

Bill Evans tribute highlights Markham Jazz Festival

Second ticketed show at Markham Theatre a sign of event's growing reputation

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A second night at Markham Theatre, featuring a tribute to the late, great pianist/composer Bill Evans, are among the highlights announced Tuesday for this year's fifth annual Markham Jazz Festival.

The Evans tribute is slated for Friday, Aug. 16 and includes New York-based jazz pianist Fred Hersch performing with the Toronto Sinfonietta with Rick Wilkins conducting.

The Fred Hersch Trio, featuring Don Thompson on bass and Terry Clarke on drums is also part of this evening program.

This is the first year the festival — which runs Aug. 15-18 — has opted for two nights at Markham Theatre, a risk that founder and artistic director Hal Hill admits was a source of worry.

"I've been told I'm a brave soul to do this, but I'm quite confident it'll be a success. We're getting people coming up from the U.S. for the Friday show."

The Markham Theatre shows are the only ticketed events in the festival. The opening night theatre gala is saxophonist Jim Galloway's 17-piece Wee Big Band with special guest cornet legend Warren Vache.

Tickets are on sale now for both evenings. Call 905-305-7469.

Mr. Hill, who will have a staff of up to 60 volunteers during the festival, believes the event has successfully dealt with its initial growing pains.

"It's our fifth year and most festivals look at that as the stepping stone to the future," he noted. "At this point, many organizers breathe a sigh of relief that they've gotten this far."

On Saturday, residents can enjoy free concerts on the main stage at Unionville's Toogood Pond Park, following the traditional parade which kicks off at 11:30 a.m.

It begins at the old Unionville GO station and proceeds up Main Street to



FRED HERSCH: Part of Bill Evans tribute at Markham Theatre for the Performing Arts.

the pond, led by the traditional Dixieland group The Cameo Jazz Band.

Six headliners perform on the main stage Saturday, including keyboardist and vocalist Bill King and his Saturday Night Fish Fry; Josh Grossman and the Toronto Jazz Orchestra, violinist Mireille Proulx with pianist Eric Harding, The Fred Hersch Trio and trumpeter Nick Ali and the Latin sounds of Cruzao.

The main streets of Unionville and Markham are the places to be Saturday night.

Various restaurants and pubs there have been designated jazz hot spots, with local and national artists performing through the evening.

Performers include Matthew-Aaron Dusk, Brian

Blane, Kiki Musumi and Reg Schwager, the Jim Galloway Quartet with Warren Vache, Rivethead, Larry Bond, The Charlie Finlat Quartet, The Funky Boot, The Lorne Lofsky Duo, The Lynn McDonald Trio and The Nuraw Blues Band.

On Sunday, the 18th, the fourth annual Bell Canada Jazz Stars of the Future Concert goes at noon on the main stage in Toogood Pond Park. Several participants from past years have gone on to record CDs or perform in clubs around the GTA.

The festival continues its Jazz in the Schools program, led by CKLN personality Colin Smith, which reaches out to York Region schools by performing workshops and live shows.

This year's education programs are dedicated to former festival president Mitch Mitchell, who died last year. Mr. Hill has added the president's job to his list of duties.

For further information surf the Internet to www.jazzfest.markham.on.ca or call the festival hot line at 905-471-JAZZ (5299).

EXPROPRIATIONS ACT NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND

IN THE MATTER OF an application by The Regional Municipality of York for approval to expropriate land described in Schedule "A" hereto, in the Town of Markham in The Regional Municipality of York, for the purposes of:

- the widening and reconstruction of Elgin Mills Road East (YR 49) from Bayview Avenue (YR 34) to Markland Road, to a basic width of 36.0 metres with additional widenings at cuts, fills, watercourse crossings and intersections to provide:
 - a basic four lane road with a continuous centre left-turn lane from Bayview Avenue (YR 34) to the proposed Highway 404 west ramp intersection;
 - a basic four lane road from the proposed Highway 404 west ramp intersection to Markland Road;
 - a new interchange with Highway 404; and
 - left-turn and right-turn lanes at intersections;
- the reconstruction of Elgin Mills Road East (YR 49) from Markland Road to Woodbine Avenue (YR 8) to improve the existing two lane road, and construction of minor improvements to the intersection of Elgin Mills Road East (YR 49) and Woodbine Avenue (YR 8);
- the adjustments to existing traffic control signals and associated illumination to accommodate the proposed revisions to the road layout at the intersections of Elgin Mills Road East (YR 49) with Leslie Street (YR 12) and Woodbine Avenue (YR 8); and
- the provision of an underground conduit system and illumination at the intersections of Elgin Mills Road East (YR 49) with the proposed Highway 404 ramps and Markland Road.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made for approval to expropriate the land described in Schedule "A" hereto. Any owner of lands in respect of which notice is given who desires an inquiry into whether the taking of such land is fair, sound and reasonably necessary in the achievement of the objectives of the expropriating authority shall so notify the approving authority in writing,

- in the case of a registered owner, served personally or by registered mail within thirty days after the registered owner is served with the notice, or, when the registered owner is served by publication, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice;
- in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is:
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

The Regional Municipality of York
Harold Brown, Deputy Clerk
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

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SCHEDULE "A"

An estate in fee simple in the land described as follows:

Lands in the Town of Markham The Regional Municipality of York, being composed of that part of Lot 26, Concession 3, of the said Town, designated as Part 1 on a Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of York Region as No. 65R-24904.



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