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North Perth Arts &
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WINTER 2016



5th Annual Kitchen Ceilidh ready to have toes tapping again

The celebration of traditional Celtic Irish music continues with our Annual Kitchen Ceilidh on Thursday, March 10 at 8pm, at the Listowel Legion. It is an enjoyable way to experience Listowel's Paddyfest.

The performance features Kettle's On, a Celtic trio of musicians from Stratford, Ontario, whose music embraces the life and depth of traditional and contemporary Celtic/folk songs. They have a gift for capturing melodies and telling stories that create the energy, warmth and richness of a kitchen party. They were a real crowd pleaser last year and have accepted our invitation to perform again this year.

Irish broadcaster, producer and music historian, P.J. Curtis commented on their latest CD recording. "From

first to last note, I was utterly engaged, not just with the group's obvious instrumental and vocal prowess and virtuosity - but their equally obvious passion for the music they deliver here with such fiery drive, imagination and taste."

This year, the concert will be held at the Listowel Legion as part of the recent collaboration between NPACC and the Legion. The change should add to the atmosphere and provide an licenced event for those interested.

Lots of Celtic music, Irish dancing, and even an audience participation song or two; all make for a great evening's entertainment. Check the North Perth Arts website for more information and ticket sales outlets. Advance adult tickets are \$20, \$25 at the door.

Message from the chair

The winter 2016 edition of The Palette finds North Perth Arts & Culture Council with lots of activities planned for the community.

The successful partnership with the Listowel Legion enters its second year with two events underway so far. February's Hot Fun in the Wintertime on February 5th is a fun night of reggae style music with Mob Barley and the Railers. Listowel musician Frank Dias is a member of this outstanding group. And we continue our annual



Kitchen Ceilidh on March 10th with Perth county area celtic trio Kettle's On. The ceilidh this year moves to Parkview Gardens to accommodate a larger audience.

NPACC is committed to promote creative arts at all levels in the community. With the continued support of the North Perth Public Library, and Friends of the Library, the community is invited to participate in two events

coming later this spring. The trendy Coloring Contest ... for adults, and the second edition of our popular Art2d Squared Community Art Show are awaiting entries from North Perth and area residents. Both of these events offer cash prizes and bragging rights.

North Perth Arts & Culture Council looks forward to its 2016 endeavours and appreciates your continued support of our events, and the work of our creative members, as we continue to encourage, enhance and educate the arts in North

Perth.

For more event details and information about North Perth Arts & Culture Council in general, subscribe to our monthly e-mail updates, bookmark our web site www.NorthPerthArts.ca, and like us, follow us on Facebook too!

Gary Moon
Chair NPACC

The NPACC and Legion foster effective partnership

2015 proved to be the most successful year of concerts produced by NPACC and partnership is a key component. It started a year and a half ago when the North Perth Arts and Culture Council had the opportunity to bring a production of "Soldiers of Song", based on a troupe of WW1 entertainers, to Listowel. The Arts Council turned to the Legion for a venue and their support, both of which were enthusiastically offered. Two more productions followed and a successful partnership has emerged. The second concert featured Listowel's own Beverley Elliott in a warm and funny one-woman show, then "Remembering 1945", produced by Agnes Marie Henderson with her wonderful local cast.

The Legion's Parkview Gardens can accommodate over 300 people, and is completely accessible. The audiences seem to enjoy the table settings which promote visiting before the performance and during intermission. The licensed bar, which is run by the Legion, allows people to enjoy a glass of wine or a beer along with friends.

Another bonus which comes with the Legion venue is the service provided by the Air Cadets. Under the leadership of Bo Ivo, these young people help with doors, overcoats, showing patrons to their seats, and are the strong right arm when it comes to clearing the tables and chairs after the performance - a blessing for the weary committee members.

The production committee is somewhat informal, but the responsibilities for each of NPACC and the Legion have become defined. The Arts Council looks after tickets, publicity and bookkeeping, and the Legion supplies the facility and the bar. Both groups look after setup and decorating. In addition to the ticket outlets which are kindly provided to NPACC, Chocolates on Main, Selingers and Life's a Party, customers can also buy tickets at the Legion home.

This new partnership has almost taken on a life of its own; instead of the Arts Council looking for talent for a concert, several talented artists have approached us. There are three concerts planned for the spring of 2016 and all will feature some local artists. We hope to offer a variety of talents that will appeal to a wider audience base in these and future productions.





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The Legion and the North Perth Arts and Culture Council Present Hot fun in Wintertime with

Friday, February 5 Listowel Legion Parkview Gardens

Doors open at 8pm, performance at 9pm | Tickets advance: \$20, at door \$22

Tickets available at Listowel Legion, Chocolates on Main, Selinger's Music, Life's A Party



ARTIST SPOTLIGHT - Frank Dias

Local guitarist Frank Dias feels like he is a little fish in a big pond compared to those in the Mob Barley group. However, talent isn't always measured in awards or a title of a band. Without doubt, Dias has talent.

