



# Market Hall News

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## EMBER SWIFT HERE JANUARY 19th

We believe that Market Hall has arranged for an amazing talent to play the Hall on January 19th. Having been at the Peterborough Folk Festival this past summer, Ember Swift returns to Peterborough to play in concert. She leads a trio of women, the others being Lyndell Montgomery and Michelle Josef. Ember Swift is 27 years old; she went to the Univ. of Ottawa, now lives in Toronto, and has already toured extensively. A review in Australia said, "Ember has only been here a short time so far, but her live performances have already seen people clambering for the phone to tell someone, anyone, about it."

Ember is an independent performer who doesn't compromise her principles. She says, "If you don't believe in what you do, what's the point." Her music is a mix of jazz, funk, folk, and pop with East-Asian, middle-eastern, Latin and classical influences.

Tickets for the concert are \$8 in advance and \$10 at the door. They are available at Moondance and at Market Hall.

## Market Hall Welcomes New Board

At our Annual General Meeting in October, Market Hall PAC was lucky to have three new members join its Board of Directors. We welcome Radha-Prema McAllister, James Hobday, and Paul Sullivan to the Board and thank them for their willingness to contribute to maintaining the Hall as a vital part of the community. The other longstanding members of the Board are June Whiteman, Rob Steinman, Joan Punshon, Bill Kimball, Pete Forde, Syd Waldron, Diane Creeden, Gary Shill, and Charlie Werger.

## YOUNG PLAYERS II MHPAC Receives New HRDC Grant

With a few alterations from two years ago, through the assistance of HRDC, Market Hall is again in the process of establishing a Young Players Company. This time around a company of eight will be preparing three issue based plays to be presented to school children during the remainder of this school year. Receiving approval for a grant at the beginning of December, a small committee got details together quickly and advertised for an Artistic Director/Company Manager before Christmas. Interviews took place before the New Year. We are pleased to welcome Phillip Oakley to Market Hall to lead Young Players II. He is now busy planning the next six months and selecting members of the company. We are privileged and happy to once again be involved with youth and their career development through this project and with the opportunity to inspire audiences through the performing arts. The first production is tentatively scheduled for the final week of February.

## "Dancin' in the Hall"

A New Series for Market Hall

We believe that Market Hall has the best dance floor in town. For this reason we hope to hold a dance several times a year employing various local bands.

Our inaugural *Dancin' In The Hall* series opened the Christmas season and featured Silverhearts. The evening was filled with energy both on stage and on the dance floor. Silverhearts provided much more than excellent dancing music. Its twelve members offered a visual show with intense involvement in the music and team interaction. They were fun both to watch and to listen to. Dancers were most appreciative and displayed smiles all around.

Our second dance is scheduled for the Valentine weekend when the live music of Danny Bronson and his sextet will come to the Hall. It all will happen on Friday, February 15th. Danny Bronson is smooth, lively and absolutely likable. He will play those favourites that will make you feel good and will fill the Hall with a romantic air.

Tickets are only \$10 per person. Come out with a party of friends, or just that one special friend, to enjoy the music and celebrate love. At the dances in our series, the beer of Church-Key Brewery will be featured.

# MARKET HALL COMING EVENTS

**Lots to Do And See This Winter In The Hall!**

## *HAPPY NEW YEAR!*

The Board of Directors and Staff of Market Hall Performing Arts Centre are happy to be an active and vibrant part of the Peterborough community and wishes everyone well in this new year. At the end of this month, officially we will be four years old. We see this as quite an achievement. We've faced many challenges. Many people still don't know where Market Hall is and many don't know it as a venue for excellent entertainment and a space for community events, but those people are becoming fewer and fewer. We must continue now to make the public aware that Market Hall is a not-for-profit corporation that is worthy of community financial support. Please help to spread the word about the good thing that we have here and the need to maintain and develop it. Great thanks and happy new year to EVERYONE who has been a part of Market Hall Performing Arts Centre during the past four years.

## **Framed!**

### **A Hall Recycling Project**

Joan Punshon has great plans for using your old picture frames at Market Hall. Large frames are what we need. The smallest size would accommodate an 8 1/2" x 11" item. As you walk along George St., you'll be able to admire your donation. Bring our picture frames to the Hall or give us a call (749-1146) and we'll arrange to pick them up.

## *Farewell Shelliey*

Best wishes to Shelliey Scott. Shelliey served as our office administrator until she received an offer that she couldn't refuse. We wish her well in her new position. You can now contact Charlie Werger in the office between 10 am and 3 pm. When Charlie is unavailable, Garry White, our facility manager, will assist you and take your messages.

