The Blazing Fiddles return to Listowel June 3

Those who attended The Blazing Fiddles concert, sponsored by NPACC in June 2008, will remember being captivated by the vivacious and entertaining performance.

The Rotary Club of Listowel and North Perth Arts and Culture Council have teamed up to bring this group back to town for a concert on Thursday, June 3 at 8:00 pm at Trinity United Church.

Hailed as Toronto’s premier fiddle group, The Blazing Fiddles are known for their high energy and versatility and play a wide variety of styles. Group members aim to “speak to the traditional rural town Canadian feel” with their performance that ranges from classical and fiddle to show tunes and jazz.

Originally named The Millennium Four, the group began performing in 2000 as a summer gig during university years for the Grand River Dinner Cruises in Caledonia.

Over the course of ten years the group has evolved. Reportedly, the first to go were the group name and accordion. Members have retired and been replaced. Current members include: Brielle Goheen, Jeff Taylor, Chris Kettlewell and Adam Poot. Jeff is the only original, and Brielle joined a few months after start-up. Adam came along in 2005, and Chris in 2008.

The Blazing Fiddles have played to over 350,000 people internationally in the past decade. Although they know their audiences “expect a nice calm concert with fiddles,” they are never surprised when “some jump out of their chairs and start hollering,” others “pull spoons out of their purses and start playing along,” while a few “jump up and start doing a jig.” Their style is “not to play songs safe, but to step outside of that and make other people of the band react. That’s when real magic happens on stage and transcends to everyone who is watching.”

Quotes from www.theblazingfiddles.com

Tickets are $20 each, available in Listowel at The Bookery, the Banner Office, Gemini Jewellers, Selinger’s Music, Chocolates on Main, through Rotary members or the Arts Council at 519-291-4167.
Perth Arts Connect Web Page

Perth Arts Connect now has a website! PAC is a not-for-profit, member driven organization whose mission is to encourage, promote and support arts, culture and heritage; to enrich and enliven Perth County communities; and to ensure that creativity and imagination remain a vital part of our social and economic life. The website is the home of a Perth County cultural database. The home page provides links to contact information for visual arts, performing arts, music, heritage, tours and events.

We encourage NPACC artist members and organizations to register on this site, provide your contact info, and send your upcoming events. This is a terrific vehicle to get information to an extensive spectrum of arts minded individuals. Those interested in arts and cultural events in Perth County are encouraged to sign up to receive the PAC newsletter. Visit perthartsconnect.ca.

Doug Keenan and Friends presented a tribute to music at its best

On Sunday, April 18, the audience attending the North Perth Arts and Culture concert at Theatre 3-11 were provided a musical experience that will be long remembered.

The talented, four member jazz combo, under the leadership of Doug Keenan from London, included Larry Smith on guitar; Rob Larose on drums; and Art Cobey on upright bass. During the second half of the concert, they were joined by Brian Cobey on flute and saxophone.

The group played standard tunes from a variety of genres, mixing in their own renditions of old favourites with interesting musical arrangements. They made themselves at home on stage, sharing jokes with the audience and bantering among themselves. Larry Smith’s vocals were a delightful addition to the music.

North Perth Arts and Culture Council presents concerts each year, featuring local musical talent, as well as that which might not be familiar to the area. If you have suggestions for musical performers, or a particular style of music for future events, send your ideas to info@NorthPerthArts.ca

Photo by Gary Moon
North Perth Arts and Culture Council
presents
Art Sense 2010
a FUNdraising evening
designed to TANTALIZE the SENSES
showcasing area performing and visual artists
6:00 pm
Saturday, October 2, 2010
Elma Memorial Community Centre
Tickets: $50 each
$360 for a table of 8 (until September 8th)
Reserve now by sending an email to info@NorthPerthArts.ca
or call Vicki at 291-4097
or Pat at 291-3027
Available in Listowel
in June at:
Chocolates on Main
The Bookery
Selinger’s Music

You can look forward to:
- A welcoming champagne drink
- A sumptuous full course dinner, artistically prepared and presented by Alex Petter’s Culinary Fool Catering Company (not a typo!)
- Spotlight bursts of entertainment throughout the evening, combined with live background music
- The famed Justin Webster, from Theatre 3-11, serving as Master of Ceremonies
- Dave Carson’s spirited auctioning of artwork from area artists
- A silent auction of artwork and donated items
- Viewing of photos submitted for our photo competition
- A take home reproduction of one of the winning photos
- An opportunity to put brush to canvas in Picasso style at the Art Fun Center
  - An opportunity to pose for a unique and whimsical take-home picture at the Photo Fun Centre
  - An opportunity to have your caricature sketched at the Portrait Fun Centre
- Cash bar - sorry it is a fundraiser!

North Perth Arts and Culture Council
Invites entries for an
Amateur Photo Competition
from residents of North Perth as part of
Art Sense 2010
Photo contest subject theme: The Five Senses
Categories by age: 12 and under; 13 to 19; 20 and over
Submission deadline: August 13, 2010
Guidelines and entry forms are available on our website at: NorthPerthArts.ca

- Winning photos will be displayed, and prizes awarded, during Culture Days, September 24-26 at Christin Dennis Gallery, 135 Main St. W., Listowel
- Winners will be notified of time of prize awarding
May 1 and 2, 2010
9:30 am to 4:30 pm
Listowel Golf and Country Club, 8380 Fairlaine Rd., Listowel ON N4W 3G6
Registration: $175 including lunches
Artists are responsible for their own supplies. A list will be sent upon registration.
Registration form on our website at NorthPerthArts.ca
or call 519-291-4167
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