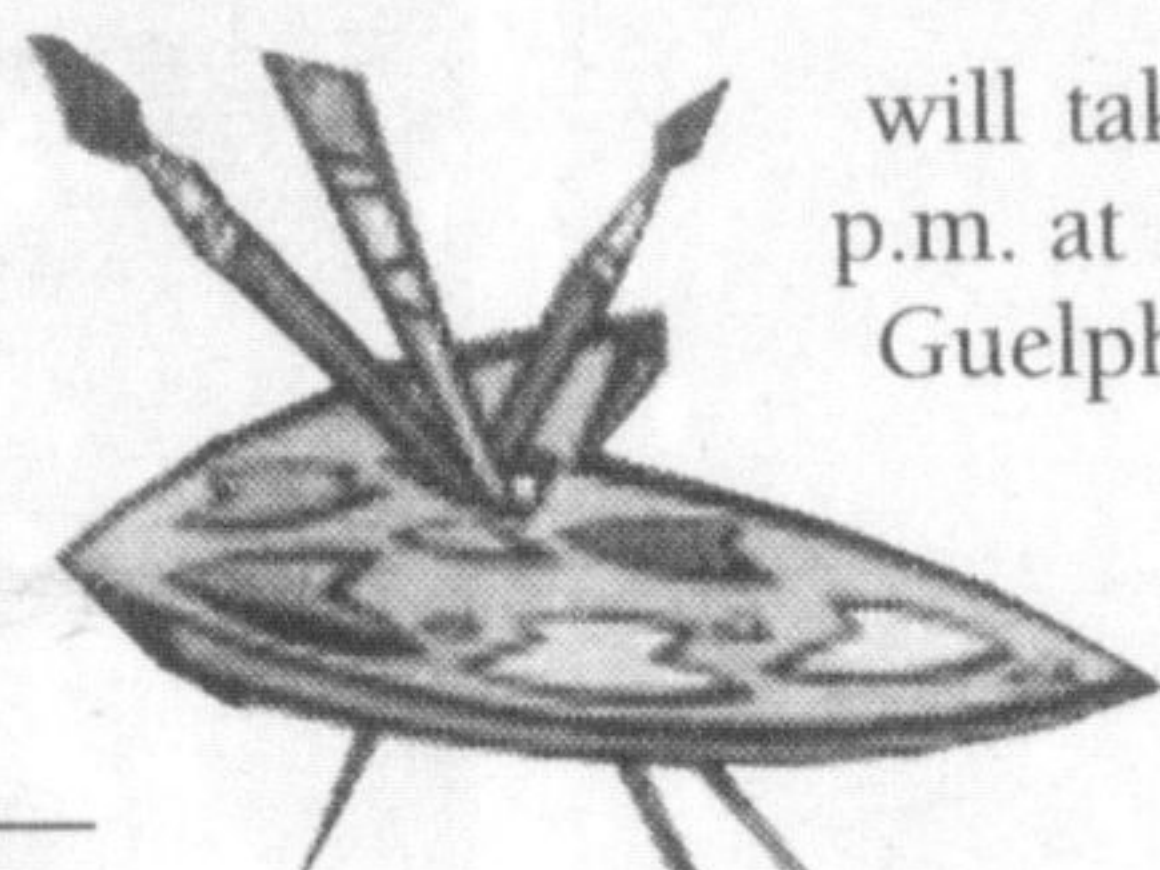


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Blue Skies Outdoor Art Show on soon

An old, weathered barn from the 1840s will provide a unique backdrop for an upcoming art show.

The Blue Skies Outdoor Art Show, featuring the paintings and prints of Geraldine Ysselstein — who along with her husband Peter is the former owner of the Arkell Schoolhouse —



will take place October 7 to 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 11668 First Line in Nassagaweya, just east of Guelph.

The barnyard studio tour will include refreshments.

For more information, call Ysselstein at (905) 854-2266.

