

Arts Milton

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"Message from President"

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Winter - Spring 2004

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2003 has been a year of growth for Arts Milton. Not only is our membership up significantly, but we have moved forward with several new initiatives to enhance our membership benefits.

In late 2002, your board of directors streamlined our committee work by setting up three distinct subcommittees; Advocacy, Communications and Education (ACE). Within this new framework, we have been able to concentrate our activities on those areas where we felt our members could receive a high return for their investment in Arts Milton.

Each of these subcommittees is chaired by a board member who is dedicated to the goals of the arts community in Milton and is supported not only by the board, but also by interested and equally dedicated members of the Milton and area community at large. This is important to our future growth. It means that we are not acting simply as a small board, but that we are engaging our growing community in our efforts to increase the visibility of the artistic talent in our town.

Our **Communications** subcommittee under the leadership of **Harvey Shoemaker**, has continued to improve the quality of the Arts Milton web-

site (www.artsmilton.ca). They are responsible for this newsletter as well as news and articles in the local newspapers. They have done an excellent job this year with timely articles as well as postings of event calendars.

Our **Education** subcommittee, in the capable hands of **Hazel Carlin**, has developed and presented a seminar for our members on working effectively with the media. They are also working on a seminar to be presented in early 2004 on "Effective Grant Applications"; an important topic for most of our membership.

The **Advocacy** subcommittee is chaired by your president, but involves all of the board members. Our major concern is the development of an Arts and Entertainment facility in the Town of Milton. We have taken several major steps along what would seem to be a long and arduous path towards this important goal in the last year. As most of our membership is aware, the Town has been developing plans for the construction of an Arts and Entertainment Centre in Milton as part of a program that includes a new Library and expansion of Town Hall. Feasibility studies have progressed to the point that Council has accepted site locations for each of these facilities and has authorized the development of a business plan. Much is left to be

done before a home for the arts community is constructed. Arts Milton is a member of the steering committee and continues to work closely with the Town.

We welcome input from all our readers on this project and urge anyone who has an interest to join Arts Milton and assist us in ensuring that this facility meets our needs and the needs of the community at large. Our strength lies in our membership.

Plans for 2004 include a Festival of the Arts that will be geared to the youth in our community. This is scheduled for May and more information will be included in future editions of this News letter. Look for more information on upcoming seminars and other functions.

If you are not already a member of Arts Milton, but have seen some of the excellent work that this organization is doing in the community, please consider becoming a member. Fees are very low and offer a valuable conduit to the artistic activities in Milton and the surrounding community.

Seasons Greetings to All, Bill Smelser, President, Arts Milton.

Calendar of Arts Milton Events (Winter - Spring 2004)

January - February

Milton Concert Presentations presents...

EBONY AND IVORY

A duo featuring Andrew Gilpin on piano and keyboards and Fred Jacobowitz on clarinet and saxophone.

Friday, January 16, 8:00pm

St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. Milton.

Tickets \$30/adults \$24/ seniors and students. For information call: (905) 878-4732

The Children's Hour presents...

THOMAS AND HIS TROMBONE

Children's entertainment (ages 4 - 8 and up) with musical education, featuring Thomas and his Trombone, also performing on the Australian aboriginal didjeridu.

Sunday, January 25, 1:00 pm

Sr's Activity Centre, Child's Drive, call to confirm time.

Tickets: Craig at (905) 878 - 7541 Adults - \$10

First Child - \$7.50 Second and Third Children - \$5.00 each.

Literacy North Halton presents...

FAMILY LITERACY DAY

A number of interesting events will be presented.

Tuesday, January 27

Sharon Foster 905-873-2200 www.literacynh.org

Fr. Mark Curtis presents...

CONCERT

Fr. Mark Curtis entertains with music and stories, and shares his inspirational message.

Sunday, February 1, 7:00 pm

Melville United Church, Fergus \$10.00 519-843-1781

Milton Players presents...

