

Tales for the Telling

October 27, 2017

WORDS THAT TICKLE, WORDS THAT HEAL

Featuring Elizabeth Ellis, Dallas TX

The most honoured storyteller in the United States will mesmerize you with stories that will speak to your heart.

November 24, 2017

MUD, MEN, & MACHINES

Featuring Celtic Storyteller, Mary Gavan, Vancouver via Scotland
Get the unvarnished down and dirty truth from one of our favourite Celtic storytellers sharing her latest story creations.

January 26, 2017

BEATRIX POTTER: VICTORIAN REBEL, VICTORIAN GENIUS

Featuring Marva K. Blackmore, Qualicum Beach

You loved her stories, but did you really know her? Her story may break your heart, but her resilience and brilliance can mend it.

February 23, 2018

LOST and FOUND: A FAMILY SAGA OF LOVE AND STORIES LOST AND FOUND

Featuring Mariella Bertelli, one of the most outstanding storytellers from Toronto, OT. Mariella weaves a family saga that unravels the lives of a woman and man, continents apart but united by fate.

March 23, 2018

OATCAKES & HEARTACHES: TALES FROM SCOTLAND

Featuring Kathie Kompass & Mary Wiggan

Direct from the National Arts Centre Fourth Stage, Ottawa - this sensational production will warm your hearts. These two voices are a joy to hear.

April 27, 2018

NEWFOUNDLAND TALES, GHOST TALES & LEGENDS

Featuring Dale Jarvis

All the way from the East Coast, we are pleased to bring you one of the premier storytellers of Newfoundland, the founder of the Haunted Hike in St. John's, author, and folklorist extraordinaire with stories and tales from the Rock.

May 25, 2018

THE GEOGRAPHY TEACHER'S ORDERS

Featuring Marta Bruno Singh, Ottawa via Buenos Aires

The unique voice of this marvelous storyteller will hold you spell-bound with her new award-winning show. Born and raised in Argentina, she brings luminous magic, poetic language and deep emotional impact to her material



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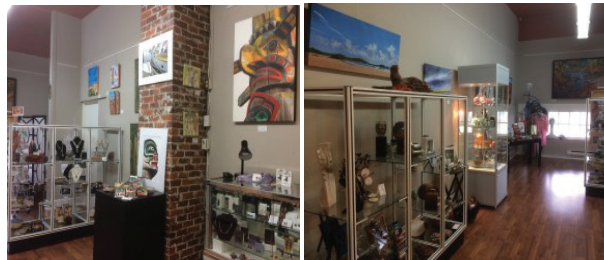
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MUSIC

Friday, September 29, 2017

WINNIE BRAVE

Winnie Brave, a porch stompin' Americana/Roots duo comprised of husband-and-wife team Amy (vocals/guitar) and Brad (bass/percussion/keys) McIsaac. Established in 2013, and currently based in Oro-Medonte, Ontario Canada, they record and perform a varied and unique style of countrified folk and roots music inspired equally by hazy front porch folk songs and full-blown, high-energy barn burners. In January 2016 the duo embarked on a nine-month tour, travelling over 20,000 miles and playing more than 80 shows in 13 States and three Provinces.

Sunday, October 8, 2017

MIKE ALLEN QUARTET

The Mike Allen Quartet will tour communities on Vancouver Island from September 29 thru October 8 (2017) premiering stunning new songs by Canadian jazz guitar legend Sonny Greenwich. Mike has long regarded Sonny Greenwich as his major musical influence and primary inspiration; he was a member of Greenwich's band from 1990-'95 and it was during that period that Mike's sound and musical approach came into focus, propelled to new heights by Greenwich's inspired playing and compositions. Mike and his current band of longtime musical associates Miles Black-piano, Steve Holy-bass and Dave Robbins-drums are very excited to perform at the McMillan Arts Centre, inspired by surrounding art work, wonderful acoustics and the engaged support of its audiences.

November 10, 2017

KEN MCDONALD QUARTET

The Ken McDonald Quartet is an exuberant and dynamically diverse jazz ensemble hailing from Toronto, Ontario. Bassist/leader Ken McDonald formed the group in 2008 in order to create music that takes inspiration from a colorful array of influences. With Paul Metcalfe (saxophones), Demetri Petsalakis (guitar/oud) and Lowell Whitty (drums) rounding out the ensemble, the Ken McDonald Quartet fuses modern and traditional jazz disciplines while stealing world music influences ranging from Brazil, the Middle East and New Orleans. The melody has always been in the main focus in Ken's music and this band brings these tuneful compositions to life with an unbridled rhythmic drive and an exciting spark of spontaneity.

