

Stouffville flavour to Georgina festival

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It's shaping up to be one of the biggest entertainment events in Georgina since the heyday of the Peter Gzowski galas at the Red Barn Theatre.

The Blue Bridge Festival, named for the distinctive bridge crossing the Black River at Mossington, will feature three days of music, poetry, workshops, concerts and tours, June 8 to 10.

The highlight of the three-day festival will be a flotilla drifting down the Black River from the public dock at the High Street bridge to the "Blue Bridge" at Lake Simcoe.

The flotilla will feature opera singers on a barge escorted by a fleet of canoes and kayaks and led by family entertainer Magoo.

From there and led by a bagpiper, festival-goers will be able to walk or ride a horse and wagon to the troubadour stage at the bandshell in Sibbald Point Provincial Park, where they will enjoy singer/songwriter Marie Lynn Hammond and guests.



MARIE LYNN HAMMOND: Stouffville resident performing at Blue Bridge music, poetry festival.

It all kicks off June 8 with a cabaret and reception at the Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery on High Street with vocalists Cindy Townsend and Ramona Carmelly and a Canadian work by composer Mary Gardiner.

Saturday's events begin in the morning with poetry and song-writing workshops at various locations in Sutton.

Artists include M. Travis Lane, Barry Dempster and Patricia Keeny, along with folk music performances by Stouffville's Marie Lynn Hammond and Magoo.

Melissa's Song, a musical story for

children of all ages, will take place on the lawn of St. James Parish Hall, followed by the musical flotilla. Written by artistic director Brenda Müller, the award-winning play will also be staged Sunday.

For those who prefer dry land, there is an afternoon of entertainment at the bandshell in Jackson's Point, along with a horse-drawn wagon tour of Sutton and Jackson's Point.

Saturday evening features massed York Region choirs performing Vivaldi's Gloria with the festival's chamber orchestra, led by David McFadden.

"We are all so excited to be performing in this brand new festival," said Ann Orr of the Markham Village Voices, one of the participating choirs, adding her family will be bringing along their children.

Sunday's highlight will be Ardeleana's concert program, Alchemy, which will include poetry, chamber works by Ravel and Farrenc and operatic duets by Offenback and Delibes.

Stouffville's Geordie and Wayne Hill are stage managers for the event.

"Just bring your sense of adventure and enthusiasm," publicist Vicki Pinkerton said.

Tickets can be obtained online or at the Georgina Arts Centre and Gallery. For more information, go to www.bluebridgefestival.com or call 905-722-9587.



Cindy Townsend is Ted, the stray cat who visits Melissa from the North Door in Melissa's Song, a storybook concert.

