

Aaron Brock to perform at 'Celebration Of Spring' fundraiser for Parkview Home

By Kate Gilderdale
Stouffville This Month

Parkview Village will host a Celebration of Spring on April 4 to launch the community campaign for the Parkview Home building fund.

The evening will feature a delicious dinner, with musical entertainment by the Mossflower String Ensemble and acclaimed classical guitarist Aaron Brock. Mr. Brock, who grew up in Stouffville, has won numerous awards for his work, including first prize at the 2001 Rantoucci Guitar

Competition and the prestigious Performer's Certificate from the Eastman School of Music in 2000.

Stouffville resident Ivan Harris, who is the curator of the CBC Broadcast Museum, will speak on his 35-day trip across Canada on the CBC 50th Anniversary Train last fall. "This will be a social event that's enjoyable in its own right," noted Parkview's director of resource development, Joanna Reesor-McDowell, who is on the community campaign team for the project.

Organizers are fortunate to have access to Parkview Village auditorium, as well as the free services of a professional chef, she said.

"John Rankin is head of food services at Parkview Home and he also has a catering business, so he offered to do a meal for us. Almost all the services at the event are donated, so that the money people pay for the dinner goes directly to the cause."

The campaign's goal is to raise \$3 million from the community towards the construction of a completely new, 128 bed facility on the southwest corner of Parkview Village. The total cost of the project is estimated at between \$14 and \$16 million.

"Parkview Home, like many older long-term care facilities in Ontario, has received a low rating with respect to the Ministry of Health building design standards," explained Mrs. Reesor-McDowell. "Although it is known for providing quality and compassionate care, it is at risk of closure within a few years if the organization does not take action."

Response from the first

phase of the campaign, which was aimed at individuals and organizations with close ties to Parkview Home, has gone very well, said Mrs. Reesor-McDowell, and organizers are now approaching local businesses and service clubs for support. "In the spring, every household in Stouffville will be invited to give."

Celebration of Spring will be held at Parkview Village Auditorium on April 4. The evening starts with a reception at 6 p.m., followed by dinner and entertainment. Tickets are \$75 each and are available by calling 905-640-1940 extension 21.



Classical guitarist Aaron Brock

Easter bunny coming to town

Organizers of the BIA Easter Egg Hunt are expecting a big crowd of eager youngsters for the annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 19.

"Peter Rabbit's brother, Danny, will bring candy and Community Policing will be joining us. We're putting on a colouring contest and kids can win big chocolate bunnies," said BIA manager Ruth LeBlanc. Children should be accompanied by parents and everyone is welcome to the annual event, which usually attracts between three and four hundred participants.

The BIA will also be hosting its second annual Bed Race May 10 on Park Dr. in conjunction with York South Association for Community Living's May Day festivities. For more information, or to register, call 905-640-0749.

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