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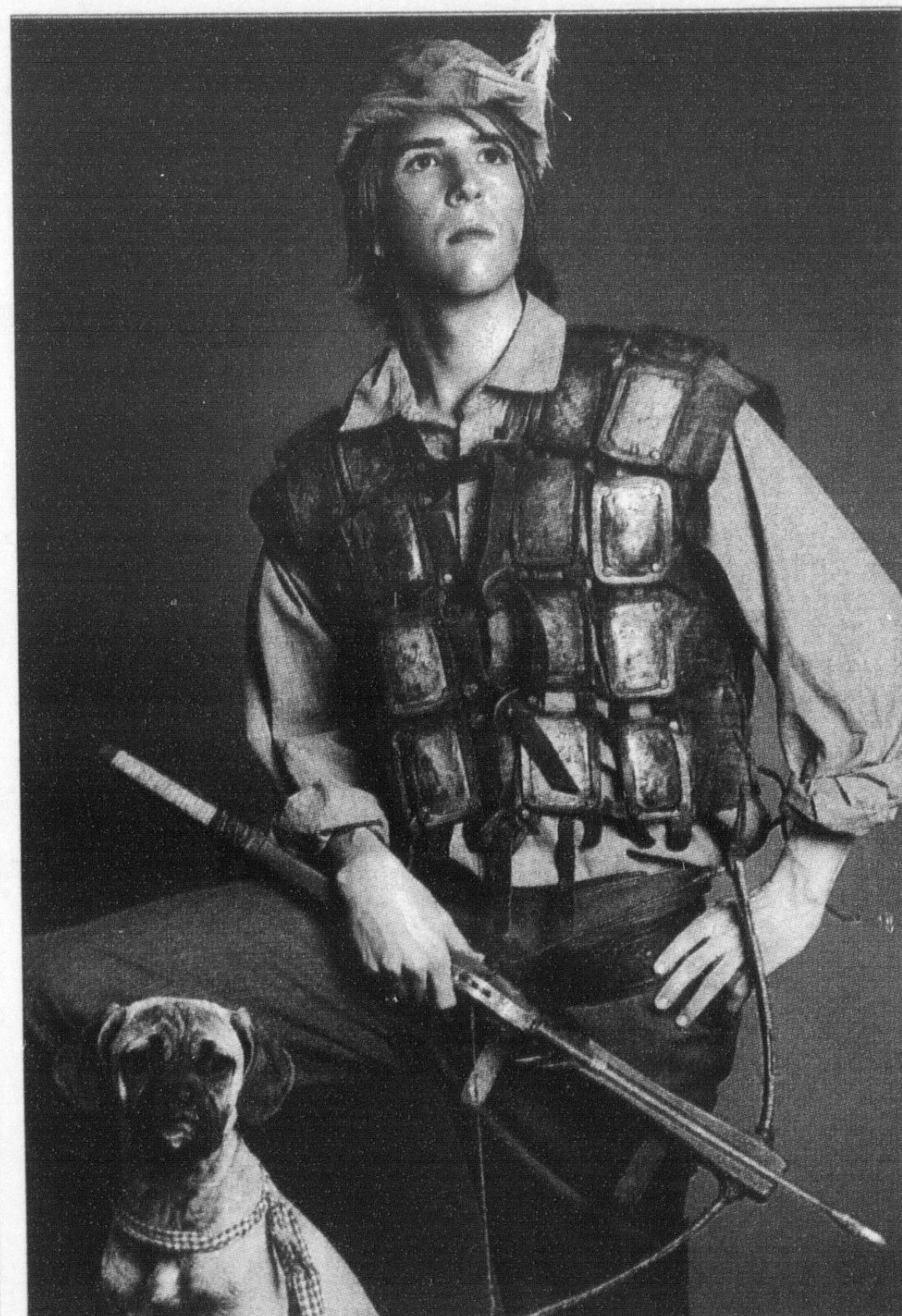


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Former Miltonian Owen Pallett, 27, was recently named the winner of the Polaris Music Prize for best Canadian album of the year for his second album, He Poos Clouds.

Milton native wins major music award

Pallett pulls in first ever Polaris

By Stephanie Thiessen
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Owen Pallett is happy to be doing his laundry. With just a few days to recoup at his Toronto home sandwiched between concert dates in B.C. and an upcoming trip to Berlin, there's little time for this musician to catch up on the banalities of life.

"I'm pretty much at the end of my rope," admitted Pallett, 27, a musician whose name has been splashed across the media lately after winning a major music prize.

"I enjoy the shows themselves, but traveling around is hard on your body."

He misses working out at his regular gym and watching E-Talk Daily, said the former Miltonian.

Needless to say, life is hectic for Pallett, who makes up a one-man-band called Final Fantasy, which plays a unique combination of rock and classical music with Pallett singing and playing violin.

And it can only be expected to increase in pace after he was announced the winner of the first ever Polaris Music Prize for best Canadian album of the year last week.

The award was for his second release, He Poos Clouds, and the selection was made by 11 Canadian music critics. The award came with a \$20,000 cash prize.

There was no one more surprised than Pallett, considered the underdog, when the judges' decision was announced. Pallett beat out such popular artists as Sarah Harmer, Metric and Broken Social Scene.

"I thought I didn't have a chance," he said.

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