

Entertainment

Vasik, McCoy perform at country music concert Sunday

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This Sunday at noon the Stouffville Country Flea Market, in conjunction with Country 59 Radio, presents a free concert starring Cassandra Vasik and Jason McCoy.

Vasik, winner of the Juno Award for Canadian Country Female Vocalist in both 1992 and 1994, exploded onto the scene two years ago with her debut album Wildflowers.

As her popularity grew she began a series of cross-country tours, opening for such stars as Randy Travis, Prairie Oyster and the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band. As is the case with so many entertainers, her overnight success was 10 years in the making.

Born in Bleinheim, Ont., Vasik got hooked on music at an early age through her father, who played accordion in his own polka band.

By the age of 18, she had become lead singer in a local country rock band. She went on to complete the three year music arts program at London's Fanshawe College and in the mid-80s, after being spotted by a talent scout, she appeared several times on the Tommy Hunter Show.

Vasik had a brief stint as lead vocalist with a 'top 40' band before joining an all-female alternative group called Little Egypt, after which she landed day-job at a London recording studio.

It was Vasik's association with the song writing team of Tim Thorney, Erica Ehm and Robo Fox which led to her eventual success as a recording



CASANDRA VASIK

artist, with Thorney and Ehm writing all 12 tracks on her Wildflowers album.

Her latest project, Feels Like Home, is a collaboration with the same team and enabled Vasik herself to become

involved in the writing process. Linda Ronstadt, Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, Ricky Skaggs, Joni Mitchell, Ricki Lee Jones and Lyle Lovett have all provided inspiration for this talented Canadian singer.

"The kind of music I do is difficult to categorize because of all my influences," she said.

"It's a case of my wanting to reach as many people as I can, and I find that categorizing can alienate potential listeners."

Stouffville Country Flea Market's free concert begins at noon on June 5. Jason McCoy (Your Momma Warned You) and Smak Dabb will also be appearing and everyone is welcome to attend.



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