

In the Spotlight**with** Mary Ellen Herder and Cherie McGuire

July is Full Of Excitement!

July is full of Chatham-Kent events that are kid-friendly! Check out the "Chatham-Kent - What's On For Kids", "Special Events - July" on Facebook for a huge amount of events that are happening this month!

Did you know Charlie & The Chocolate Factory is playing outside (for free!) in Tecumseh Park? How about that the Blenheim Cherry Festival has a \$10 ride-all day midway wristband? The Thamesville Threshing Festival has no park admission!

For the "older" kids, there's the Summer Ghost Walk and MYC's "Rock The Mic"!

There are so many events going on you'll have a hard time deciding what to choose to do! If you haven't booked your kids into summer camp yet, you should get on it! Some camps are full or near capacity! Check out the "Summer Camps" section to choose from one of over 25 camps this summer!

The Stars Will Shine - Summer Drama with Take A Bow Productions

The Stars will Shine as Take A Bow Productions and Take A Bow KIDS Productions offer two-2-week classes and one-3-week drama classes.

Students learn method acting, character development, monologues, create scenes creations, character techniques, voice, scene study, dance, blacklight theatre, mask-making and much more.

At the end of each session, students perform a one-hour variety show for all of their family and friends. All materials are included.

Due to renovations at the Kiwanis Theatre, this camp will be held in St. Andrew's Church, Fellowship Hall.

Age Range:

Session 1 (ages 6-8 yrs) - July 7 - 18

Session 2 (ages 9-12 yrs) - July 21 - Aug 1

Session 3 (ages 9-17 yrs) - August 5 - 22.

Cost:

2-week sessions - \$225

3-week session - \$335

To register visit www.cktickets.com or call 519.354.8338

This Year's Windsor's Fringe Festival is a Must See!

TYPE 2 – A Tragic Comedy

Windsor Fringe Festival

Written by Jason Gale

Type 2 is an honest look at bipolar disorder written by a playwright who suffers from the illness. Nearly 3 million North Americans have been diagnosed with Bipolar disorder also known as manic depression.

Some famous people who have or have had varying degrees of Bipolar disorder are: Katie Couric, Robin Williams, Margaret Trudeau, Jim Carey, Sting, Rosemary Clooney, Patti Duke, Ted Turner, Mark Twain, Virginia Woolf, Sinéad O'Conner and many others.

In this wonderfully written play, the lead character is a bipolar stand-up comic, who decides to go off her meds. Comic genius and award winning dramatic actress Michelle J. Mainwaring will make you laugh and cry as Jasmine, the tragic heroine.

I don't often strongly recommend productions, however, the talents of Michelle and Jason is a must see for this year's fringe festival in Windsor. You won't be disappointed.

Directed by: Eleanor Piotrowski

Featuring: Michelle J. Mainwaring and Jason Gale

Location: The Room 255 Ouellette Ave., Windsor, Ontario

Show Dates-

July 19th @ 2:00 p.m. and 6:00p.m.

July 20th @ 8:00 p.m.

July 21st @ 7:00 p.m.

July 23rd @ 5:00 p.m.

July 25th @ 8:00 p.m.

Tickets Price - \$9.00. Tickets go on sale June 16th, 2008

For ticket information telephone 519.252.6579 / 800.387.9181

Or contact the Fringe Hotline at: 519.258.9887

Additional info can be found at www.windsorfringe.com

Kiwanis Theatre announces the 2008/2009 Encore Season.

The Kiwanis Theatre has announced the 2008/2009 Encore Season. Their theme is "Home Grown Talent" as we feature the musical gifts of Ken Crone, Jade Lester and Tom Lockwood.

Music

1964 The Tribute

17 Oct, 8:00 pm

"1964"... The Tribute takes their audiences on a musical journey to an era in rock history that will live in all of our hearts forever. They are hailed by critics and fans alike as the most authentic and endearing Beatles tribute in the world. Choosing songs from the pre-Sgt. Pepper era, "1964" recreates an early 60's live Beatles concert, with period instruments, clothing, hair styles, and onstage banter.

Johannes Linstead "Guitar of Fire"

21 Nov, 8:00 pm

"Guitar of Fire" is the new production by award-winning guitarist Johannes Linstead. The journey begins in Spain, the birthplace of Flamenco, and follows the migration of the instrument to the Mediterranean, Latin America, and finally to Cuba - the land of the Cha Cha Cha!

In addition to Johannes' fiery Spanish guitar is a truly multi-cultural ensemble including a phenomenal violinist from Cuba, a bassist from Venezuela, a percussionist from Greece, and a Flamenco dancer - an exciting show that really gets the audience invigorated and dancing!

