

THE TRIBUNE

# Arts & Entertainment

## Blue Rodeo headlines fundraiser

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Sunderland will become a mecca for Blue Rodeo fans from far and wide when the star-studded Canadian band takes the stage at the Sunderland arena on May 30.

The audience will be treated to their favourites from the albums put out by Blue Rodeo over the past 12 years including their latest CD *Tremolo*. Defined as "the rapid reiteration of a note or notes to produce a trembling effect," *Tremolo* certainly is an electric and eclectic sampling of the band's range from pretty lullabies (*Beautiful Blue*) to country rock (*Falling From Grace*).

Influenced by the psychedelic sixties with a creative mix of country and pop and rock thrown in, the six-man band has proved a very special variety of music in

its *Tremolo* collection rivaling its popular hit albums *Five Days in July* and *Nowhere To Here*.

Cut in the studio at a rate of one new song per day, each unknown to the band, amidst the inspiration of burning candles, *Tremolo* is the latest effort of the multi-award-winning group whose career was honoured with Best Group at the Junos in 1996.

The Sunderland Lions Club is sponsoring the Blue Rodeo concert as a fundraiser to aid the expansion of the Sunderland Medical Centre so that there is room for a second doctor and visiting specialists to ease the caseload of Dr. Tom Millar who has more than 3,000 patients.

But people will turn out not only to support a worthy cause but because it is a chance to see city-calibre entertainment at a country venue.

Jim Cuddy, Kim Deschamps, Basil Donovan, James Gray, Greg Keelor and Glenn Milchem are looking forward to performing in Sunderland for the third time. But it will be a first opportunity to hear new cuts like the hauntingly whimsical *Frog's Lullaby* live, in addition to old favourites like *Try* and *Diamond Mine*. The show promises to range from the softness of a ballad to high energy rocking, covering more than a decade of musical song stylings by vocalists Cuddy and Keelor and band.

Three-quarters of the tickets for the Saturday night concert have already been sold, so don't miss your chance to dance to the live tunes of this Canadian tradition. General admission tickets are \$25 each and there will be a cash bar so no minors will be admitted. Tickets are available at Stop 4 Variety and Pindar's Sunoco in Sunderland, Leaskdale General Store, and Radio Shack in Uxbridge.



### Moraine book authors gather on Tuesday

Last year, the Save The Oak Ridges Moraine (STORM) Coalition produced a beautiful and informative book on this unique feature of the local landscape.

On May 19 at 7:30 p.m., a number of the 29 contributing authors will be guests in the Tokai Room of the Uxbridge Public Library, where they will explain how the project was conceived. STORM is made up of naturalists, botanists, geologists, historians, writers and photographers whose goal is the protection of this precious natural resource, which runs for more than 200 kilometres, from the Niagara Escarpment almost to the Trent River.

The moraine not only offers breathtaking scenery, but also provides a haven for a rich variety of plants and wildlife. With a rapidly expanding population in the area, pressure on the environment is constantly increasing, which leads to a growing need for public education about the importance of preserving our natural heritage.

The book, entitled *Oak Ridges Moraine*, was an entirely voluntary effort by a distinguished team of professionals and is published by The Boston Mills Press. David McQueen, a Clarendon resident and chair of the STORM Coalition's book committee, will be among the guests at the library next Tuesday. A visual display will be set up, with copies of the book available for sale during the evening.

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