

April 1, 2024



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ST. PAUL'S CHOIR

Choir Notes

Choir Happenings

As the melodies of the Easter season linger in our hearts, we extend our gratitude to all who supported the choir during this reflective time. Your presence and encouragement have been instrumental in our journey of song and spirit.

In celebration of Earth Day and to honour the life of Reverend Karen Hilfman Milson, our choir will present Paul Winter's inspiring *Missa Gaia*. This multi-media event will feature a professional musical ensemble, bringing together the sounds of the earth and the harmony of humanity.

We are seeking individuals to join us as sponsors to help cover the costs of this event. If interested, a copy of the sponsor form is included in the newsletter and you can give it to Bruce McWhinnie, the choir Treasurer.

As well, snapshots from our 2012 and 2018 renditions of *Missa Gaia* can be found in *Choir Notes*. These memories remind us of the power of music to connect and renew.



How well do you know our planet? Test your knowledge with the Earth Day quiz. Share your scores and learn more

about how we can care for our shared home.

Orillia continues to be a hub of musical excellence. This April, we shine a spotlight on two notable events:



Orillia Kiwanis Music Festival: Hosted at St. Paul's, this festival is a testament to the emerging talent in our midst. Come to St. Paul's to witness

the impressive skills of our local musicians, many of who are young and will be the source of future talent.

'Mary Poppins' at Orillia Secondary School:

The OSS students are ready to charm you with their rendition of 'Mary Poppins'. Your support and applause for these young thespians is important in developing and



continuing the rich tradition of musical theatre in our community. Hurry to secure your tickets – this show is a crowd-pleaser that's bound to sell out!

Enjoy the Spring weather and the multitude of music and cultural events which will take place in Orillia during the month of April.



**AMNESTY
INTERNATIONAL**
Group 10 Orillia



FILM SCREENING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD @ 7PM

ST. PAUL'S CENTRE, ORILLIA

SUGGESTED DONATION \$10



ISRAELISM

A TAKKIN OLEM PRODUCTION | FILM BY ERIC AXELMAN AND SAM ELERTSEN | EDITED BY TONY HALE | ORIGINAL SCORE BY COOY UESTHEIMER | DIRECTOR OF PHOTOGRAPHY: SAM ELERTSEN
EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: MATTHEW UNDERBAUM, BENNETT UNDERBAUM, SIDNEY TOPOL, BRIGHA R. KATZ, GILI GELZ | EXECUTIVE PRODUCERS: LIBBY LEWINSKY
CO-PRODUCERS: NATE BURKHARDT, MARIELLE OLIVIERE | PRODUCED BY ERIC AXELMAN, DANIEL J. CHARLEN, NIGAR SARIH
DIRECTED BY ERIC AXELMAN AND SAM ELERTSEN

**Join us for a night of
education and exploring
the road to justice**

When two young American Jews witness the way Israel treats Palestinians, their thoughts become conflicted. They are raised to unconditionally love Israel, but a deepening generational divide grows over modern Jewish identity.

Orillia Kiwanis Music Festival 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
April 8 <u>St. Paul's Centre</u> <u>Great Hall</u> Piano 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	April 9 <u>St. Paul's Centre</u> <u>Great Hall</u> Piano 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	April 10 <u>St. Paul's Centre.</u> <u>Great Hall</u> Piano 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	April 11 <u>St. Paul's Centre.</u> <u>Great Hall</u> Piano 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.	April 12 <u>St. Paul's Centre.</u> <u>Great Hall</u> Piano, Creative Composition 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	April 13
April 15	April 16 <u>St. Paul's Centre</u> <u>Great Hall</u> Strings 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20
April 22 <u>St. Paul's Centre.</u> <u>Great Hall</u> Vocal, School Choirs 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. Community Vocal 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.	April 23	April 24 <u>St. Paul's Centre.</u> <u>Great Hall</u> Guitar & Ukulele 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.	April 25 <u>St. Paul's Centre.</u> <u>Great Hall</u> Instrumental 9:15 a.m. to 1 p.m.	April 26	

FUNNY OXYMORONS

FOUND MISSING
 OPEN SECRET
 SMALL CROWD
 ACT NATURALLY
 FULLY EMPTY
 PRETTY UGLY
 ORIGINAL COPY
 ONLY CHOICE
 LIQUID GAS

AND THE MOTHER OF THEM ALL

SOCIAL DISTANCING



Gojijing Friendship Circle + St. Paul's presents:

Shkagojin – New Moon

An Evening of Renewal through Song and Story

Friday, April 5, 2024, 7-9:30 PM,
at St. Paul's Centre in Orillia.

