

SULTANS OF STRING BRING SULTRY SONGS TO WAC



Join raucous roots, string wizards, Sultans of String, for their spicy stew of Spanish Flamenco, French Manouche Gypsy Jazz, Middle Eastern Folk, and Cuban rhythms, Feb. 17.

Seamlessly traversing diverse themes of heart, place and tradition, fiery violin dances with kinetic guitar while a funk bass lays down unstoppable grooves. Throughout, acoustic strings meet electronic wizardry to create layers and depth of sound.

Since their formation only 5 years ago, Sultans of String have been riding a wave of success, from their debut CD "Luna" and 2nd offering, "Yalla Yalla" both hitting # 1 on world/international music charts in Canada, to their triple 2009 Canadian Folk Music Award nomination, winning Instrumental Group of the Year.

In the past year alone, they've acquired a JUNO nomination, U.S. representation from acclaimed promoter David Wilkes (Emmylou Harris, Jesse Cook, Bela Fleck), and booking representation in the US, Australia and the UK. They also took home 1st place in the International Songwriting Competition (out of 15,000 entries) and just released a new CD...exciting times for the band.



AN AFFAIR TO REMEMBER: GARLIC STYLE



The Dauphin & District Allied Arts Council in conjunction with Winter Life Dauphin, present "An Affair To Leave You Breathless" Garlic Cook Off Competition and Tasting, offering a wide variety of delicious and unique garlic dishes created by teams from the community.

We're putting the sexy back in garlic and you'll get to taste some amazing creations and cast your vote for People's Choice Award, The Most Creative Presentation and The Best Non-Traditional Use Of Ingredients.

Tickets are \$25 and available at Dauphin Music and Electronics, The Fiddle Lore Store, the Watson Art Centre or by phone at 638-6231.

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The Youth Arts Committee (YAC) is Packin' The WAC, with the Battle Of The Bands 2012, and is putting a call out for contestants.

Only 10 bands will be selected to battle. It is open to youth bands of any genre, the age cap for band members is 29.

Great prizes which include recording packages, photo shoot and hosting a door show at the WAC.

Entry deadline is Feb. 17.

Battle of the Bands 2012, will be held March 10.

Entry forms available through the Youth Arts Committee (YAC) at the Watson Art Centre, phone 638-6231 for further details.

BRATSTVA PREPPING FOR FIRST DINNER EVENT

Welcome 2012! January has been a busy month for Bratstva!

With preparation for its First Annual Dinner and Dance, Bratstva has been super busy selling tickets, rounding up prizes and polishing their dances.

Bratstva performed at the Ukrainian Orthodox Young Men's Society Malanka, Jan. 14. The evening was exciting as this was Bratstva's first performance of the year. With colorful costumes and huge smiles, Bratstva performed their Pryvit (Welcome Dance) and a Girls' Lyrical dance.

On Feb. 4, Bratstva will be hosting its first annual Dinner, Dance and social evening. The event will be held at the St. George's Ukrainian Orthodox Auditorium, and featuring the band, "Sich", from Winnipeg. Tickets are \$25 each and the event is open to the community. The evening's entertainment will consist of a program consisting of performances by Verba a talented Ukrainian dance group from Winnipeg, Bratstva and the musical stylings of Canada's National Ukrainian Festival Choir.

Bratstva School of Dance will be having a special workshop with a special guest instructor on March 18th. Bratstva School of Dance is excited and keen to broaden their horizons and to gain appreciation for various styles and genres of dance. Forouzandeh Pascal, a talented local Iranian Belly Dancing Pro will be teaching the young students in a workshop.

If you are interested in learning more about Bratstva Studios please visit our blog at bratstva@wordpress.com

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **February 1 – Cheryl Orr-Hood in the WAC gallery**
- **February 8 – The Melville Boys**
- **February 17 – Sultans of String**
- **February 18 – Parkland Mixers Dance Social**
- **February 25 – An Affair to Leave You Breathless**

OLD FIRE HALL REOPENS

Repairs to the damaged roof of the Old Fire Hall at the Watson Art Centre are complete.

The roof replacement and the truss system have all been installed, the tin ceiling has been put back up and the interior painted.

The space is now usable again and is now available for rent, as the damage closed part of the room to the public.

With access to the fire hall door once again, it will be back to business as usual.

The work was completed by Garry Roloff Construction.

DID YOU KNOW?

- DDAAC was organized and incorporated in 1972 in order to save the old Town Hall from scheduled demolition.
- The DDAAC is made up of general board members as well as affiliate representatives (regular users with a vested interest in the governance of the facility). Affiliates include: Canada's National Ukrainian Festival, Crocus Quilters, Dauphin Art Group, Dauphin Pottery & Ceramics Club, Keystone Chorus (Barbershoppers), Sche Raz, Zirka Dance Ensemble, Theatre Amisk, Dauphin Glee Club, Bratstva Studios, Shona McHarg Highland Dance.
- We support our community through: Improving quality of life, Offering options for leisure activities for all ages, Contributing to the local economy, Nurturing the artistic community, Maintaining a historically significant facility, Contributing as an active tourism partner.
- The Watson Art Centre was designated as a Provincial Heritage Site in July 1992.
- There were approximately 24,860 people who visited the Watson Art Centre in 2011.

ZENDOODLING

Looking for a fun creative way to unwind and re-energize? Zendooodling is a relaxing method of creating beautiful images from repetitive patterns.

If you can write your name, you can Zendooodle, its as simple as that! Easy to learn -no drawing skills needed you'll be Zendooodling lovely art in no time!

Join us in this meditative, peaceful, artistic process - by the end of the workshop you'll have a unique piece of personal art ready to hang on your wall.

Warning: Zendooodling is addictive! Registration is \$21 for DDAAC members and \$25 for non-members.

A supplies kit will be supplied at a cost of \$30 (with frame) or \$15 (without frame). A list of supplies in the kit is provided. Space is limited so register early ~ call 638-6231 or email at info@watsonartcentre.com.

The workshop takes place, March 6 and 20 at the WAC.

