



Starlite News

September 8, 2008

Margaret's Message

Welcome to the Yorkton Arts Council's 34th "Stars For Saskatchewan" season. To-night's performance marks a special milestone in the history of the "Stars" series - the 250th concert since the series began on November 1, 1975. Again we are pleased and proud to be presenting a program of extraordinary artists. A special *Welcome* to our regular subscribers; thank you for joining us for another "Stars" season. Your continued support and loyalty have contributed significantly to our growth and success, and enable us to maintain a standard of excellence admired Canada wide. Your commitment to the "Stars" program also assists us in planning ahead, determining our goals and testing new initiatives. A warm welcome also to new subscribers and to those returning after an absence of one or more years. And if you purchased a single ticket for to-night's concert, we hope you will be with us again this season and consider becoming a series subscriber. We look forward to treating everyone to ten diverse performances which should appeal to lovers of all musical genres. **Nothing compares to the magic of live performances!!** Enjoy the season. Thanks for your support.

*Margaret Cugnet, Chair
Performing Arts*

SOMETHING NEW! AUDIENCE FEEDBACK

We enjoy hearing from you and welcome your comments about the performances. Audience feedback forms are located at the Arts Council table in the lobby and may be returned there following the performance, mailed in or delivered to the Arts Council office in the Godfrey Dean Cultural Centre; or send your comments by email to yorktonartscouncil@sasktel.net.

In fairness to the artists we would prefer that your comments be based on full attendance at the concert – and we trust that you will make every effort to attend the entire program of all performances.

STAFF CHANGES: Thank you Sheila! Welcome Cindee!

After seven years, Sheila Hryniuk resigned in June 2008 from her part-time position as Performing Arts Coordinator for the Yorkton Arts Council. Sheila has accepted full time employment as Executive Director with Parkland Valley Sport, Culture & Recreation District. We thank Sheila for her dedication to the Arts Council and carrying out her responsibilities in an efficient and professional manner.

Effective July 1, 2008 Cindee Massier has assumed the position of Performing Arts Coordinator. Cindee is not a stranger to the Arts Council; she has been the Council's Administrative Assistant since May 2001 and is well aware of the responsibilities of the Coordinators position.

Appreciation is also extended to former long-time employee, Florence Slywka, for returning in July while Cindee was on holidays. It was a very busy time with the subscription series campaign well underway and we are grateful that someone as efficient and knowledgeable as Florence was able to fill in.

LOOK WHAT ELSE IS GOING ON----

Missoula Children's Theatre (also a milestone as it will be the 20th residency)

Auditions: Monday September 29, 2008 4:00 pm – Anne Portnuff Theatre
(YRHS)

Rehearsals: Tuesday – Friday

Performance: Robinson Crusoe – Saturday October 4, 2008 – 7:00 pm

Billets requested for the actor/director team of two
(can be billeted separately; sleeping only, no meals)

QUESTIONS?? ASK US

From time to time we receive questions/inquiries about the Performing Arts program and we invite yours.

QUESTION: Why are comments/introductions made from the stage for some concerts but not others?

ANSWER: (1) Introductions are generally made if there is information to pass on to the audience or there is a special announcement.

(2) At the request of the artist(s) who wish to be formally introduced.

PLANNING AHEAD

The Performing Arts Committee will meet this fall to begin the process of selecting artists for the 2009/2010 "Stars" series. The Performing Arts Committee is comprised of members of the Board of Directors and members at-large as well as the Performing Arts Coordinator. New members are always welcome to assist in the selection process, at concerts and to learn about the workings of the Committee. *If interested and for further information please call Margaret Cugnet at 783-7555 or the Arts Council office at 783-8722.

APPRECIATION

Thanks for your response to our request that we create a fragrance free environment at our concerts. During last season we only had one reported incident where a member of the audience had to leave a concert due to the use of heavily scented products nearby. Hopefully, this year no one will have to leave! Remember this applies to both men's and women's products – re: perfume, soaps, after-shave, lotions etc.

PATRONS

And our heartfelt thanks goes out to our Patrons whose support enables us to continue to present exceptional artists year after year. The Patron program is ongoing throughout the year and if you haven't already done so, we invite you to join. All contributions are received with our gratitude and a tax deductible receipt is issued. If desired, Patrons may be listed as anonymous in concert programs.

Mission Statement

The Mission of the Yorkton Arts Council is to enrich the lives of Yorkton and area residents through the visual and performing arts.

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