M.C. – Jeff Monague



John Rice – Storytelling



Semiah Smith – Singer

the high steppin' strutters

Michael Martyn, Scott Thomas,
and Steve Porter



Jillian Morris – Poet



Plex - hip-hop artist

Admission is free, donations are welcomed
Informal Gathering Time Afterwards

Gojijing Friendship Circle



St. Paul's Centre



St. Paul's Centre
62 Peter Street, N Orillia

MAT FILM NIGHTS

All titles will have two screenings on the date noted above - one at 4 pm and a second at 7 pm - inside the Orillia Galaxy Cinemas Theatre 2. As usual, tickets will only be sold at the door starting at 3 pm day of screening. Regular tickets will be \$10, and student tickets will be \$5. Tickets can be purchased with cash, credit, or debit.

Wednesday, April 10

ORIGIN



"While grappling with tremendous personal tragedy, Isabel sets herself on a path of global investigation and discovery. Despite the colossal scope of her project, she finds beauty and bravery while crafting one of the defining American books of our time."

Wednesday, April 24

UPROAR

"In 1981 the South African rugby team toured New Zealand, sparking protests across the country about the government's decision to let them play, given

South Africa's apartheid policy. While this battle for the nation's identity rages, 17-year old Josh Waaka (Julian Dennison) has to figure out his own place in the world.

Josh is content to let life happen around him. Since the death of his father, things haven't exactly been bright at home. His older brother Jamie (James Rolleston) is in a numb stasis after an injury has kept *him from continuing his rugby career. Their mom Shirley (Minnie Driver) spends most of her time working to keep the family afloat. While rugby is on everyone's mind at home and in school, one of his teachers (Rhys Darby) pushes Josh to audition for drama school. This opens up new ways of looking at the world, and soon he starts to see the activism in his community differently."*





MARIPOSA
ARTS THEATRE
MAT

**I'LL BE BACK
BEFORE MIDNIGHT**
BY PETER COLLEY

PRODUCED BY SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH PLAYWRIGHTS GUILD OF CANADA

I'll Be Back Before Midnight

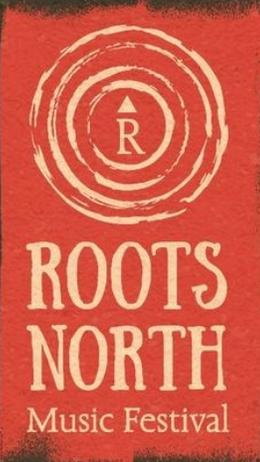
Jan is a young wife recovering from a nervous disorder. She and her husband rent a remote cabin from an odd farmer who delights in telling gruesome ghost stories. When the husband's beautiful sister arrives, all manner of frightening events occur...

Opens
—
Apr 11, 2024, 7:30 p.m. – Apr 21, 2024, 2:00 p.m.

Where
—
Orillia Opera House, 20 Mississaga St W, Orillia, ON L3V 3A6, Canada



10TH
ANNIVERSARY
APRIL 18TH-21ST, 2024



**ROOTS
NORTH**
Music Festival

BEGONIA

BLEEKER

THE RED HILL VALLEYS

JULIAN TAYLOR

SPENCER BURTON

+ MANY MORE

The Roots North Music Festival runs from April 18 until April 21, 2024. A week-end pass grants you admission to see artists to be announced on the Roots North mainstage at the St. Paul's Centre on Friday April 19th and Saturday April 20th, 2024. To purchase tickets go to: wwwRootsNorthMusic.ca

St. Paul's United Church Choir and Friends
Present in celebration of Earth Day

Missa Gaia

~ Earth Mass ~

A 'multi-media' presentation featuring SATB choir,
instrumental ensemble, dance, readings and photography!



St. Paul's Centre

Coldwater & Peter Streets, Orillia

Sunday, April 21st, 2024, at 3:00 pm

Free-will offering



'MISSA GAIA' SPONSOR FORM

Yes, I/we would like to become a sponsor of the 2024 St. Paul's Choir and Friends presentation 'Missa Gaia' [Earth Mass]. This Earth Day presentation is being performed in memory of Karen Hilfman Millson who served for many years as the Minister at St. Paul's and was an enthusiastic supporter of the arts in Orillia and addressing the challenges of climate change.

