

Roots and Drums 2007

The planning is underway for a bigger and better Roots and Drums Festival for September 2007. Even if the Celebrate Ontario Tourism grant does not materialize, DWAC will work with its new partners: The Rang Manch Multilingual Drama Festival, the Indo-Canadian Cultural Association of Durham and the Ontario Historical Society to bring new features to this popular festival. "We are looking to add in new cultural groups and if the funding comes through, an afternoon for youth talents", says Shashi Bhatta, chair of the Arts Without Borders Committee which ran the successful 2006 Roots and Drums event. Any cultural groups or clubs wishing to showcase their talents should contact Shashi at shashibhatta@rogers.com

Mystery Masterpiece 2007

Thursday, April 19
7:00 PM. Exhibition of the art
7:30 PM. Concert
at Deer Creek Golf and Banquet Facility
2700 Audley Road North, Ajax
Tickets \$100 – call 905-686-1325 or 905-421-9058

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Pickering's Culture and Heritage Plan



Pickering Mayor, Dave Ryan

DWAC as well as many other arts and heritage groups attended the first meeting for the development of the City of Pickering's Culture and Heritage Plan. We look forward to being part of this consultative process to further the cause of the arts.

Reading and Remembrance

Over 35,000 Ontario students participated last year in Reading and Remembrance 2006: Holocaust and Anti-Racism Education. DWAC and Pickering Central Library co-presented Edith Gelbard at Glengrove Public School as part of DWAC's provincial project. Edith, a child hidden from the Nazis in France during World War II, is the subject of Kathy Kacer's non-fiction book *Hiding Edith*. We thank OPG the generous founding sponsor of this provincial program.



Edith Gelbard visits Glengrove P.S., Pickering

The DWAC Vision

The Durham West Arts Centre will provide a home for all arts in a unique building located in west Durham. As well as advocating for the arts, the Centre will be a place to exhibit, perform, practice, teach and learn. It will bring the arts of the world to Durham and the arts of Durham to the world. The Durham West Arts Centre will contribute to the life of the community through encouraging and developing an inclusive and welcoming destination that promotes cultural exchange and understanding. The Centre will reflect who we are as a society and provide opportunities for personal expression for all ages.



UPCOMING

to April 7, 2007 FLUID – Works by seven members of the Iris Group, at the Latham Gallery

to March 21 – Ajax Creative Arts Acrylics Workshop with Judith Jewer

to April 1 – "Wild Winged Wonders" by Linda Lee Purvis at Georgina Arts Centre

March 5 to 16 – COLURblind? Brampton City Hall Purvis at Georgina Arts Centre

March 10 & 24 – Kids' For the Birds, with Linda Lee Purvis at Georgina Arts Centre

March 13 – Pickering Township Historical Society guest speaker Shashi Bhatta

March 19 to 30 – COLURblind? Oakville Town Centre

March 31 – April 1 Ajax Creative Arts Pastel Workshop with Dave Beckett

April 4 – PineRidge Arts Council's AGM & Arts Event

April 10 – Pickering Township Historical Society speaker Brian Osborne

April 11 to May 9 – Ajax Creative Arts Portrait Workshop with Gwen Williams

April 19 – DWAC's Mystery Masterpiece at Deer Creek Church

April 26 – Launch of 2nd Museum Month brochure at the Robert McLaughlin Gallery

April 28 – Variety Night of Stars, Pickering United Church

May 3 – The Oshawa Durham Symphony Presents The Premier Symphony Ball

May 20, 21 & 22 – Ajax Creative Arts Show & Sale

May 21 – Oshawa Durham Symphony Orchestra presents Ode to Joy

May 5 & 6 – Lemanville Group of Artists Show & Sale

May 5 & 6 – Lake Scugog Studio Tour

May 7, 8 & 9 – Ajax Creative Arts Watercolour Workshop with Sterling Edwards

May 12 – Oshawa Durham Symphony Orchestra presents Beethoven

May 23 – EMI Music Canada meets aspiring artists of Durham

May 26 & 27 – Ajax Creative Arts Life Drawing Workshop with Tibor Nyilasi

May 26 – Artist on the Esplanade, Pickering

May 29 – Pickering Museum Village Steam Up

Check our website for details: dwac.ca/events/Programs.html

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FROM THE

CENTRE

THE DURHAM WEST ARTS CENTRE

March 2007



Mystery Masterpiece 2006 by Cyrus David

Mystery Masterpiece 2007

two of Durham's premiere choirs: the Durham Philharmonic Choir and the Young Singers. Be surprised by the special soloists we're lining up. Tickets are \$100.

Your attendance or participation in this evening gets DWAC and the DWAC Foundation one step closer to building a Performing and Visual Arts Centre in the area. We look forward to your help. And it's not too late if you would like to donate a masterpiece. For tickets or donations call Gary Faulkner at 905-686-1325 or Maria Watt at 905-421-9058.

