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NEWS RELEASE

On the Verandah – Summer Concert Series 2012

Friends of the Museums of Mississauga present a summer-long program of outdoor music concerts: On the Verandah at Benares Historic House, 1507 Clarkson Road North.

Friday evening, the show starts at 7:30. Bring along your lawn chairs or blankets, best sing-along voices, and a supply of insect repellent. Arrive early to secure the best vantage point for your evening of musical enjoyment.

June 1 - Inaugural Concert of the Season “**Last Night of the Proms**” presented by the Choir of St. Peter’s Erindale in honour of the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee. Last Night of the Proms, based on an annual tradition in London, England, features an audience sing-a-long of such favourites as Rule Britannia, Jerusalem and others. Last Night of the Proms attempts to recapture some of this, and includes several favourite pieces from around the U.K. and Commonwealth. Everyone is encouraged to dress in red, white and blue attire and to bring their singing voices – we’ll provide the Union Jacks to wave! “Queen Victoria” will be present!

June 8 features Viva!Trio formed by friends Heather Snowden (flute) and Carla Perrotta-Pyrgos (clarinet) in 2009. They have had the pleasure of playing at Benares for many years and welcome new member Garrett Knecht (cello) and a new set of repertoire that includes Classical favourites, music from the library of George Gershwin, and contemporary tango.

June 15 Mississauga Children’s Choir celebrated their 30th Anniversary in 2011 and performed at Benares for the first time. We are delighted to have this award-winning choir back again this season, highlighting choral singing of the highest calibre. www.mississaugachildrenschoir.com

June 22 Quantum Brass is pleased to bring their Brass Quintet to Mississauga. This Oakville Brass ensemble loves to play together and it shows in their performances. The music ranges from Classics to Popular to Show Tunes and more. Leading up to Canada Day, this show promises songs from our great country along with crowd favourites. Quantum Brass has also been known to mix in a surprise or two.

June 29 Folk duo Ablett and Cooper, are perennial favourites at On the Verandah! With common influences such as Bruce Cockburn, John Fahey and Stefan Grossman, Don Ablett and Brent Cooper have developed a style that has thrilled fans young and old around Southern Ontario. The most outstanding features noted by audiences are Brent and Don's vocal harmonies and the complex and spectacular fingerstyle interplay between their two guitars. www.ablettandcooper.ca.

July 6 After a very successful evening at her 2011 debut with "On the Verandah", we're pleased to welcome back jazz vocalist Denise Leslie. Denise is a passionate singer with deep dark tones and an impeccable feel for the jazz genre. She is able to offer even more to an audience with infusions of musical styles beyond jazz. Get your ears warmed up at www.myspace.com/deniselesliejazzvocalist.

July 13 On the Verandah with Moira Nelson (harp, voice, guitar) and Elena Jubinville (cello, voice, guitar). Moira and Elena combine vocal harmonies, harp, cello, and guitars in a fusion of original, celtic, classical and traditional music, with just a touch of the blues A refreshingly modern take on traditional music - romantic, edgy, magical. This year's program includes new material and selections from all three of Moira's CDs. Visit www.willowmyst.com



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July 20 -- No "On the Verandah" concert this weekend. Instead, enjoy **Driftwood Theatre's production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream"** at Bradley Museum, 1620 Orr Road, 7:30 pm, Sat. July 21 and Sun. July 22.

www.driftwoodtheatre.com

July 27 On the Verandah welcomes Rob Tardik, the Canadian 2010 Smooth Jazz Guitarist of the Year! With the new 2012 release of his second single "Shakin The House" off his third studio CD, B.E.L.L., Canadian born Rob Tardik is poised to make a musically infectious return to concerts and radio worldwide. Through further establishing himself as a serious player in the contemporary jazz genre, Rob will continue to support his passion for the guitar and to share his true love of performing live music for audiences everywhere. Take a listen at www.robtardik.com.

August 3 Abeena Samm performs her first program On the Verandah

Abeena is a multi-talented singer/songwriter who wows audiences with her collection of folk, gospel and reggae tunes. Sample her inspirational and traditional sounds at www.abeenasamm.com.

August 10 features Licorice Allsorts Clarinet Quartet

Deriving their name from the nickname for the clarinet "the licorice stick" and the fact that they play "all sorts" of music, the Licorice Allsorts have been delighting audiences with their vast repertoire and virtuoso style since the 1980's! From Gershwin to Bach, Beethoven and Mozart, the Licorice Allsorts Clarinet Quartet are sure to bring a program with something to entertain everyone. www.liquoriceallsortsclarinet.com

August 17 deVah performs for the first time On the Verandah

As newly minted Yamaha Artists in 2011, deVah is comprised of an electric violin, two electric 5-string hybrids, an electric cello capable of multi bass octaves, and guest drums. DeVah invents a rich texture of sound utilizing various non-acoustic modifying tools creating a different tone and dimension to their music. Take a listen at www.devahquartet.com

August 24 welcomes Italian Canadian singer songwriter, Antonio Piretti – TOZ

Antonio Piretti (TOZ) expresses thought and life experiences into his music delivered acoustically through voice and guitar both in English and Italian. Take a listen at www.bytoz.it

August 31 We welcome Age of Reason back to On the Verandah

This folk group performs at Benares every year and we always have a blast listening to their 60's & 70's classics. The familiar repertoire includes hit songs taking you back to your teens! Wear your tie-dye shirt, bandana, shades, and shabby jeans to fit right in.

Light refreshments available for purchase at each concert.

Admission is Pay-What-You-Can. Suggested donation is \$5 for a single and \$10 for a family. The proceeds are divided between the Friends and the performers. The Friends portion is designated to assist with bussing expenses for school children to participate in experiential history at Benares Historic House and Bradley Museum.

In the event of severe weather, call 905-615-4860 to confirm the program start time.

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