CRIMES OF THE HEART

Three sisters are brought together by family misfortunes in their hometown of Hazelhurst, Mississippi. Share their laughter, fears, dreams and Southern generosity toward people and life as they face the world together. A light drama by Beth Henley Directed by Sharon Beddoes. Reserved seating for subscribers only. Reservations call 905-875-0629. Location is Milton Senior's Activity Centre Auditorium, Child's Drive S of the Milton Mall.

Dinner Theatre

Saturdays, February 7, 14

Bar Opens - 6:30 pm, Dinner - 7:00 pm

Curtain - 8:15 pm, \$35.00 per person

Show Only

Fridays, February 6, 13

Cash bar & refreshments. Doors Open - 7:30 pm

Curtain - 8:00 pm. \$15.00 per person.

Thursday, February 12

Doors Open - 7:30 pm, Curtain - 8:00 pm.

February - March

Milton Concert Presentations presents...

THE TORONTO ALL STAR BIG BAND

A non-series extra concert, with Kerry Stratton and the Toronto Philharmonia.

Friday, February 13, 8:00 pm

St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. in Milton. Tickets

\$30/adults, \$24/seniors and students, (with season tickets

\$25/adults, \$20/seniors and students.)

For information call: 905-878-4732.

Literacy North Halton presents...

BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Thurs, Feb 19, 6:30 pm

Call Sharon Foster at 905-873-2200 for the Georgetown location or visit. www.literacynh.org

Milton Player's Auditions...

THE AFFECTIONS OF MAY

Audition for this community theatre production. 3 men and 1 women are required. Back stage and front-of-house positions also available for new members.

Sunday, February 22, 1:30 pm

Monday, February 23, 7:30 pm

295 Alliance Road, Unit 15, Milton.

For more information call 905-875-0629.

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Sunday, Feb 22, 7:00 pm

St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, Burlington.

Tickets: \$12.50 905-332-8122.

Milton Concert Presentations presents...

GERSHWIN AND FRIENDS

Soloist Joy Watson joins Kerry Stratton and the Toronto Philharmonia.

Friday, March 5, 8:00 pm

St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. Milton.

Tickets \$30/adults \$24/ seniors and students.

For information call: (905) 878-4732.

March - April

Fr. Mark Curtis presents...

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Sunday, March 7, 4:00 pm

St. James Anglican Church, Guelph. 519-822-1061

Georgetown Bach Chorale presents...

SPRING FESTIVAL 2004 - PIANO TRIO

Menage a Trois - Piano Trio, chamber concert with clarinet, cello and piano, playing selections from Beethoven, Brahms, and Chopin, & reception to follow.

Fri, Mar 26, 8:00 pm, Sat, Mar 27, 8:00 pm

157 Main St. S. Georgetown. Tickets \$35, at Foodstuffs

905-877-6569 or Young's Pharmacy 905-877-2711.

Literacy North Halton presents...

LIED OUTERBRIDGE ILLUSIONIST

In these 2 shows, comedy meets mind-bending illusions, making for uniquely bewitching, hilarious entertainment. Ticket proceeds to fund local adult literacy programs.

Saturday, March 27, times to be advised

Georgetown Little Theatre

Sharon Foster 905-873-2200 www.literacynh.org

Kerry Stratton presents...

A LITTLE NIGHT MUSIC

Embark on a guided tour of classical music with Maestro Kerry Stratton and friends. This series of lively and informal discussions takes place on 6 consecutive Tuesdays, 5 with live performances. Series cost is \$149.

Starting: Tuesday, March 30, 7:30 pm

St. Paul's United Church, 123 Main St. E. Milton

For information and tickets: 905-886-2185

Visit www.artsmilton.com for details of these events:

Apr 1-3, Milton Youth Theatre in Mississauga

Apr 2, Milton Concert Presentations in Milton

Apr 4, The Children's Hour in Milton

Apr 4, Fr. Mark Curtis in Dundas

May 6, Literacy North Halton in Milton

May 7, Milton Concert Presentations in Milton

May 7-15, Milton Players in Milton

May 16, Arts Milton Children's Festival

May 30, Milton Choristers in Mississauga



Arts Milton gratefully acknowledges the generous support of the Town of Milton Community Fund.

Visit www.ArtsMilton.com for our on-line Events Calendar!