

Idol champ no wannabe pop star

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In order to do that, Mr. Tams spent time writing instead of launching a large-scale tour following his Canadian Idol crowning in September 2008.

His debut CD - *Give it All Away* - was released the following May.

"I wanted to find and write songs that I would be confident with and encapsulated all I wanted to say on my first record, not only lyrically, but stylistically as well," Mr. Tams wrote on his website.

In doing so, Mr. Tams has been compared to fellow Canadian singer-songwriters Jann Arden, Sarah McLachlan and Joni Mitchell.

Opening for Mr. Tams will be power piano

pop band StereoGoesStellar.

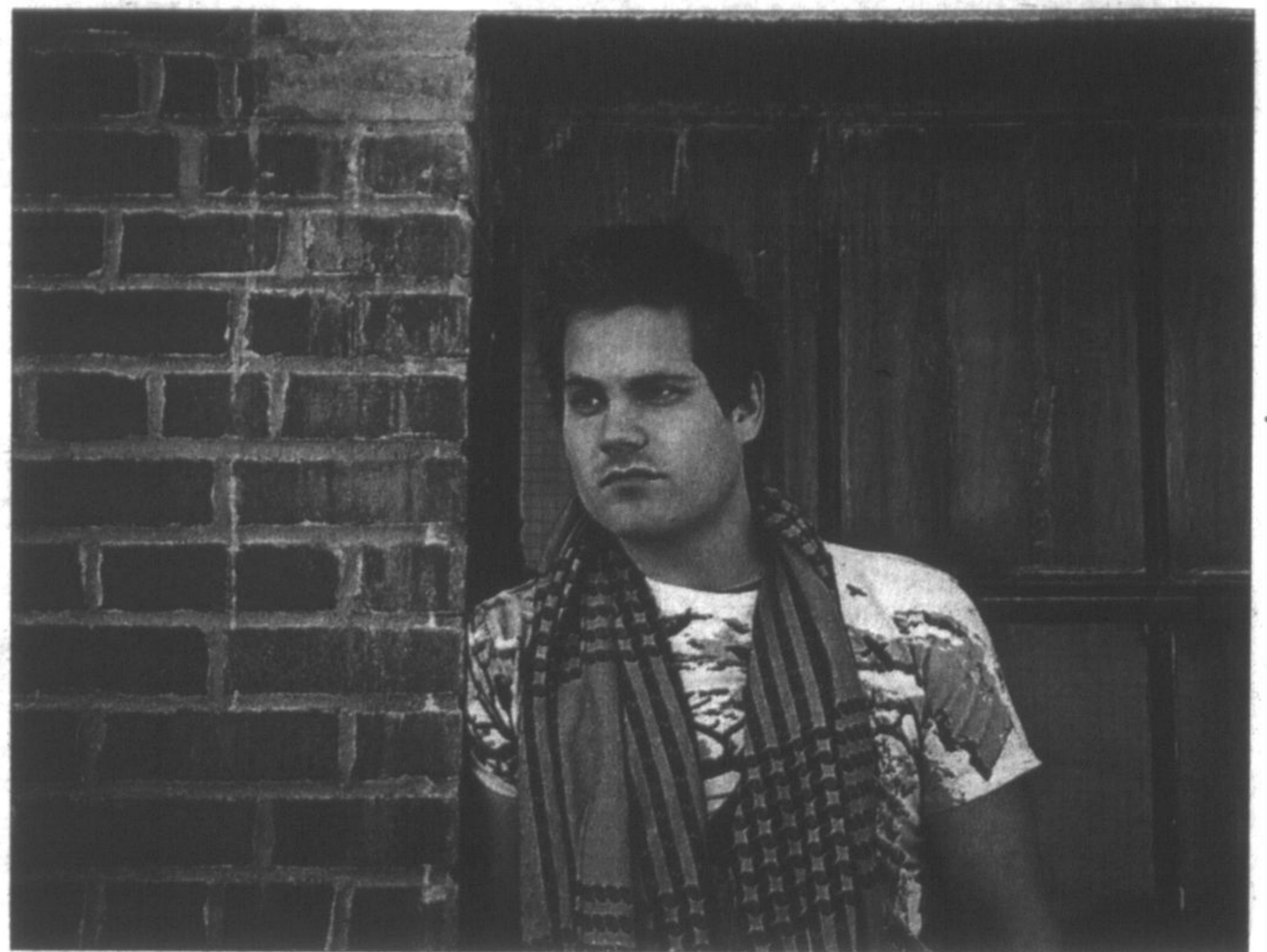
"We haven't had a lot of bands in the space, so that might be something the younger audience might be interested in," Mr. Foster said.

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The Tams concert is the last show of Nineteen on the Park's summer season, which focused on "emerging talent and talent that wouldn't necessarily have the opportunity to come up to Stouffville to perform," Mr. Foster said.

Tickets are \$30 regular, \$20 student and available at the box office, by calling 905-640-2322 or by going to www.nineteenonthePark.ca For more information, go to www.theotams.com and www.stereogoesstellar.com



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When asked about the title of his debut album, *Give It All Away*, Theo admits, "In a way that's what I've done with this record." With a desire to put out an album he was truly proud of, the **CANADIAN IDOL** was given the gift of time to be involved in the creative process. Released in 2009, *Give It All Away* features the top 10 hit *Lazy Lovers*.

Joining Theo for the **only** York Region stop on his **TAKING IT ALL BACK TOUR** are special guests **StereoGoesStellar** - a power piano pop combo who are "absolute masterminds of their musical laboratory." *Windsor Star*

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