Top player closing series

King of the Keyboard Robi Botos, will perform at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park this Thursday.

Mr. Botos is the final performer in Lynn McDonald's Piano Series, which harkened back to the glory days of jazz when the great listening rooms existed on Basin and Bourbon streets and in the Montreal Bistro and The Cafe des Copains.

Mr. Botos, 27, has performed around the world and with jazz legends such as Chic Corea, Oscar Peterson and Quincy Jones.

The Hungarian-born Canadian immigrant has also won numerous awards, including National Jazz Award for keyboardist of the year (2007), NOW Magazine's best jazz artist (2007) and best soloist at the Hungarian Bartok Radio's international jazz piano competition (1998).

Mr. Botos was nominated for a Juno in 2006 for contemporary jazz album of the year.

Tickets are \$25 each and available at the box office, by calling 905-642-2322 or go to www.nineteenonthepark.ca

Idol winner at 19 on Park

Canadian Idol winner Theo Tams is coming to Stouffville.

The piano playing pop star will perform at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park on Aug. 19.

Mr. Tams' debut album - Give It All Away was released in 2009 and features the hits Lazy

ENTERTAINMENT BRIEFS

Lovers, Wait For You and Manhattan Blue.

Opening for Mr. Tams will be Windsorbased power piano pop band StereoGoesStellar.

Tickets are \$30 regular, \$20 student and available at the box office, by calling 905-640-2322 or by going to www.nineteenonthepark.ca

Music Mania looks for talent

Calling dancers, singers and comedians. Music Mania's first meeting for the 2010-2011 season takes place Sept. 8 at 7:30 p.m. at Stouffville United Church.

The variety show group will be putting on two productions this season with the first being a Christmas show on Dec. 15. Rehearsals start after Thanksgiving on Wednesday evenings.

The second production will be the 51st Music Mania spring show in April.

For people who do not want to be front and centre on stage, there are numerous backstage positions available.

For more information, go to www.maniashow.ca



Santa rides in next weekend

Although it's summertime, Santa Claus is coming to town to take a ride on the York-Durham Heritage railway.

On Aug. 15 Santa will land on the roof of the train and visit all the children to find out if they have been naughty or nice so far this summer.

He will also take early present orders from children.

In addition to Santa, face painters, clowns and minstrels will also be on board during the scenic trip through the Oak Ridges Moraine.

There will also be a free horse wagon ride in Uxbridge.

The train departs Stouffville Station at noon. No reservations are required.

Admission is \$23 for adults and \$15 for children aged 2 to 12. Children under 2 ride

Family passes are available.

For more information visit www.ydhr.on.ca

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