Friday, December 15, 2017

SWEET PAPA LOWDOWN

Sweet Papa Lowdown was conceived by guitarist/vocalist Jeff Shucard as a unique ensemble of hot syncopated musicians dedicated to bringing a contemporary vitality to the classic jazz and blues tunes of the 1920's & '30's. Drawing from such past masters as Ma Rainey, Bo Carter and Leroy Carr, Sweet Papa Lowdown combines the raw intensity of country string blues with the sophisticated horns of New Orleans. S.P.L. has recorded four critically acclaimed CDs

MUSIC

Friday, January 12, 2018

SASKIA & DARREL; THE GREAT PLAINS

Enjoy a heart-warming show filled with music, merriment, and mayhem as Saskia and Darrel deliver a fun blend of music, an unpredictable series of songs that change every time you see them. They delight their audience with tales about Prairie Elevator, War brides, Patchwork quilts, and history makers such as Louis Riel and David Thompson. They will share tender songs about their spiritual journey or break into Gaelic, Dutch, German or French. This is true Canadiana; real songs, drenched in our culture and heritage delivered in comfortable highly skilled sets with oodles of self-poking humor. Fabulous folk music with a touch of Celtic, and a dab of bluegrass, all wrapped around extremely beautiful melodies.

Friday, February 9, 2018

THE BIG MESS

Big Happy Musical Mess. The Big Mess has performed at festivals and events in Mexico, California, Washington and all over British Columbia. VoxMan Kyle, the ever-experimenting mad scientist of lyric & groove, is like a multi-dimensional Bobby McFerrin who escaped the zoo on a full moon with plans to storm Broadway while maintaining a nasty binge of the Blues. VoxMan's vocal nature is a shapeshifter: snappy, sexy, liquid and lewd. As yin to VoxMan's wild yang is Marty Shepard, aka Dad, a bluesy mage & jazzy sage. He plays his horn like a thousand years of oral storytelling blooming into a passion-ate kiss at the heart of a blazing dance party. The Big Mess is An Authentic 100% Pure Local Organic Gluten-Free Fair Trade Terrific Musical Experience!

Friday, March 9, 2018

KRISTIAN BRAATHEN TRIO

Kristian formed this trio with the purpose of putting together a group that would play a range of music, influenced by some of musicians with whom he draws inspiration. Some of these artists include, Ray Brown Trio, Bill Charlap Trio, and Jacky Terrasson. Miles Black (piano) and Ken Lister (acoustic bass) are two of Canada's finest jazz musicians, and Kristian is thrilled to have them as part of his trio. The sound of the Kristian Braathen Trio is based around great feel, tight arrangements and new compositions. This trio's debut release is entitled 'Tempus Fugit'.

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Friday, April 20, 2018

JEFFREY STRAKER

Honest story ballads, and uptempo crowd pleasers, woven with trademark audience banter. Folk with a dash of pop. Singer-songwriter-pianist Jeffery Straker is as much a talented storyteller via his lyrics as he is an accomplished musician. He's been compared to a wonderful & eclectic array of greats including Harry Chapin, Billy Joel, Harry Nilsson and early Elton John. Originally from small town Saskatchewan, he was raised by a church organist mother and an auctioneer father. He swears he was born under the piano on the family farm.

Friday, May 11, 2018

CHRIS RONALD

Now living in Vancouver, Canada, contemporary folk singer-songwriter Chris Ronald emigrated from his native England in 2002. Influenced by countless British and North American artists of the 60s onward, Ronald's music has been described as "Canadian folk with British roots," and The Province likened it to "the country and folk that came out of Laurel Canyon and the British Isles in the mid-seventies." Chris Ronald is an international touring artist. In live performance, he draws on his abilities as a highly skilled singer, storyteller and musician (guitar, harmonica, ukulele) to deliver a show that is captivating and unique. And in 2017, Ronald added another batch of "refreshingly original" songs to his repertoire with his latest album, Fragments, released on esteemed Canadian folk label Borealis Records.

Friday, June 22, 2018

REID JAMIESON

"Gorgeous, sun-struck acoustic soul" - Globe & Mail Vancouver's Reid Jamieson Band are prolific songbirds who loves to sing. Now performing as an acoustic duo with his long-time songwriting partner and saucy wife, Carolyn Victoria Mill, they are committed to making music that matters and moves us. Known for his compelling vocal performances and her therapeutic lyrics, Reid has appeared regularly on CBC's Vinyl Cafe with Stuart McLean, and has recorded with Cowboy Junkies, Sarah Harmer and members of Blue Rodeo and Be Good Tanyas. Alongside award winning original music, they recently released two tasty tributes: The Presley Sessions Revisited, a musical love letter to the 50s era greats; and the latest, a luminous homage to the master of song Leonard Cohen titled DEAR LEONARD: The Cohen Collection. Turning the master into the muse with seven compelling covers plus the haunting title track, an original open letter to the man himself.

All Shows 7pm (doors open 6:30pm)

Tickets \$18 (\$15 OCAC Members)

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