This presentation involves several professional instrumental musicians and we anticipate expenses to be around \$2,000. Your assistance in helping us cover the costs is appreciated.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code _____

e-mail: _____

(Please fill out this form and give it to Bruce McWhinnie or drop it off at the Church Office during office hours. Do not leave cheques or cash in the boxes outside the office)

Sponsor Donation: \$ _____

Cheque e-transfer cash

Cheques may be made payable to St. Paul's United Church.

Instructions for e-transfers:

1. Go online to your banking site. The payment should be made to: St. Paul's United Church at the email of treasurer@stpaulscentre.ca.
2. For the security question please use 'What is my donation supporting?'
3. Use the answer 'MissaGaia'.

For tax receipt purposes, sponsor donations over \$50 will generate a receipt for the 2024 tax year. St. Paul's receipts are generated and sent out in February of each year.

Missa Gaia - 2012 & 2018



SWING INTO SPRING DANCE

AT ST. PAUL'S CENTRE

WITH THE

ORILLIA BIG BAND!

Friday, April, 12th

Doors Open 6:30pm

Dance 7:00 to 10 pm



Cash Bar

Light Refreshments

Spot Dance Prizes

Cash Bar

Light Refreshments

Spot Dance Prizes

Tickets \$40 Per Person

Tickets available online at:

<https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/318b312d-5114-4938-b15e-42d193ab57a4>

SCAN for Tickets!



OBB
Orillia Big Band

St. Paul's Centre, 62 Peter St N

EARTH DAY 2024 QUIZ - MARCH 8, 2024 BY ARIANA COLAMARCO

(<https://www.kraftylab.com/blog/earth-day-trivia>)

GEOGRAPHY TRIVIA



1. What is the driest region on Earth outside Antarctica?

- A. Atacama Desert, South America
- B. Sahara Desert, North Africa

C. Chihuahuan Desert, North America

2. What is the biggest mountain range in South America?

- A. Saint Elias Mountains
- B. Andes Mountains
- C. Atlas Mountains

3. What is the biggest country by land area in the world?

- A. Russia
- B. Canada
- C. China

4. What is the largest active volcano in the world?

- A. Mount Fuji
- B. Mauna Loa
- C. Mount Etna

5. What is the longest river in the United States?
Mississippi River B. Yukon River C. Missouri River

CLIMATE CHANGE TRIVIA



6. Which of the following greenhouse gases is the biggest contributor to global warming?

- A. Carbon dioxide
- B. Water vapor
- C. Methane

7. Which of the following is a sign of climate change?

- A. Increase in extreme weather events
- B. Tectonic plates shifting
- C. Decreasing sea levels

8. Which regions have experienced the most obvious and impactful effect of global warming so far?

- A. Tropical rainforests
- B. Arctic regions
- C. Barren deserts

9. What is the US's biggest source of greenhouse gas emissions?

- A. Public Transportation
- B. Generating Electricity
- C. Farming/Agriculture

10. Which country has the highest electric car use per capita?

- A. Norway
- B. Japan
- C. Netherlands

SUSTAINABLE FASHION TRIVIA

11. How long can a synthetic fiber like nylon take to break down in a landfill?

- A. 10 to 20 years
- B. 30 to 40 years
- C. 75+ years



12. How many gallons of water would it take on average to produce one cotton t-shirt?

- A. 650+ gallons
- B. 850+ gallons
- C. 1,000+ gallons

13. Which brand was the first to turn plastic waste into clothing?

- A. The North Face
- B. Mountain Hardware
- C. Patagonia

14. What percentage of donated clothing ends up in landfills or incinerators?

- A. More than 40%
- B. More than 60%
- C. More than 80%

15. Which of the following textiles does not shed microfibers?

- A. Linen
- B. Nylon
- C. Spandex

RECYCLING AND POLLUTION TRIVIA

16. What is the most commonly littered item?

- A. Coffee cups
- B. Cigarette butts
- C. Chewing gum

17. What percentage of plastic do we recycle globally?



A. 9% B. 15% C. 21%

18. Which of the following countries is a global waste management and recycling leader?

- A. Finland B. Ireland C. Germany

19. Which of the following items cannot be recycled?

- A. To-go coffee cups B. Magazines and newspapers
C. Steel cans

20. Where should you dispose of batteries?

- A. Household trash can
B. Official battery disposers
C. Hazardous waste facility