## Market Hall Playbill

### *Market Hall Presents* **Ember Swift in Concert**

Tickets \$8 advance \$10 at Door  
8:00 pm **January 19**

### *Folk Under the Clock* **Danu**

Tickets \$20 advance & \$22 door  
8:00 pm **January 26**

### *Theatre Trent Presents* **God**

8:00pm **Jan 31 & Feb. 1&2**

### *Eggplant Entertainment*

*Presents*

#### **Hayden**

Tickets \$17.50  
Door Opens 7:15  
**February 5**

### *Al Black and Friends*

*Presents*

#### **Mumbo Jumbo Voodoo**

**Combo**

A Mardi Gras Dance

**February 8**

Call 7433786 for info

### *Vezeo Productions*

*Presents*

#### **Jenny Whitely &**

**Don Ross**

Tickets

8:00 pm **February 9**

### *Market Hall Presents*

**Valentine's Day Dancin' in  
the Hall with**

**Danny Bronson &**

**River Road**

Tickets Advance \$8 & Door \$10  
8:30 pm **February 15**

## **History Comes Alive at the Hall**

Market Hall's Dramatic History Series continued during the first week of December with a play set during World War I. *Killed: July 17, 1916* looks at the wartime experience of a young British soldier; it focuses on the accidental and, oftentimes, irrational aspects of war in which humans are trapped.

For giving so much time and energy, we thank Syd Waldron and a cast of seven: Adam Driscoll, James Hobday, Sean McCarthy, Radha-Prema McAllister, Karolyne Newby, Terry Novak, and Carol Waldron. Also, important to the play's success were Diane Creeden and Charlie Werger. And thanks to The Peterborough Theatre Guild, The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52, and St. Peter's S. S. We acknowledge the financial help of The Peterborough Foundation and The Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation. Many others contributed so that more than 1200 people were able to learn and be moved by this true life story and be challenged by a timely theme.

## **FORESTATION PROJECT**

You may have noticed some potted plants thriving in the lobby at Market Hall. They are small, but growing under the loving care of Garry White. We are looking for more plants. If you have a donation, we'd be most appreciative. Please identify the type of plant it is. If you are an artist (professional, amateur, or wannabe), why not decorate the pot and display your artistic skills in Market Hall. If you'd like to attach your card or incorporate your name, website, or phone number (etc.) into your design, go right ahead. We're all for art and living things.

# Your MARKET HALL ~ New Year's Resolution

**To encourage and convince one other person (or two) to become a member of Market Hall**

## Kudos All Around !

In our Fall newsletter, we neglected to mention that Rocky Ridge Drinking Water generously donated the use of a water cooler for our summer drama camps. Good cold water during a busy, active summer day is so welcome to twenty children. Thanks to David and Ian Green.

Since our first *Dancin' In the Hall* event was at the beginning of the Christmas season, Johnston's Greenhouse generously loaned us four beautiful Christmas cactus and four brilliant poinsettias to contribute to ambiance and classy atmosphere. Thanks to Chris Heckel.

For the second year in a row, Market Hall hosted Children's Christmas Concerts. The choirs of St. Paul's School, Keith Wightman School, and Confederation School graced the Hall with wonderful song. We were very pleased to have their voices added to the history of the Hall and thank the children, their parents, Roseanne Foster, Kevin Wollacott, and Janis Cray. Ray Donohue and St. Peter's S.S. students contributed to the efficiency of the concerts and TD Bank/Canada Trust contributed to the beauty with the loan of poinsettias. Thanks to Ivy McGregor. Thanks also to the choir members of Confederation School who brought food items which were then distributed to The Salvation Army and the Brock Street Mission.

### Congratulations to:

-Bev Breeden, Ray Henderson and the cast and crew of Arbor Theatre on their successful and excellent production of *Cinderella* at Market Hall just before Christmas.

-Al Black, Rick Fines and all the musicians who provided such a fine New Year's Eve dance at Market Hall.

-Jon Hoffman, Teachers for Kids, and all those who created such an entertaining evening in support of YES at Market Hall in December.

## Market Hall Playbill

### Peterborough Concert Band

8:00pm February 23

### Kawartha Jazz Society Presents Renee Roines Quartet

Tickets Advance \$22 & Door \$24  
7:30pm February 24

### Market Hall Presents Young Players II

In a play for Young People TBA  
February 25- March 1

### Folk Under the Clock Norland Wind

Tickets Advance \$18 & Door \$20  
8:00 pm March 2

### Chi Chi Chicanery

8:00 pm March 8-9

### Trent University Spanish Dept. Presents a Spanish Drama

8:00pm March 15-16

### Peterborough New Dance Presents

#### Emergency #10

Call for times, 745-1788,  
March 20-23

### Folk Under the Clock Fairport Convention

Tickets \$25 advance & \$28 door  
8:00 pm April 4

### Kawartha Jazz Society Presents Kenny Barron

Tickets Advance \$18 & Door \$20  
7:30pm April 7

## Help Us Help the Hall

Market Hall is mainly a rental facility, but, as you know, rentals alone will not pay the bills. We have to organize fund raisers and events to supplement those events which others book at the Hall. If you have a good idea for an event which you would organize, give us a call. Or if you could help with one already established event a year, let us know. Let's have some fun together.