Classic Albums Live: AC/DC Back in Black

3 Dec, 8:00 pm

A live note-for-note recital of Back in Black, AC/DC's hugely popular album followed by a showcase of their other hits. This was the first album after the death of front man Bon Scott, and said to have sold 42 million copies internationally, making it the second-best-selling album of all time after Michael Jackson's Thriller. Featuring some of the greatest rock anthems of all time like "Hell's Bells" and "You Shook Me All Night Long", this is sure to be a rockin' evening you won't soon

The Sun Records Christmas Show

4 Dec, 7:00 pm

A truly unique theatre experience, "The Sun Records Christmas Show" is a two-act musical play that combines great music with hilarious-but-true dialogue. Song favourites performed include the classic Sun hits "I Walk The Line", "Great Balls of Fire", and "Blue Suede Shoes" but you'll also hear rockin' versions of Christmas standards including "Jingle Bell Rock", "White Christmas", "Deck The Halls", "Jingle Bells", "Rockin' Around The Christmas Tree", "Run Run Rudolph" and many more!

CCC Chorale Christmas Concert

7 Dec, 2:00 pm & 26 Apr, 2:00 pm

The Cultural Centre Chorale returns for another year of presenting a varied selection of seasonal music. Directed by Cindy Waddick, this 65-voice choir will bring the spirit of any season into your hearts and minds.

Classic Albums Live: Pink Floyd Dark Side of the Moon

27 Mar, 8:00 pm

A live note-for-note recital of Pink Floyd's concept album The Dark Side of the Moon, followed by a showcase of their other hits. Released in 1973, The Dark Side of the Moon was a huge landmark in rock music as it featured the use of synthesizers in a way never heard before. The Dark Side of the Moon is widely hailed by many critics and fans as Pink Floyd's magnum opus, and is generally considered their definitive album.

Jade Lester in Concert

4 Apr, 8:00 pm

Chatham-Kent's own Jade Lester will be performing a high energy show of pop/country, rock and original tunes backed by the amazing O'Hara Brothers band. No stranger to the stage, at 17 Jade has performed for audiences from Nashville Tennessee, Ohio, and Michigan, to Toronto, and NY State. Audiences young and not-so-young will enjoy her show! Jade will be completing her debut CD this summer, produced by multiple Juno award winning recording engineer Kevin Doyle.

Kings of Swing

22 Apr, 3:00 pm

Kings of Swing is a two-hour dynamic Swing and Las Vegas review saluting the stars of the Big Band Era. The show features the music of kings of swing: Frank Sinatra, Benny Goodman, Harry James, Glenn Miller, Artie Shaw, Tommy Dorsey, the Andrew Sisters, The Pied Pipers and others. This musical showcase has a cast of 24 performers and is headlined by the 14-member orchestra who entertain with show-stopping group and solo numbers, instrumental as well as vocals.

CK Guitar Summit

22 May, 8:00 pm

The 3rd Annual CK Guitar Summit features some of the best artists hailing from Chatham-Kent. Every year, Tom Lockwood invites guitarists who call Chatham-Kent home and others who have gone on to work elsewhere in the world. The combination of styles and sounds makes for a very entertaining evening of “home grown talent”.

Comedy

The Comedy Lounge

28 Nov, 8:00 pm

Enjoy a hilarious evening of stand-up, sketch and Improv when Canada’s top comedians take to the stage. Featuring Jon Dore (Canadian Idol, The Jon Dore Show), plus two more guest comedians. This is sure to be a night of laugh-a-minute fun. Language and content may offend some.

Second City: The Facebook of Revelations

25 Mar, 8:00 pm

Facebook of Revelations is a lively and sometimes madcap look at life in contemporary Canada, taking a satirical look at our lives – personal, professional, imaginary and the strange digital realm where all three meet. In the grand Second City tradition, the show explores how we look at ourselves and our neighbours, how we interact with the world and the constant surprises that make up this Facebook of Revelations.

Wingfields Inferno

By Dan Needles

Starring Rod Beattie

Directed by Douglas Beattie

18 Apr, 8:00 pm

A devastating fire at the Orange Hall in Larkspur leaves it a smouldering ruin. Walt Wingfield leads the charge to get it rebuilt, but lighting a fire under his fellow committee members proves a daunting task. Is it courage they lack or is the devil in the details? Join Walt on the sixth and latest of his epic adventures!

Kids Club

Robert Munsch LIVE!

30 Oct, 4:30 & 6:30 pm

Robert Munsch is one of North America's favourite storytellers and a phenomenon in children's publishing. He is the author of more than forty picture books, including Love You Forever, Paperbag Princess, Mortimer, We Share Everything, Zoom! and most recently, Smelly Socks. His books have been translated into over a dozen languages and produced on cassette, video, CD ROM, television and stage. Don't miss this opportunity to bring your children to see Robert Munsch LIVE on stage!

