



DURHAM WEST ARTS CENTRE



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Success no mystery

[Pickering] – The success of Mystery Masterpiece, the joint fundraiser of the Durham West Arts Centre and the DWAC Foundation was no mystery. It represented the broad support for the vision of a performing arts centre for west Durham.

The well attended event held at the Deer Creek Banquet Facility, April 19th was full of surprises including the appearance of Robert Pilon, who is no ‘phantom’ in Durham where he has shown tremendous support towards the arts.

Mayor David Ryan’s also had a surprise. He announced that DWAC and the DWAC Foundation will have a new transitional home in the near future—a great benefit to a Capital Campaign and to providing arts services to the community.

The evening drew rave reviews. “Well organized and the entertainment was fit to be in a Performing Arts Centre. We are heading on the right path,” said Sylvie Landry, Trustee for the Conseil Scolaire de District du Centre-Sud-Ouest who represents Antonine-Maillet elementary school in Oshawa.

“It was a great mix of visual and performing arts – and I felt that DWAC definitely accomplished the arts awareness and the need for an Arts Centre in our community,” said Cathy Schnippering, president of the PineRidge Arts Council and singer with the Durham Philharmonic Choir, one of the two featured choirs on that evening.

Ruth Abernethy, sculptor of the Glenn Gould life-size bronze portrait outside the CBC in Toronto, who is currently the featured artist on DWAC’s Cyber Gallery and formerly part of a DWAC exhibition added, “Congrats on a great evening of support and enthusiasm.”

The evening featured over 170 people associated with the Durham arts community, The Young Singers, The Durham Philharmonic Choir, over 40 visual artists and jazz pianists from Dunbarton High School. “We thank DWAC Manager Gary Faulkner and his team for a job well done,” added DWAC Chair John Sabean.

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