FOOD WASTE TRIVIA

21. Which country wastes the most food annually (80 billion pounds)?



- A. United States
B. B. Brazil C. India

22. How much of the United States food waste comes directly from households?

- A. 23% B. 43% C. 63%

23. Food waste contributes what percentage of the world’s greenhouse gas emissions?

- A. 11% B. 22% C. 33%

24. The average American family wastes how much in US\$ in the form of food waste?

- A. \$1,200 B. \$1,600 C. \$2,000

RENEWABLE ENERGY TRIVIA

25. Which country generates nearly 100% of its energy through geothermal and hydro reserves?

- A. Norway B. Iceland C. Greenland

26. What is the world’s largest source of renewable energy?

- A. Hydropower
B. Solar power
C. Bioenergy



27. Where is the current largest solar power plant in the world located?

- A. China B. Egypt C. India

28. What is the most sustainable and eco-friendly renewable energy source?

- A. Water B. Solar C. Wind

29. Where was the first wind turbine developed for electrical power developed?

- A. Scotland B. Denmark C. France

REGENERATIVE AGRICULTURE TRIVIA

30. Livestock farming is responsible for what percentage of global greenhouse gas emissions?



- A. 14.5% B. 18.5% C. 22.5%

31. Which of the following is a regenerative agriculture practice?

- A. Crop rotation B. Overgrazing
B. C. Monocropping

32. _____ are grown between crop cycles to capture soil nutrients and improve soil characteristics for the next crop.

- A. Protective crops B. Cover crops
C. Cyclical crops

33. After photosynthesis, soil carbon storage occurs if left undisturbed. What is this process called?

- A. Carbon filtration B. Carbon sequestration
C. Carbon rotation

34. What is tillage?

- A. The mechanical agitation of soil
B. The addition of plant material to compost
C. The result of the harvest season



Spring INTO BLOOM

TEA & LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

APRIL 21 | 11:30AM - 2PM

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH BANQUET HALL
62 PETER STREET, NORTH, ORILLIA



SWEET & SAVOURY
BUFFET



LIVE MUSIC



ALL FOR THE CATS



50/50 RAFFLE

ADMISSION: \$35 PER PERSON

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED 3 DIFFERENT WAYS

- ONLINE BY SCANNING THE AVAILABLE CODE →
- E-TRANSFER TO INFO@COMFIECATSHELTER.CA
- AT FRONT DESK OF THE SHELTER



*TICKETS AVAILABLE UNTIL APRIL 15 OR WHEN SOLD OUT. TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE THE DAY OF THE EVENT.

Menu

Coffee, Tea & Sparkling Cider
Finger Sandwiches, Hot Soup, Quiche Florentine
Squares & Cookies



The Comfie Cat Shelter
Helping cats in need Founded in 2005

COMFIECATSHELTER.CA



Orillia Secondary School Presents

MARY POPPINS



April 23rd, 24th, 25th ~ 6:30pm

April 27th ~ 1:30pm

Tickets available through the main office at Orillia S.S.
705-329-4537 (pickup in person weekdays 3-3:30)



Youth (under 18) - \$10
Adults - \$20



One of the most popular Disney movies of all time is capturing hearts in a whole new way: as a practically perfect musical! Based on the books by P.L. Travers and the classic Walt Disney film, *Disney and Cameron Mackintosh's Mary Poppins* delighted Broadway audiences for over 2,500 performances and received nominations for nine Olivier and seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical.

The jack-of-all trades, Bert, introduces us to England in 1910 and the troubled Banks family. Young Jane and Michael have sent many a nanny packing before Mary Poppins arrives on their doorstep. Using a combination of magic and common sense, she must teach the family members how to value each other again. Mary Poppins takes the children on many magical and memorable adventures, but Jane and Michael aren't the only ones upon whom she has a profound effect. Even grown-ups can learn a lesson or two from the nanny who advises that "Anything can happen if you let it."

Orillia Concert Band

proudly presents...



Frank Sinatra Comes Home to Orillia!



International award-winning tribute artist
Rick Stephenson
www.HisSinatra.com

May 11, 2024
7:30pm

St. Paul's Centre - 62 Peter St. N.



Adults \$25 Seniors (60+) \$20
Post-Secondary Students \$15
Youth (5-18) \$10
Children under 5 - Free

Scan for tickets. www.orilliaconcertband.com





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