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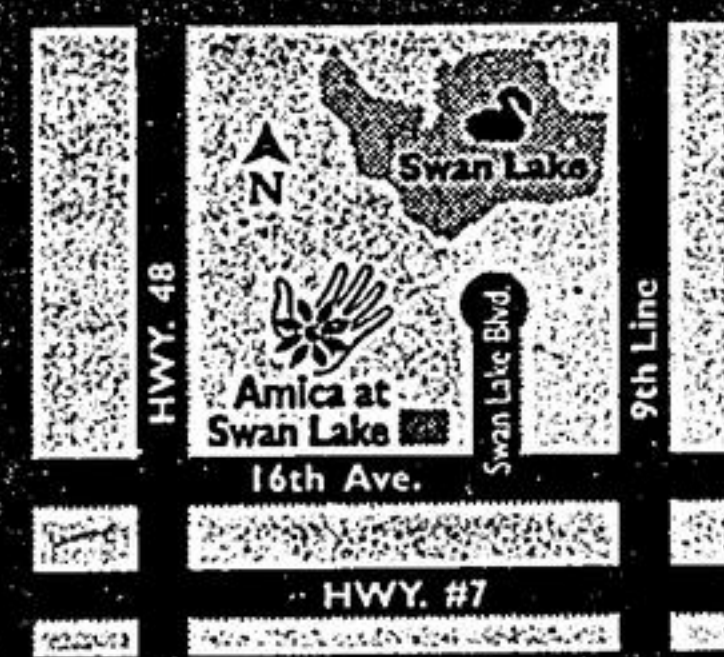
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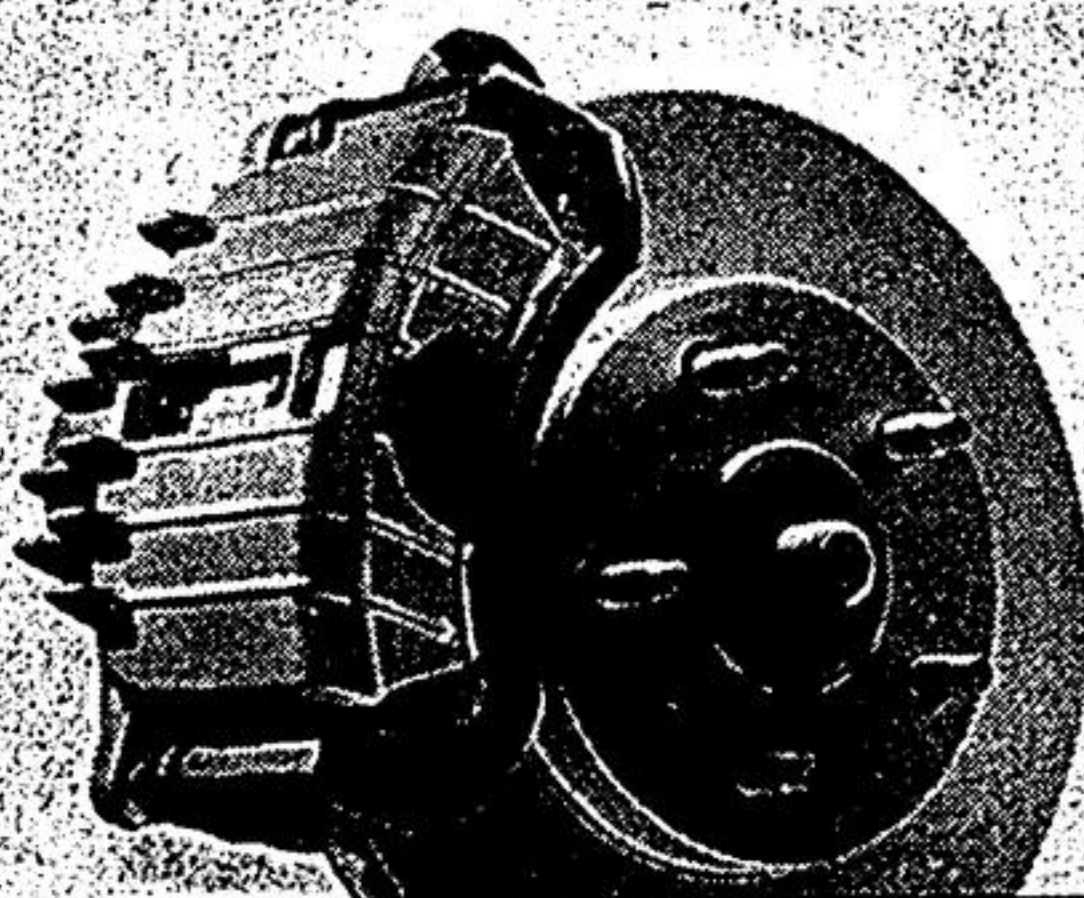


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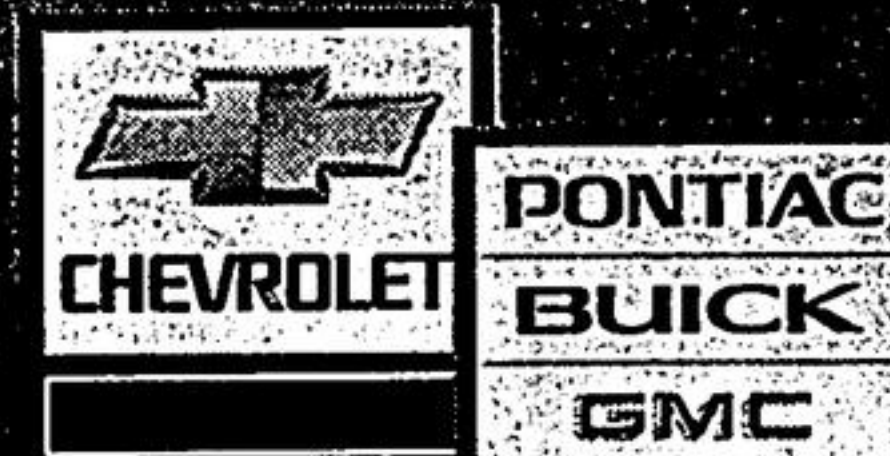
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