

Che Casino



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Gambling hit home with filmmaker

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Watching his own 75-year-old father still working to support his gambling spurred Stouffville resident Steve Sperandeo to make his first documentary, *Che Casino*.

The film is being shown during the ninth annual Toronto Italian Film Festival running from June 6 to 10 at the Bloor Cinema. The English-language

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version was shown. When it comes to gambling, seniors are targeted, he said, by casinos which send buses to seniors' homes for gambling trips, luring them with cash and free meals.

"Many of them are losing their savings", he said.

Gambling is a huge problem for the

Italian community, he noted, adding around 75 per cent of the people at casinos are of Italian descent.

The Sperandeo name may be familiar to many of you, since his son, Marcello, entered three films in the Sprockets film festival in Toronto and the Kids for Kids Festival over the past few years while he was being home-schooled. The short films won five awards, and some of them were shown in Bologna and Greece. *Che Casino*, which translates to 'what a mess', is also in an Italian version, with English dubbing.

Making a documentary is a much looser process than making a film, Mr. Sperandeo said. Most of the work is finding people to interview for the documentary, "and you hope something happens", he said.

The filmmaker and musician, who has been involved in film and media for about 20 years, composed the original music for the documentary.

Che Casino is also being aired on OMNI-TV and Rogers TV.

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Stouffville's Steve Sperandeo and the poster (right) for his first documentary, *Che Casino*.

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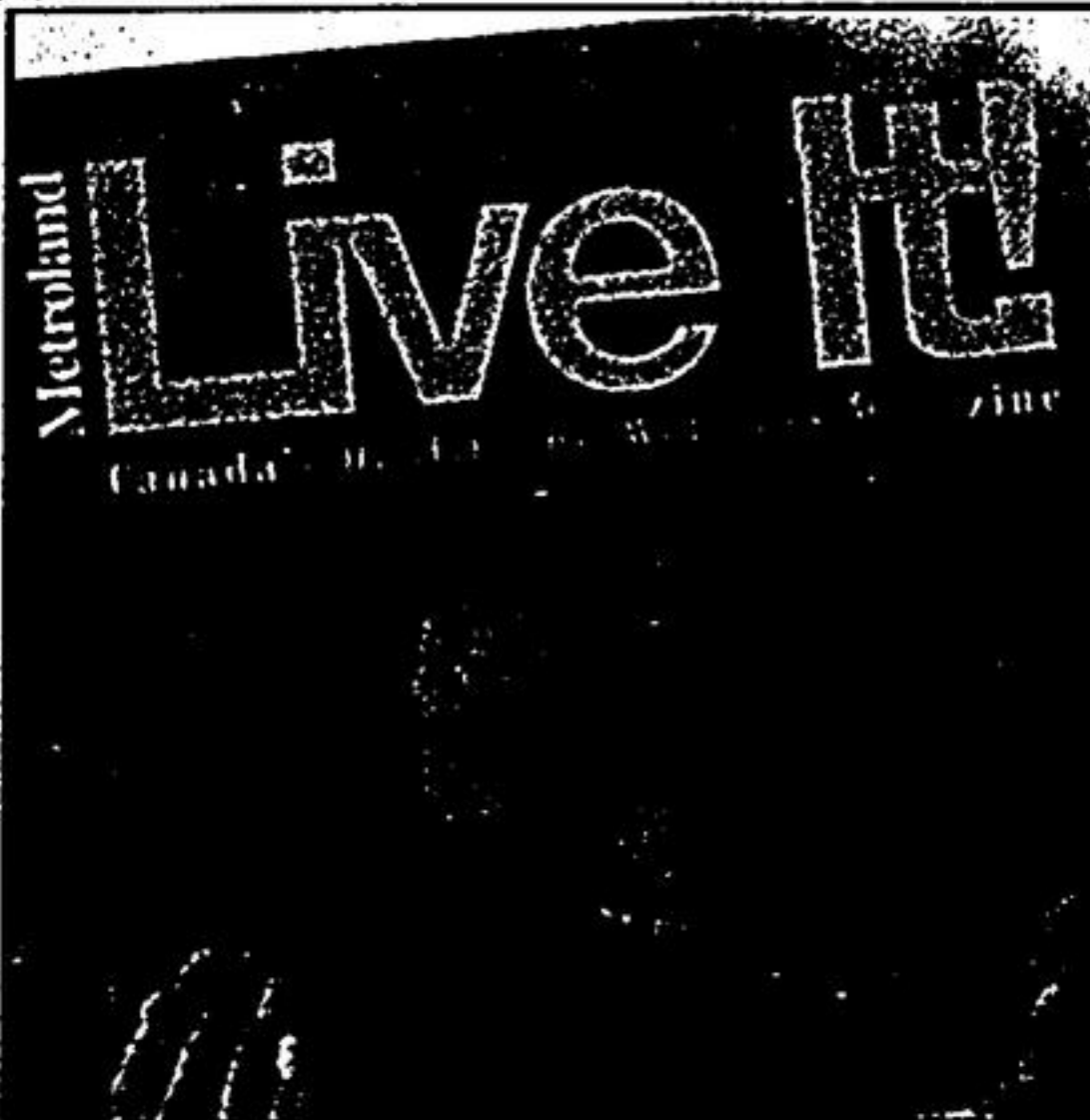
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