

JUNO Winner Molly Johnson To Headline Gallery Fundraiser

By Roz Pritchard

The Latcham Gallery is thrilled to announce that pop and jazz diva Molly Johnson is coming to Stouffville to perform at a fundraising gala for the gallery.

The JUNO award-winning singer will perform Saturday, November 14 at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment-Nineteen on the Park. An art auction and silent auction will accompany the concert to raise much-needed funds for the gallery. The Latcham Gallery is a public art gallery in Whitchurch-Stouffville celebrating 30 years of bringing original art to the community.

Molly Johnson has earned her reputation as one of Canada's greatest voices. She has rocked standing-room only audiences in nightclubs and bars from coast to coast as a pop artist, and seduced the patrons of salons and lounges with her luscious interpretations of jazz and blues standards.

She has regaled royalty during a private command performance aboard the royal yacht Britannia before the Prince and late Princess of Wales, as well as having performed for Nelson Mandela and Quincy Jones. She made history at the Toronto Downtown Jazz Festival, becoming the first Canadian female vocalist in the festival's 17-year history to sell out a show on the main stage.

On Nov. 11, 2008 Molly released her fourth full length album; a long awaited record of standards entitled LUCKY. This album won the 2009 JUNO for Best Vocal Jazz Album. Molly also received the 2009 National Jazz Award for Best Female Vocalist.

Tickets for the gala will be sold through the Latcham Gallery at 6240 Main Street, Stouffville. Please contact the gallery for details at 905-640-8954.

Roz Pritchard is director of the Latcham Gallery



The incomparable Molly Johnson will appear at a fundraising gala for the Latcham Gallery on Nov. 14 at Nineteen on the Park.



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Aphasia Centre Celebrates 20th Anniversary

On Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m., the York-Durham Aphasia Centre (YDAC) will hold a 20th anniversary celebration at the Lebovic Centre for Arts and Entertainment-Nineteen on the Park.

Aphasia is a language disorder that can impair a person's speech and make it hard for him or her to understand the speech of others. It can also impair reading and writing abilities. It is a common result of a stroke, head injury or brain disease.

YDAC was founded by the late Marg Paul and the late Alan Chamberlain. It was their "vision and drive for an opportunity for their spouses as they all lived with the reality of the new life that comes with aphasia" that created new hope for them and others in their situation, said Anne Wells. Ms Wells was a social worker and founding staff member of YDAC along with speech language pathologist Ruth Patterson.

The Nov. 7 anniversary will be a celebration of communication through art, music, words and dance, featuring performances by guitarist Erik Patterson, actor and singer Whitney Barris and Stouffville dance collective Motus O. "There

will also be an art show of the clients' work and a silent auction," said Ms Wells.

"Part of our history since day one is one of partnerships, and our first and most lasting partnership is with Parkview Seniors Centre. The other key building block has been volunteers trained by skilled professional speech language pathologists and social work staff."

At YDAC, the emphasis is on clients' connection with other people rather than on their limitations. "Another important thing is that we deliver services as close to home as possible, with programs in Stouffville, Richmond Hill, Newmarket, Maple, Markham, Whitby and Peterborough," said Ms Wells. Programs are held one day a week and include art, music, drama and book clubs.

A portion of funding is provided by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care, but YDAC is required to organize annual volunteer fundraisers to augment government support. "In the past we have done four *Christmas Carol* readings, and this year we are doing the celebration at Nineteen on the Park instead," she noted. "Other fundraisers include the printing of beautiful cards from the art for communication program at the centre."

Tickets for the Nov. 7 fundraiser at Nineteen on the Park are \$25 each and can be purchased from YDAC at Parkview Village or by calling 905-642-2053. For more information visit www.ydac.on.ca and click on 'newsletter'.

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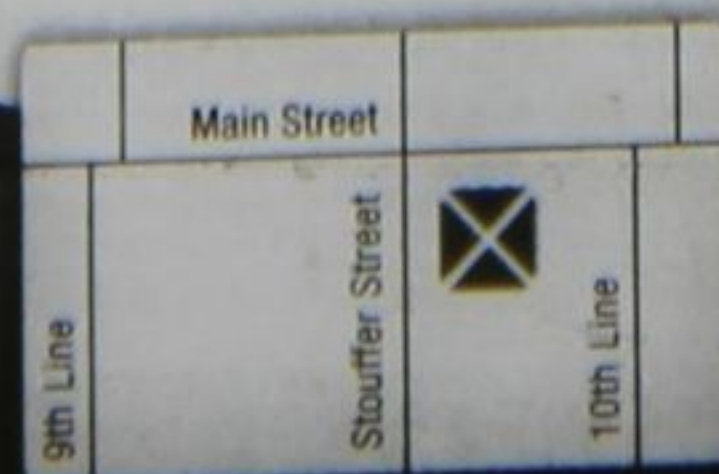
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One of the beautiful cards created by a YDAC client to raise funds for the centre. A selection of cards will be available at the centre's 20th anniversary celebration at Nineteen on the Park Nov. 7.

OPEN AUDITION

Calling all dancers, actors, singers, children, adults, and lovers of The Wizard of Oz.

Auditions for a live stage production to be presented at 19 on the Park in Stouffville in the spring of 2010 by YDA Theatre Productions

Successful candidates will be required to attend rehearsals on Wednesday evenings commencing in September for a nominal fee.

Call 905-640-6082 to register

