

# Jazz by young stars raises funds

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St. Andrew's United Church celebrates its 10th year of fundraising jazz concerts Feb. 19 with a special concert, Classics meets Jazz.

This first concert in the series will feature the John Roney trio with vocalist Andrea Morrison. Unfortunately, Korean classical pianist Mia Park will be unable to perform as scheduled.

Roney and Morrison are first- and second-place winners of the Jazz Stars of the Future contest held at the Markham Jazz Festival last summer.

Roney is a student in the faculty of music at the University of Toronto. He majors in jazz and classical piano performance and minors in classical composition. Roney's musical experience includes private and group studies with teachers such as Oliver Jones, Mark Eisenman, Phil Nimmons and Paul Read.

He has toured with Montreal vocalist Jonny Scott, performed at Disney World, as well as the Beaches and Hamilton jazz festivals. Roney is the recipient of the 1996 Canadian Yamaha Rising Star Award.

Andrea Morrison began to sing and compose at an early age. In 1990, she

was inspired and determined to sing jazz after listening to Diane Schuur's album *In Tribute*. Morrison has worked with Howard Rees, Barry Harris, Sheila Jordan and Sherry Somerville, along with performing in various Toronto clubs.

She has also appeared in the short Canadian movie *BUSK*, playing the soul singer and performing the theme of the movie which she composed called *Time and Place*.

St. Andrew's presents the second concert in the series on April 29 featuring the Pat LaBarbera Quartet. Currently a music teacher at Humber College, LaBarbera teaches one-on-one lessons, while also performing with his quartet and other groups and bands in Toronto. His latest CD, *Deep in a Dream*, features 12 standard ballads LaBarbera has always loved.

Tickets for Classics meets Jazz are \$12 for adults and \$10 for seniors and students.

Tickets for the April concert featuring Pat LaBarbera are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students. They are available at the Village Smoke Shop on Main Street, Markham, 472-8354, and Musicians Marketplace on Hwy. 7, 201-1117.

# Markham Museum for Valentine's

This weekend, Markham Museum is inviting children and families to make a special Valentine to present to their sweethearts.

While there, see the latest exhibit, *Ink to Internet*, tracing 200 years of communications technology.

There are lots of hands-on interactive ways to explore the exhibit, including writing with a quill pen, using an old printing press, listening to early radio

shows and surfing the Internet to trace your genealogy.

Museum hours are Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission for adults is \$3, students and seniors \$2, children \$1 and families \$7. Children must be accompanied by an adult. The museum is located on Hwy. 48, two kilometres north of Hwy. 7. Parking is free.

For more information, call 294-4576.

## Comedy/Improv show

Markham Youth Theatre presents the first of five performances of *You Laughin' at Me???* at Crosby Arena Feb. 18 and 19.

This comedy/improv show was such a huge success last year that director Rob Norman insisted on doing it again with a slight twist.

This group of improv performers and joke crackers will have the audience rolling on the floor of the Lamplight Room in Crosby Arena.

Tickets are \$7. Call the MYT hotline at (416) 410-4001.

## 2 Pianos, 4 Hands

A new adaptation of the award-winning *2 Pianos, 4 Hands* makes its Markham premiere beginning Feb. 22 at Markham Theatre.

Canadian actors Shari Saunders and Karen Woolridge portray the two musicians-in-training, as well as the unique people who touch their lives.

*2 Pianos, 4 Hands* will be at Markham Theatre Feb. 22 to 25 at 8 p.m., Feb. 26 at 2:30 and 8 p.m.

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