Fullerton rocking tonight

Former Stouffville resident Grant Fullerton returns to town with his five-piece band Jamnation, serving up a spicy mix of rock and blues under the big top at the Strawberry Festival tonight from 8 p.m. to midnight.

The popular guitarist is a former member of Stitch n' Tyme, Lighthouse and the Madcats. He owned Fullertons Canadian Bar in downtown Stouffville for 10 years.

Tickets are \$5 at the door in Memorial Park.



COMING UP: New 19 on Park keyboard series

Piano men looking for bigger crowds

The promoter of the new Piano Series in Stouffville is wondering where the music fans are.

Port Perry's Lynn McDonald is presenting the three-part series at the Lebovic Centre for the Arts - Nineteen on the Park.

She loves the year-old theatre, but was disappointed by a tiny audience for the first show, by Hilario Duran on June 10.

Jazz giant Joe Sealy performs in the second show this Thursday at 8 p.m..

"The newly refurbished centre, is a true gem and will, over time, house hundreds of memorable nights of top-notch performance," Ms McDonald said. "The acoustics and sight lines could not be better."

She hopes the series "harkens back to the glory days of jazz when the great listening rooms existed: Basin Street, Bourbon Street, Montreal Bistro, The Cafe des Copains, The Top O The Senator, and George's Spaghetti House".

"In the 1980s and '90s, there were many excellent clubs to chose from in Toronto and the music rose to the occasion.

"We still have great, worldrenowned players but the clubs are gone. They have been replaced by more commercial, noisy venues where the club owner may have little connection with the art form and only sees the bottom line."

Mr. Sealy was presented the Governor General's Award for his outstanding contributions to the arts this year.

"Joe is an imaginative artist that plays with ease and swings so hard it will make you catch your breath," Ms McDonald said. "It will be an unforgettable evening, up close and personal with the very best of the Canadian jazz pianists..."

Mr. Sealy made his mark with his Juno Award-winning recording *Africville Suite*.

Mr. Sealy has his own radio show on Jazz FM 91.1.

The next evening in the series is Aug. 12, when Robi Botos plays.

Tickets can be purchased at the door for \$25.

For more information, call the box office at 905-640-2322



Toronto jazz giant Joe Sealy plays Nineteen on the Park in Stouffville on Thursday in Part 2 of a new series. The first show drew a small audience.

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