

**ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT**

# Cultural celebrations abound

Weekend festivals are bringing fine food, music and late nights for thousands of celebrants in Markham.

Families kept dancing until 1 a.m. over the weekend — and will dance next weekend, too — at the Annual Greek Festival on Warden Avenue. "The tents are up, the food is set up, the lamb is already starting to cook," parish council president Nick Karageorgiou said before Friday's opening.

Also this Saturday, Markham Fairgrounds will fill between noon and 10 p.m. for the South Asian Mela, or fair, with fashion booths, "mouthwatering" food stalls and internationally famous singers and musicians, said organizer Javed Malik.

And the following Sunday, Aug. 2, the Shangri-La Banquet Centre on Esna Park Drive hosts the Jump Up '98 Outdoor Carnival, featuring Byron Lee and The Dragonaires, "the Caribbean's number one band," until 2 a.m.

The annual Greek event, north of Elgin Mills Rd., is raising money for a Greek Orthodox church on the site.

As cultural festivals in Markham go, it's "the biggest and the best. That's my opinion," said Karageorgiou. "People come here, they dance all night!"

Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. The festival will go from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 1 a.m. on Sunday.

Performers at the South Asian event include Mehnaz, a famous singer from Pakistan, Hamid Ali Khan, classical dancers and singers, and local artists Kuni Dass and Hareesh Choudhary.

The mela, flying the flags of Bangladesh, Canada, India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, will have a midway and even helicopter rides. The new Milliken Mills Lions Club will sell channa masala and samosas from one of the booths.



Top: Artist Louise McFarlane of Markham displays her pottery to shopper Birgitta MacLeod at Art in the Park in Uxbridge last weekend. Above: Markham artist Ted Nasmith at his booth.

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# Ride the rails with Santa this Saturday

This Saturday celebrate Christmas in July as the York-Durham Heritage Railway welcomes Santa Claus and his Christmas cheer, including decorated vintage cars and candy canes.

Trains leave Uxbridge at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. and depart Stouffville at 11:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. (The 3:30 p.m. train does not return to Stouffville.)

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until October 18

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Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$8 for children four to 12 years and children under four are free.

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The York-Durham Heritage Railway association is a non-profit, volunteer organization that has spent 10 years preparing for the opening of the line.

The association is run by 150 member volunteers and friends of the railway who work in all aspects from track maintenance to car restoration to fundraising.

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