

GIVING BACK

Mayor Wayne Emmerson looks at Christmas trees with Brian Horton at Horton's Magic Hill tree farm Saturday. The Oak Ridges Moraine Land Trust has teamed up with area cut-your-own Christmas Tree operators this year in a fundraising effort. Area farms taking part include Horton's three locations, Ludbrook's Tree Farm and Smalley's Tree Farm. The event continues through this weekend.

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COMING UP

Sounds of bells, carols ring in Christmas season

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With less than two weeks to go until Christmas, there are a number of seasonal events taking place within the community to keep your holiday spirits lifted.

Locals perform with pros

It's Dickens with a twist.

Stouffville's Motus O dance troupe puts its spin on the holiday classic A Christmas Carol at Lebovic Centre for Arts & Entertainment - Nineteen on the Park Dec. 14 (7 p.m.), Dec. 15 (2 and 7 p.m.) and Dec. 16 (2 p.m.).

Joining the troupe's eight professional dancers will be 25 local performers of all ages.

Pre-show carolling will be provided by the Vocal Horizons Chamber Choir, while bell ringing will be done by

Stouffville resident Stephen Sword.

Motus O is asking all guests to bring a non-perishable food item and/or new toy, which will be distributed by the Olive Branch Church.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$18 for students and available at <http://nineteenonthepark.com/>

Special guest welcomed

The Bach to Blues Company welcomes actress and songwriter Marilyn Lightstone to their Choral Collection show Dec. 15 at Stouffville Christ Church Anglican, 254 Sunset Blvd.

Show times are 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$12 in advance from Barthau Jewellers, Chic Thrills and Stouffville Pharmasave or \$15 at the door. For more information, go to www.bachtoblues.com or call 905-649-2684.

Back by popular demand

After selling out last year's seasonal concert, vocal duo Dala return to Nineteen on the Park Dec. 19, 8 p.m.

They will perform holiday favourites and some original songs.

Tickets are \$35 for adults, \$18 for students and available at <http://nineteenonthepark.com/>

Men of Note right at home

The Men of Note present Home for Christmas Dec. 22 at Christ Church Anglican, 254 Sunset Blvd.

Show times are 2 and 7:30 p.m.

This year's special guests will be Susan Brown and the Quintessence Bell Ensemble.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors. For more information, call 416-200-7525.



Actress and songwriter Marilyn Lightstone will perform with Bach to Blues at its Christmas concert Saturday.

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