EMI and Friends IN THE HOUSE

On Wednesday, May 23 at Dunbarton High School, experts from EMI Music Canada in Toronto and S.A.S., representatives will share their knowledge and experience with young aspiring solo artists and bands on how to be successful in the music business. This EMI event is a first for EMI and it promises to be an invaluable evening for all in attendance. The evening entails EMI experts and people in the music busi-

Mystery Masterpiece will be Durham's arts and culture event of the year. We would like you to be part of this entertaining evening on April 19, 2007 at Deer Creek Golf and Banquet Facility.

Mystery Masterpiece 2007 is the Durham West Arts Centre's 2nd Annual Fundraising event but the first joint venture of DWAC and the DWAC Foundation. During this wonderful evening art will be silently bid on along with an auction of other interesting items. The Mystery is "Who Did It?" You won't know until the end of the evening who the artists are. Artists from all over Durham and beyond will be displaying their masterpieces. All pieces will be 8" x 10" on paper or canvas, unframed and unsigned. There will be sculptural works as well. Durham has a reputation for having some of Ontario's most talented artists and this will be an opportunity for them to display their talents and for you to purchase superb artwork. The artwork will be as original as the evening.

The evening also features hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and entertainment by

ness explaining how different aspects of the music industry work—from how support and we look forward to them performing in our new centre.

Broadway Gitter

Broadway Gitter musical company put on another entertaining concert of a variety of Broadway tunes, popular standards, comedy and some wonderful performances from some young pianists who are students of Glenda Varty, Glenda also supplied the accompaniment for the artists throughout the evening. The performers for the evening were Gary Faulkner, Al Ashby, Carol Rutledge and Van Brumwell and the proceeds for the evening of \$1,500 were split between the Durham West Arts Centre and the Ajax/Pickering Hospital-Diabetic Unit.

Broadway Gitter has been putting on concerts for years and every concert is a fundraiser for local causes. DWAC and the hospital are most grateful for their talents and their dedication to helping others.

Variety Night of Stars

The Variety Night of Stars on Saturday, April 28 will be a Variety Show with music, comedy and magic. Mark Daley, of City TV, will emcee and funds raised will go to the Oshawa Hospital, Breast Cancer Unit. Some of the performers will be Dale Russell and Artemis Charter of S.A.S., Gary Faulkner with Paul Butler on piano.

Where is DWAC Now?

All the evening's music played was written and arranged by Lois Craig Young Singers and music director at St. Paul's United Church. Lois set the mood of the concert early and with her comfort at the keyboard you would have thought that you were in a cafe listening to love songs. Anna Lynn Murphy, director of Young Singers and Gary Faulkner had the opportunity to sing some of Lois's original works and Reverend Glen Eagle provided accompaniment on guitar. The other recipients of the proceeds from the first joint fundraiser, Mystery mean re-wrapping the Budget and other adjustments, DWAC is proceeding with the Vision. "The Vision of a performing



Lois Craig & Friends
DWAC was the recipient of \$765 which was donated from the proceeds of a sold out concert by Lois Craig and Friends.

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David Stone, Chair DWAC Foundation

and visual arts centre for west Durham is too important to let go," says John Sabean, Chair. "With community support, we will persevere."

Promoting the Arts in Durham

MAY IS MUSEUM MONTH.

Thursday, April 26, 9:30 a.m. at the

DWAC, the Station Gallery in Whitby and the Clarington Visual Arts Centre in Bowmanville launch the second Museum Month brochure highlighting the roles of the public art museums in Durham Region. The purpose of the media event, which is open to the public, is to draw attention to the spring and summer programs of the local art museums. Last year Mayor John Gray personally delivered Oshawa Council's proclamation of May as Museum Month and Andrea Monaghan, Manager of Tourism for Durham Region arranged for 2,000 Museum Month brochures to be distributed throughout Durham Region. It's all part of promoting the arts in Durham.

celebration for the partners that helped DWAC was invited to the breakfast celebration for the partners that helped DWAC thanks the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade for featuring DWAC at the New President's Dinner January 25. The charity luncheon/tonie drive raised over \$750. The Board of Trade's networking opportunities truly further the community.

John Sabean's Star Shines over DWAC!

January 25, 2007 in a formal celebration in the foyer of Queen's Park, John Sabean, chair of the Durham West Arts Centre, received the Ontario Medal for Good Citizenship from His Honour Lieutenant Governor James Bartleman. In the private reception in Sabean, Edward Falkenberg and Judge David Stone as 'the forefathers' of DWAC continue to advance the vision to create and manage a performing and visual arts centre for west Durham. We thank John Sabean for bringing this great vision to provincial attention through his dedicated volunteerism.

Although DWAC has thanked Mayor Ryan before for the fantastic \$50,000 donation to the DWAC Foundation from the proceeds of the Mayor's Gala 2006, we continue to be grateful for his support of the arts in west Durham.

Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade



Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade: Tracy Paterson and Angie Littlefield



John Sabean, DWAC Chair

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