Musician and CBC Radio 2 producer Andy Sheppard performs in Stouffville Nov. 25.

COMING UP: Andy Sheppard playing 19 on Park

## Movie-like feel to latest project

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Beautiful, lush farmland, but the crops were tobacco.

An innocent child dealing with death. Growing up in the country. Living in the

city as an adult.

These are just some of the contrasts explored in Find the Others, Andy Sheppard's latest project.

He plays the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park Nov. 25 at 8 p.m.

Find the Others is also about collaboration. Mr. Sheppard, traditionally a solo fingerstyle guitarist, worked with actress Isabella Rossellini, drummer Jorn Andersen and Olivier Alary to name a few, on the musical side.

For the visuals, he teamed up with Matt Hilliard-Forde.

When all of the elements are combined, Mr. Sheppard said his live show feels like a soundtrack to a movie.

When Mr. Sheppard decided to make this project a collaborative one, he "asked the musicians to bring their creativeness to the project".

Working with co-producer Dan Goldman of Snowblink, Mr. Sheppard brought him an older song he had - You Burn - he had never recorded.

Mr. Goldman suggested he sing it in a higher octave, something Mr. Sheppard wasn't sure he could pull off.

The result?

"It totally transformed the song. ... The emotional effect was so much stronger," he said.

"People have ideas about your music you would never otherwise think about," Mr. Sheppard said of collaborations.

The live show is yet another collaborative effort between Mr. Sheppard, drummer Mark Mariash and the videos.

"The idea is hopefully people will get a visual and musical experience that will stick with them," he said.

When not recording and touring, Mr. Sheppard, 38, is the lead producer of CBC Radio 2's The Signal with Laurie Brown.

Tickets are \$35 and \$18 for students and can be purchased by calling 905-640-2322. going online at www.nineteenonthepark.ca or visiting the box office at 19 Civic Ave. Wednesday to Saturday between 1 and 6 p.m.

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