songs for the Area 3 Contest.

Tuesday, April 29

approx 7:00 pm, location to be announced. Call the chorus hotline at (905) 876-4093



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