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KIDS' SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC MADNESS

The Durham West Arts Centre (DWAC) presents a free music series for young people in the Auditorium of the Pickering Public Library, One The Esplanade, for six Saturdays in July and August.

On the heels of its first successful series in 2006, the 2007 presentation of 'KIDS' SATURDAY MORNING MUSIC MADNESS' promises to be bigger and better than ever! Once again the program features young performers, ranging in age from nine to 22 who excelled at the recent Pickering Rotary Festival. However, this year we have gone further afield to snag young artists from various schools of music and dance. This has been made possible through the generous sponsorship of Scotiabank, Veridian Corporation, Pickering Town Centre and support by the Pickering Public Library and the Rotary Club Of Pickering. Thanks to all involved, young performing artists from Durham West will have an opportunity to showcase their talents. Organizers Judy Scott-Jacobs, Program Chair of DWAC and Jane Stone of the Pickering Rotary Festival have woven together this 'free summer fun' series featuring musical arts in the community. The talents of these young people are amazing! Together we will build a permanent arts centre in Durham West, as is DWAC's mandate.

Starting at 10 a.m. the six 45-60 minute Saturday concerts are all based on the 'MAD ABOUT MUSIC' Theme. They are:

SATURDAY JULY 7TH – MADCAP MUSICAL MANIA! The name says it all! Anything goes this morning! We have young musicians playing and singing everything from Sonatinas to Broadway to piano trios. Gary Faulkner, Director of DWAC, is our emcee.

SATURDAY JULY 14TH – MAD ABOUT MINUETS, MOZART, MENDELSSOHN AND MORE. Just as the title says, we have a little of each. Instruments include piano, flute, guitar and oboe. Emcee Marion Roberts, local music teacher, will lead us through this romantic period of music.

SATURDAY JULY 21ST - RULE BRITANNIA! MAD ABOUT THE ISLES. This morning promises to be a feast of British Isles entertainment from British folk songs to Irish dance and the Highland Fling, and even a bagpiper! Duncan Mathieson, who plays clarinet with the Pickering Concert Band, will emcee.

SATURDAY, JULY 28TH – MADLY TOGETHER! Vocal, dance and instrumental duets and trios abound in this fun filled hour of fresh young talent. Emcee is Vivienne Joyce, Head of Music, Dunbarton High School.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 11TH – MAD ABOUT MUSICAL THEATRE! Emcee Anna Lynn Murphy, Director of the Young Singers, will introduce the young folks who will perform musical theatre selections from Cole Porter to Richard Rodgers to Andrew Lloyd Weber.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18TH – MAD ABOUT THE MAPLE LEAF! (not hockey, but a tribute to Canadian composers!). This final morning features a little of everything – piano, vocal and dance with Canadian content, including original compositions by young musicians. Emcee is DWAC Director, Tim Dobson.

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