

EVENTS: Lots planned for New Year's Eve

Many options to ring in 2012

BY SANDRA BOLAN
sbolan@yrmg.com

Brian Roman and Christopher Dallo will be the busiest men in Stouffville New Year's Eve.

The pair are performing 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment — Nineteen on the Park and then will ring-in the new year at the Stakeout Dining and Lounge restaurant.

Tickets are \$45 with a dinner reservation at either restaurant or \$55 each.

Mr. Dallo was the 2010 first prize recipient of the Johnny Lombardi song competition and, in 2009, he won a spot on the David Foster talent search.

Mr. Roman is working on his fourth CD, which is being produced by former Canadian Idol judge Zack Werner.

A portion of the ticket sales from the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment — Nineteen on the Park performance will go to the Centre for Dreams in Markham, which enhances the knowledge of its clients with intellectual disabilities to empower them to become independent, dignified and respected members of the community.

Tickets are available at nineteenonthepark.com/brianroman/ or by calling 905-640-2322.

CHAMPAGNE TOAST

In conjunction with the show, the Cornerhouse Restaurant, 6403 Main St., invites guests from the evening's first seating (5 to 6 p.m.) to come back to the lounge for a glass of champagne following the concert.

The Cornerhouse's second seating is 8 to 9 p.m.

Guests at both seatings will be served a four-course meal that includes an amuse bouche, seared salmon, prime rib and brownies for dessert.

Dinner is \$75 per person and reservations are required and can be made by calling 905-640-8494.

Reservations are also required at the Stakeout, 5402 Main St., 905-642-5557, which will have a menu consisting of appetizers



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

Christopher Dallo and Brian Roman (inset) headline some of the celebrations planned for New Year's Eve in Stouffville.

such as beef carpaccio, while the main entree will include seafood, steak and prime rib.

JAZZED-UP EVENT

If jazz is more your style, Upstairs at Pastaggio's features a live jazz band, along with a buffet dinner that will be served between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Tickets are \$45 or \$50 per person after Dec. 15. The event is licenced.

For tickets and more information, call Ron at 416-399-2023.

LEGION CELEBRATION

Jim Erickson will provide the music for this year's New Year's Eve party at Stouffville's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459, 150 Mostar St.

The buffet will be served at 8

p.m., followed by dancing at 9 p.m.

There will be party favours and door and spot dance prizes.

Tickets are \$50 per couple and available at the legion.

FAMILY EVENT

If a night with family and friends, including youngsters, is on your agenda, Boston Pizza, 1060 Hoover Park Dr., will host a 6 p.m. countdown, complete with noise makers and Lionel the mascot.

One seating will take place between 4 and 6 p.m. Reservations are required. Call 905-640-2869. The regular menu will be served.

After dinner, people can head to the Mayor's New Year's Eve cel-

ebration in Memorial Park, which includes a bonfire, free horse-drawn wagon/sleigh rides, music, hot chocolate, skating and fireworks.

Latham Hall will be open to help keep you warm. That is also where the Mayor's Youth Council will hold programs geared toward kids.

The celebration gets under way at 6:30 p.m., with the grand finale fireworks going off between 8:45 and 9 p.m.

EARLY CLOSING

For people looking to eat out before making their way back home or to another event, The Lion and East Side Mario's will close early at 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. respectively.

McLellan to launch CD at Stouffville Legion party

After 10 years of writing and performing, Stouffville's Ashley McLellan releases her debut CD tomorrow night.

"I'm really excited about it. It's a long time coming," the 23-year-old Humber College media communications student said.

Here We Go will be launched at Stouffville's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 459, 150 Mostar St.

Doors open at 7:30 p.m.

Ms McLellan, whose style is reminiscent of Michelle Branch and the Dixie Chicks, said the party is as much for her friends and family, who have supported her over the years, as it is for her.

Ms McLellan got her musical start at age 13 when she began writing songs with her older sister, Laurie, and close friend, Liz Knox.

The three formed 200 Feet and, in 2003, won the Stouffville District Secondary School Battle of the Bands competition.

They continued to perform around Stouffville throughout high school, but band members went their separate ways upon graduation in 2006.

"We still play sometimes, but it's mostly for fun, mostly in the summer," Ms McLellan said.

"We're not really broken up. We don't have time to do a lot of shows, so, when we can, we get together to play."

Upon graduating from Stouffville District, Ms McLellan began writing and completed an independent music production program at Seneca College.

Tickets, which are commemorative wristbands, for the CD release party are \$5 each and available in advance from the legion or by e-mailing dmclellan1@rogers.com. Tickets are also available at the door.

For more information, go to ashleymclellan.net



Ashley McLellan's CD party is Friday night.

THE MEAT



MERCHANT

\$99⁹⁹ Holiday Meal Deal
Fresh Turkey & Ham with all the fixings!
(serves 12-20)

12 Days

6296 Main Street | Downtown Stouffville
(905) 642-9892 | info@themeatmerchant.ca

Daily Deals December 12th - 23rd
Visit www.themeatmerchant.ca for details

