

Local talent featured in Summer Days/Summer Nights series

The Retrievers to play next week at Victoria Park

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Timing can be everything.

Just ask Alex Frank, the lead guitarist and vocalist of The Retrievers.

Having recently released their debut full-length album *Regeneration* and scoring a gig at last month's Milton Street Festival, the 26-year-old Miltonian believes the band is beginning to hit its stride.

The band — comprised of Frank, Nick Broster, Jarred McCall and brothers Jesse and Nick Roman — recently landed another gig in Milton and will perform at the upcoming two-year countdown celebrations to the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games Wednesday. The show, which begins at 7 p.m. at Victoria Park, is part of Arts Milton's Summer Days/Summer Nights free entertainment series, which began yesterday.

Throughout July and August, the series — in partnership with the Town of Milton and Milton Centre for the Arts — will bring live arts performances to the streets outside of Town



The Retrievers will perform at Victoria Park Wednesday for the two-year countdown celebrations to the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games. The show, which begins at 7 p.m., is part of Arts Milton's Summer Days/Summer Nights free entertainment series. *Submitted photo*

Hall every Wednesday at noon and 7 p.m.

"The programming will reflect local talent found right here in Milton," said Arts Milton co-ordinator Carly Anderson. "It will showcase a variety of artistic disciplines, including amateur and professional artists as well as inter-generational performances."

Yesterday's performance featured Milton sing-

er/songwriter Kevin Morse, while next week folk artist Carrie and Lawrence will take the stage at noon.

Frank said their performance during the evening next week will be the perfect opportunity to share the band's musical talent.

"We're very versatile in musical styles and different genres. We're not a hard rock band or a

country band," he said about his group, which formed three years ago playing regularly at Guelph bars while he attended the University of Guelph.

The Milton District High School graduate said each member plays multiple instruments and he can sometimes be seen playing the violin to inject some blue grass into the band's set.

He added the band just wants to engage the audience in a great time.

"We're trying to bring positive energy to a good crowd and share that with a good crowd," said Frank, who has been in bands since he was 18. "We want to get people moving."


He said they're all extremely passionate about their work together, putting in rehearsals at least twice a week on top of weekend gigs across the Greater Toronto Area.


"There's tremendous drive to be successful," he said.

McCall is also a Milton District High School graduate while the Ronans are graduates of E.C. Drury High School. Broster is the only one without Milton ties, hailing from New Market.


For a list of other performers taking stage outside of Town Hall on Wednesdays throughout July and August, visit www.artsmilton.com.

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