Frank Dias grew up in Listowel and learned to love Jimi Hendrix and Led Zeppelin when his uncle introduced the bands to him at the young age of six. This impact has lasted a lifetime. Dias played drums and guitar throughout his youth, but started to take it seriously in Grade 8. He played his first show in the "Ag Hall" in Grade 9 where a group of high school students set up their own show.

Through high school, he continued to perform to a variety of audiences in town and at high school. In the late 1990s, Dias join with fellow local recording artist Kyle Boyne where they formed a band and were signed to a record label out of Hamilton called "Amp Records." They played many shows in the Hamilton and Niagara Falls regions. "Amp Records" created a compilation through B movie company "Traumaville Films" and is available on iTunes. The two remain collaborators today.

Dias started playing with six-time Juno nominated artist, Lyndon John X. Dias was a fan and connected with John through Facebook, not knowing the artist lived 20 minutes away in Brussels. From there, the two started to collaborate. They played a variety of events including a Caribana event at Nathan Phillips Square." Through John, Dias learned how to properly and effectively play bass in addition to his skills as a guitarist. Dias also learned what it meant to be a professional. Ultimately, Dias reflects on this time with enthusiasm. Whether it be the events where they performed, the people he met, or what surprises were in store, he experienced great opportunity and connection.

And now, Dias is part of Mob Barley. Through a vacancy, lead singer Darren Dumas recommended Dias to fill in and how he is a regular member. For Dias, Mob Barley has been a dream, playing music he loves with "professionals from bands that I've followed for years...playing clubs and venues that I've always wanted to play." Knowing the talent of the group and unique opportunity to share the entertainment, Dias contacted NPACC about bringing Mob Barley to Listowel.

Dias feels music connects him to people that he might not otherwise share life experience. When looking back, he notes, "I've played with doctors, lawyers, police officers, and less fortunate...and all can relate." It makes him realize that all his time and effort is worth it. "I always think it's strange.

When I get off stage and I get stopped by people who want to chat and compliment the band and my playing, I think to myself, 'Wow! I'm just a truck driver from small town listowel, and you want to know about me because I can play a few notes on my guitar. Music is needed by everyone and people need to have music played for them."



Listowel is in for a treat!! With the cold of winter on us, the area is to get pretty hot with the arrival of "Mob Barley and the Rainers." A Bob Marley tribute band, Mob Barley features an array of musicians that have shared the Canadian Music spotlight. It also includes local talent, Frank Dias.

On February 5, the Listowel Legion and the North Perth Arts and Culture Council are once again teaming up for a viewing and party experience you won't want to miss. The licenced event will have people moving to beat of summertime heat. Darren Dumas (vocals) started Mob Barley & The Rainers with Matt Drake (guitarist) in 2007 as something fun to do during the downtime from touring schedules with their main bands (*Darren w/The Salads + Matt w/Sumo Cyco + dodger). By 2008, the band grew to a six-piece band, playing around Ontario at a wide variety of venues, for an equally wide array of events, for an even broader audience! Everyone loves Bob Marley! Over the years, the band has seen a variety of musicians come and go, but the most recent lineup has remained pretty consistent over the last few years. It's a vibrant live show of talented musicians!

Performers

GUITAR - Matt Drake plays for Sky Sweetnam and Sumo Cyco. Native to Hamilton, he owns a recording studio where videos are created including a recent creation by "Ill Scarlet." He has toured with Britney Spears and is currently on an American and European tour with Chris Jericho's band "Fozzy."

Last October, he was hired by Snoop Dog to play his festival in Las Vegas. Hockey fans can also hear Drake's work as Sumo Cyco has a song on the most current edition of Don Cherry's Rock 'em Sock 'em.

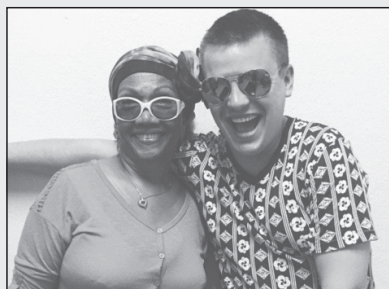


KEYS - Chris Collins hails from Peterborough and is a member of I Mother Earth. If you have been to a live show in the GTA over the past 15 years, chances are you have seen Collins playing something.

He is best known for his work with punk/ska upstarts Cheap Suits and reggae band Dub Trinity. He has also played with The Muddy Hack, The Tragedies and is also a member 90's comeback kids.



STEEL PAN/PERCUSSIONIST - Luke Kinmon, of Mississauga, is a member of Scratch 3 (ska band from Toronto) who has played Wakestock and Warp Tour festivals. This unique skillset is something area residents will enjoy. He is the creative director of Rogers' "Hometown Hockey." Everything that you see visually is his. Kinmon is also the person who inspired the idea of Pepsi faces and icons.



VOCALS - Darren Dumas of Stratford is the lead singer of the Salads who have been on world tours and their music is well known in movies and video games. He's played the City-TV's New Year's Bash, won a Canadian Radio Music Award, toured the world, made a holiday album to support those in need, and collaborated with a variety of artists such as David Wilcox.