## TINY BUBBLES

### Like to do Laundry?

A feature of the Hall is the cabaret seating for concerts. The small tables with tea lights offer an attractive, intimate atmosphere. To keep the setting classy, we would appreciate a volunteer's efforts to wash tablecloths periodically. The timetable would depend on our bookings. The savings and the convenience of having an interested person take on this task would be sincerely appreciated.

## Market Hall to be CAP Internet Access Site

Market Hall has recently been selected as one of the Peterborough locations for a public Internet access site under the auspices of the federal government's Urban Computer Access Program (CAP). Urban CAP, which is being coordinated locally by COIN (Community Opportunity and Innovation Network), has as its primary objective to ensure that all individuals, regardless of socio-economic status, have access to computers and the Internet.

The site, which will contain new computers and accessories, connected to high speed Internet access will be housed in our Balcony Suite. The equipment will be available to the public during regular office hours for a modest fee, to cover printer paper and other supplies. The project should be up and running before spring.

# Emergency Celebrates 10 Years Of Local Dance

Peterborough New Dance presents Emergency X: The Tenth Anniversary Edition. A special two-part edition of Peterborough's annual festival devoted to dance and performance by area artists.

It started out in 1993 as "Emergency" and didn't have a number attached to it. The 1994 version was Emergency-y 2, but from number three onward the extra 'e' was dropped, as it quickly became clear that Peterborough was developing a group of established dance and performance artists, in addition to those newer artists for whose initial emergences the festival had been created. From just three works presented the first year, to 14 pieces spread over three programs in last year's Emergency #9, this festival of new dance and performance by area artists has grown into the best attended event in the Peterborough New Dance season. This year you'll have a chance to see why, when PND presents a two-part festival to celebrate its tenth anniversary.

Among the pieces presented in the first year was Released, created by Kris Keating and Anne Ryan and performed by their own group, Footfall Dance Theatre, which was probably the city's first modern dance company. For this year's tenth anniversary, Peterborough New Dance is bringing back some of those artists - like Kris and Anne - who appeared in the very first Emergency, on a special program with others who have performed frequently over the years, including Stephanie Corrin, Dy Gallagher, Michael Hermiston, Kate Story, and scooter. Running from April 17 to 20, the program will include some brand new works, as well as remounts of favourites from the past, and even one from the very first Emergency.

As if this weren't enough, PND will also present a program looking forward (the kind of program for which Emergency is best known), featuring the unpredictable mix of artists you've seen just once or twice or not at all. Running from March 20 to 23, here's just a hint of what's in store: the ten pieces on the program run the gamut from fresh work by two high school dance troupes, to a group piece performed entirely by men over 40.

For exact program line-ups and times, call 745-1788, or get up to date bulletins via the PND email list by contacting us at dancing@pipcom.com

## IMPORTANCE OF MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to those who have sent in your membership renewals over the past months. Enclosed in this newsletter is your tax receipt. To those who are receiving a second notice, we look forward to hearing from you quickly as you renew this very important membership in support of MHPAC. A first notice is enclosed for those whose membership renewal comes due in January, February, and March 2002.

This is a critical time in the history of Market Hall. The restoration project fund raising which has recently been completed is only to fund exterior upgrading when the city takes over the hall. The MHPAC is independent from that project and relies on your on going support to make this a viable arts centre for us all to enjoy!

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## Friends of Market Hall ~ MEMBERSHIP FORM

**Yes, I want to join the Friends of Market Hall! Sign me up for a one year membership !**

Membership/ Newsletter~	\$10 a year
Friend of Market Hall~	\$25 a year
Companion of Market Hall~	\$50 a year
Compatriot of Market Hall~	\$100 and up    Fill in amount _____

(Friend, Companion and Compatriot will receive a Tax Receipt for their donation)

Mr. Mrs. Ms.(circle one) \_\_\_\_\_  Last Name  \_\_\_\_\_

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Please check one    New Member    or    Renewal

send form to: **Friends of Market Hall ~ c/o Diane Creeden RR#8, Peterborough ON ~ K9J 6X9**

If you are already a Friend of Market Hall please pass this form on to a friend