Franklin's Family Christmas

17 Dec, 4:00 & 7:00 pm

Christmas is here, but Franklin is having trouble finding his Christmas spirit. "Where are all the presents?" he wonders. So Franklin's woodland friends decide to help him out by planning a party! Beaver takes care of entertainment while Bear cooks the food, sampling everything he makes. Fox gathers Christmas decorations for the perfect Christmas tree that Franklin must find all by himself! Join Franklin and friends as they get into magical adventures with a dancing snowman, a wacky gingerbread cookie, and a trio of playful elves. Celebrate the holiday season with lots of audience participation, singing, dancing and the jolliest Christmas spirit ever!

All Seats \$20

Emperor's New Threads

3 Mar, 10:30 am & 4:00 pm

An Emperor, obsessed with the latest fashion, falls prey to two tricksters who boast they can make him some new clothes so fashionable that only those who are "smart and good at their jobs" will be able to see them. Worried about other people's opinions, the Emperor and everyone else pretend to see what isn't there - everyone, that is, except one small child who is not afraid to tell the truth.

All Seats \$15.00

Family

Victorian Halloween Magic Lantern Show

24 Oct, 10:30 am & 8:00 pm

America's only 1890's visual extravaganza projected on a full screen – the kind of boisterous show that led to the movies! Spooktacular stories like *The Raven*, animated comedy, and songs – all dramatized on screen by a live showman and singer/pianist. National Public Radio calls it, “An incredible experience... a living national treasure!” for adults and children 6+.

Children 14 & under \$7 ? Adults \$15 ? Family Four Pack \$40

Squid Precision Drumming: The Evolution

20 Nov, 7:00 pm

The Evolution is a very high-energy show that entertains audiences of all ages with its musical diversity and at the same time thrills them visually with instrument stunts, tricks and choreography. This innovative Halifax-born drum corps has developed a unique, unconventional show that has earned them comparisons to STOMP and other groundbreaking percussion groups.

All Seats \$14 ? Family Four Pack \$40

Ted Outerbridge: Magical Moments in Time

21 Mar, 1:00 pm

Ted & Marion Outerbridge have combined real life experiences with a unique fusion of magic, dance, and theatre – and the result is *Magical Moments in Time*. This world-class illusion show has played to sold-out houses and standing ovations across Canada and in Europe – reaching into the minds and hearts of audiences and taking them on a magical journey through time.

Children 14 & under \$7 ? Adults \$15

Family Four Pack \$40

Friday Night Jazz

October 31 ? November 28

January 23 ? March 20 all at 8:00 pm

All-Star Concert in the Kiwanis Theatre ? April 24, 2009

The Ken Crone Trio returns for a fourth season of presenting a jazz-filled evening with special guests throughout the year. Featuring Ken Crone on piano, Pat Crone on drums and Eddie

Laporte on bass, the Friday Night Jazz Series has become one of the most popular and anticipated performances at the Chatham Cultural Centre.

Sunday Music Series

New to the Encore Season this year is the Sunday Afternoon Music Series. Organized by Tom Lockwood, this series will offer a wide variety of genres and styles fused together in a way that only Tom can. Dates will pop up unexpectedly so watch the media and your email for your opportunity to buy.

Don't forget eyeGO is available to all secondary school students for all shows in this flyer

DUST OFF THOSE TAP SHOES with Windsor's Rising Stars

Windsor's Rising Stars youth theatre is holding a competition to uncover local talent.

Four age groups of kids between five and 21 will be judged for cash prizes.

Whatever your skill -- acting, singing, dancing or performing music -- Rising Stars wants to hear from you on July 6 at the Capitol Theatre, 121 University Ave. W.

It could lead to involvement in a future Rising Stars show. Call Sue Blaney for times and information, 519-948-7739

Rockstock

Rockstock - Chatham airport August 16...Finger Eleven, Sloan, The Trews, Thornley and Rides Again. Go to www.rockstockconcert.com <<http://www.rockstockconcert.com/>> for ticket locations or visit Rockstock's booth at Retrofest (across from RetroSuites) Visit www.rockstockconcert.com <<http://www.rockstockconcert.com/>> for more information.

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Until then we'll see you In The Spotlight!

Cherie McGuire has been involved with theatre for 14 years. Much of her work is backstage as a producer, drama instructor, costuming, performer and choreographer. She is a director and co-founder for Take A Bow Productions and Take A Bow KIDS Productions. After 19 years as a Registered Nurse and College Professor, she draws on this experience to instruct Take a Bow Productions "Education Through Drama" programs as well as the Summer Drama and March Break programs. Mary Ellen Herder has been involved in theatre and film for twenty years. She is an actress and acting

coach, writer of children's plays and drama curriculum for Education Through Drama programs which are conducted at the Chatham Cultural Centre. She is also a director of Children's and Family Interactive Theatre, a voice-over artist and the founder and director of Take A Bow Productions and Take A Bow Kids Productions.