



W. Donald Cousens
Mayor

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To The Residents of Markham:

Your response to the recent devastating ice-storms in Eastern Ontario and Quebec was truly overwhelming. You've made us all very proud.

When the Town of Markham, in conjunction with the Economist & Sun, organized a food drive to help Laval, Quebec, you demonstrated the type of caring spirit that truly makes Markham a special place to live.

And when Laval, with whom we've shared an economic alliance for some years needed us, you were there for them. In total, you helped send over 15 tons of food, toiletry items, blankets and sleeping bags. So much in fact, they were able to forward supplies to other needy food banks in the Montreal area.

In addition to individual donations, many groups and organizations contributed to this effort including: Graphic Transportation Services, Markham Hydro, St. Patrick's Church, The Markham Food Bank, Market Village Mall, Markville Mall, Central Park Public School, James Robison Public School, E.T. Crowle Public School, St. Justin Martyr Church, Waterworks and Forestry Departments at the Town of Markham, plus all the other groups who contributed directly.

To all of you, a heartfelt thank you.

Yours sincerely

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Rita Chiarelli set to rock Fullerton's

ENTERTAINMENT

Fresh from winning the Maple Blues' Female Vocalist of the Year Award, Rita Chiarelli returns to Fullerton's March 5 to give voice to her soulful, heart-stopping musical magic.

Chiarelli has been singing the rockin' blues since she was 15, forming a nine-piece R. & B. band with the uncompromising moniker Battleaxe after completing her high school education in Hamilton. The band toured Canada and the U.S. and the singer went on to join the Ronnie Hawkins school of rock and roll for a year.

She fell in love with Italy on a 1981 trip and stayed there for six years, doing studio work and touring with European artists.

Returning home in the late '80s, she recorded a number of singles and scooped up some prestigious national awards along the way.

Her raw, powerful delivery led to the inclusion of her acclaimed song, *Have You Seen My Shoes?* on the soundtrack of Bruce McDonald's cult movie, *Roadkill*, and she recently released her third album, *What a Night!* recorded live in Germany, on Stony Plain Records.

In addition to providing superb interpretations of such time-honoured favourites as *Night Time is the Right Time* and *Me and Bobby McGee*, the album also showcases Chiarelli's awesome songwriting talents in six original numbers.

And the disc is a faithful reproduction of a rare evening of music making.

"It was a great night in the first place, but I suppose we could have fiddled with (the recording), fixed a couple of mistakes here and there, re-recorded a few bars, added and subtracted a bit," mused the singer.

"But then I figured that I'd be interfering with the heart of what we had done that night, as well as, in a way, breaking faith with the people who listen to us, both when we play live and when we make records."

Chiarelli is well-respected by her fellow musicians. Juno Award-winning guitarist and songwriter Colin Linden, as well as members of Prairie Oyster, were guest artists on her second album.

Her songwriting skills attracted the ear of Long John Baldry, who recorded his own version of *Midnight in Berlin* for his latest album, *Right to Sing the Blues*.

On *What a Night!*, she is backed by guitarist Papa John King, Dire Straits' original drummer Pick Withers and bassist Nigel Portman-Smith, who was a member of the legendary British folk/rock band Pentangle. She received her Maple Blues Award, presented by The Toronto Blues Society, Feb. 2 at the Montreal Bistro in Toronto, along with the likes of Colin James, Long John Baldry and B.B. King.

Chiarelli performs at Fullerton's Place March 5 at 9:30 p.m.

~Kate Gilderdale



RITA CHIARELLI

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Catch Push at Town Crier

FULLERTON'S

Tonight: Mucho Beatles with John and Pierre of Frozen Ghost, Friday and Saturday: Grant Fullerton of Light-house, Sunday: Our popular jam session with all the boys. 6211 Main St. Stouffville, 642-5360.

THE TOWN CRIER RESTAURANT & PUB

Tonight: Trivia hosted by Ron, Friday: Recording artists Push play at 9:30 p.m. 6298 Main St. Stouffville, 642-6937.

AMARETTO RESTAURANT

Saturday: Live jazz with Donny Sahn, Starting next week, every Thursday is Pub Night with drink specials, live bands and a DJ. 67 Edward St. Stouffville, 642-6524.

THE GEORGE

Friday: Sourpuss, Saturday: Clavin

spotlight

Sunday: Jimmy Frasier from 4 to 8 p.m. 104 Brock St. W. Uxbridge, 852-9549.

EXPERIENCE

Experience is up to something on March 7! Mark your calendars. **MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL** Third annual festival in Sunderland April 5 and 6.

CELEBRITY DOODLE AUCTION

April 25 at Uxbridge Arena and Community Centre. Fundraiser for York-Durham Heritage Railway and the Uxbridge Celebration of the Arts. Tickets \$5.

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