

Hello everyone!

We've had a couple of requests for musicians come up recently.

1. Bluegrass group wanted for summer wedding

A blushing bride has asked us for suggestions of local bluegrass ensembles that would be interested in playing a small outdoor wedding in the Horseshoe Valley area this summer. If anyone has a band, or could suggest one that might be appropriate, please contact me at music@orilliafolk.ca, and I'll try and make it happen!

2. Music in the Marketplace

Hi. Jim Harris here, Orillia Farmers' Market. I would like to have got at this about a month ago, but there have been some extra challenges in setting up a Market on a new lot. Now that I have got the layout done for this season, I can tell you that the performance area faces south, so it will be warm in the cooler weather, and there will be a shelter for the musicians in the heat of summer. Musicians and groups will also be able to pull right in and park their vehicles where they will perform, which will make unloading and setting up easier.

It appears the Market will be outside from the beginning of April. My thought was to forgo the music for a few weeks, until things warm up, but the warm air has come on fast, and I may have to find musicians very soon for early and midApril. Speaking of which - - dates available for musicians to do some tunes:

May 1, 15, 22, 29; June 12, 26; July 3, 17, 24, 31; August 14, 21; September 11, 18; October 2, 16, 23 (depending on the weather!) Too, if the weather is good on April 10 and 17, and someone would like to inhabit the performance area, the sound system will be available.

In all cases, put out the cases for coinses. Welcomed would be anyone who wants to do a few tunes for part of a morning, or share time with other musicians so no one has to carry the whole load. People new to the mic, as well as those who have been coming and doing mic-time for years, all welcome. The vendors appreciate you, the shoppers find you entertaining. Please contact me either by e-mail, or by phone, both below.

Please pass this information along to others who may be interested, at SongCircle, concerts, jams, in passing on the highway, etc. There. That was easy. Hope to hear from you!

Thank you!

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3. Musicians wanted for "No More Silence" benefit June 5

My name is Liza Hancock and as part of a provincial event, I am organizing a benefit at Apple Annies cafe in Orillia on June 5th.

Could you please send this out to the community as I am looking for local musicians who would be interested in joining us at this important and exciting event by donating their time and

performing . If folks are interested they can call me at 705.438.8544 or email me directly at lizaholly@yahoo.com.

Please let me know if you have any questions.
Liza

About me.

Over the past couple of decades I have coordinated over 35 benefits and special events, with over 40 artists and bands such as Nu Black Nation, Jani Lauzon, Blue Rodeo, Fifth Column, Lillian Allen, Midnight Oil, Faith Nolan, Andrew Cash, and Kyp Harness. Together we have supported many individuals and organizations in their anti-violence, anti racist, human rights and social justice work.

I am planning several benefits this June across the province for No More Silence to raise money and awareness regarding the hundreds of missing First Nations women in North America.

In their words,

No More Silence (NMS) is a Toronto-based voluntary network striving to work at the grass roots level, we are Indigenous women and allies – activists, academics, and researchers with the purpose of raising awareness around state complicity in the murders and disappearances of over 500 Indigenous women on Turtle Island. We hold a rally Feb 14th at police headquarters in TO (this is our 5th year) to draw public attention to the issue and are linked with other cities across Canada who also hold services and rallies. What we do:

1. Educate ourselves and others about Canada's colonial reality past and present and the resulting genocide
2. Explore and act on strategies to end inaction, impunity, injustice and deliberate ignorance on the part of the state in Canada and internationally
3. Work together as Indigenous women and allies to foster new forms of solidarity and a practise of decolonization amongst all people living on Turtle Island

Funds raised will go as bursaries for young women who have been affected by murder or disappearances in their family to further their education

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