DRUMS - Marco Raposo, of Mississauga, has toured Canada, New Zealand, and Australia. Marco is still a member of the Pocket Dwellers. He joined Bedouin Soundclash for tours with No Doubt.



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Annual Amateur Photography Contest shares over 80 entries



Here is the full list of winners.

STUDENT

1st Atava Schultheiss, 2nd Josh Fleischauer,
3rd Josh Fleischauer

TEEN-YOUNG ADULT

1st Chloe Hemingway, 2nd Seth Reading,
3rd Leah Gallaher,

Honourable Mention:

Josh Jacklin, Abbey Morrell, Jereelyn Corcoran,
Ashley Kuntz, Nikolas Paroski

ADULT

1st Andrea Colquhoun, 2nd Andrea Colquhoun,
3rd Whitney Wilson

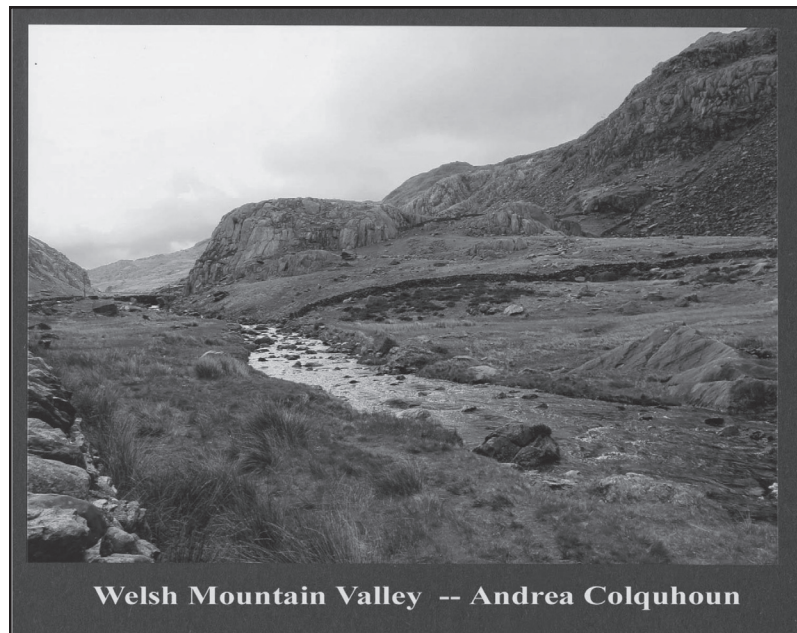
Honourable Mention:

Shahab Mohseri

OPEN

1st Anya Schultheiss, 2nd Anya Schultheiss,
3rd Anya Schultheiss

Congratulations to all the winners, a big thank you to all those who entered photographs in the contest as it made for a wonderful show at the library and North Perth Arts Council and Friends of the Library look forward to seeing the entries in next years contest.



Welsh Mountain Valley -- Andrea Colquhoun

NPACC provides opportunities for local artists to show their work

No matter your skill level, NPACC is providing an opportunity for you to share your skills through two opportunities. The North Perth Arts and Culture Council are proud to be hosting the second annual Art2 Art Show. Express yourself in one square foot! Be inspired and explore your creative side. You can submit any piece of 2D work mounted on 12in x 12in firm backing or create a 3D sculpture that could fit into one square foot. All mediums are welcome. Artists may submit a maximum of two entries and art work must be created within the past two years. The winners will be determined through a public vote at the North Perth Library, Listowel Branch. Awards of 1st - \$50, 2nd - \$25 and 3rd - \$15. The possibilities are endless.

Want more details? Go to the NPACC website for the entry form and official rules at www.northpertharts.ca



Take a moment to think back to your childhood

Can you remember the joys of colouring? This long-forgotten pastime is becoming a world-wide trend for adults. Not only is this a fun way to pass the time, but adult colouring pages are believed to have therapeutic qualities. The North Perth Arts and Culture Council are pleased to announce its first annual Adult Colouring Competition. All you need to do is submit an original coloured image from a commercially available colouring book (8 1/2 x 11 min to 9 x 12 max mounted on 11x14 black bristol board). Mediums can include coloured pencils, wax crayons or graphite pencils. Maximum two entries per person. Awards of 1st - \$25, 2nd - \$15 and 3rd - \$10. Explore your inner child and submit your favourite Adult Colouring Page!

Want more details? Go to our website for the entry form and official rules at www.NorthPerthArts.ca.



2015 YEAR IN REVIEW ARTIST DISPLAYS AT NP LIBRARY



January - Pete Daize



February - LDSS Art Students



March - Maitland Valley Camera Club



April - Nicole Howard



May - Laura Tesca



June - Ally Dunphy



July - Seth Sikma



August - Darlene Greydanus



September - Dyna Cherian



October - Peter Hagedoorn



November - Wesley Bates



December - Annual Photography Show

Each month, NPACC features a local artist's work at the Listowel Library. This is another example of NPACC collaborating with an organization in North Perth to bring arts and culture to the forefront. If you have interest in being featured, contact NPACC by emailing info@northpertharts.ca.