

# Front Row Centre

EVENTS AND HAPPENINGS AT THE NORTH PEACE CULTURAL CENTRE

April/May/June, 1997

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## Comedy leads spring agenda

**W**ith warmer weather rapidly approaching (really!), maybe people are beginning to emerge from the winter doldrums. And what better way to brighten up spring than with an evening of fun and laughter?

That's just what the North Peace Cultural Centre has planned for the month of April! Two highly entertaining comedic acts will take to the stage, giving the audience a reason to smile.

The first performance is on Apr. 11 — the Vancouver TheatreSports League's Free Willie Shakespeare. This fast and funny improvisational show is very much in a similar tradition seen before by the group on the NPCC's stage.

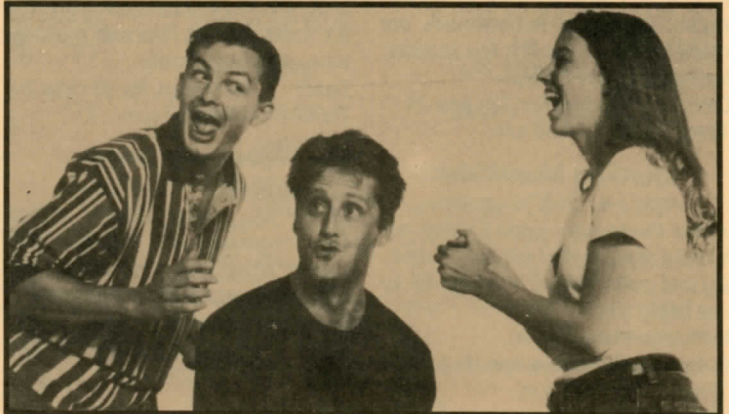
Suggestions and situations are thrown out by the audience to the actors, who must incorporate them into stories, while maintaining a Shakespearean sensibility.

Lorne Elliott will perform on Apr. 19. He has taken his one man show all over the world, extensively touring throughout North America. His unique brand of music and comedy is sure to please audience members of all ages.



Above: Lorne Elliott, musician and comedian will perform at the Cultural Centre on Apr. 19.

Below: The Vancouver TheatreSports League's Free Willie Shakespeare will be held Apr. 11



Onstage  
in the  
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## Performing pianist offering lessons

Walter Prossnitz, a young Canadian pianist whose career has assumed international proportions, will be returning to Fort St. John on Sunday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. to present a concert at the North Peace Cultural Centre.

All tickets \$15.00.

Mr. Prossnitz has performed with orchestras at Carnegie Hall, Expo '92 in Spain, and many locations in Asia, Europe and North America.

**During his week-long stay in the Peace Region, Mr Prossnitz will give lessons and master-classes to students and teachers.**

Those interested in signing up for lessons with Mr. Prossnitz should contact Merrill Flewelling at (250) 782-5251.



# New class series will be held this spring

## Preschool Classes

### Dinosaurs, Snakes & Reptiles

Ages 3-5 \$60/10 sessions  
Youngsters will learn about awesome creatures of the past and mysterious creatures of the present. Watch for surprise visits from a snake and an iguana!  
Instructor: Marie Hiebert  
Dates: Mondays, Apr. 21 - June 23  
Time: 9:30-11 a.m.

### Fairy Tales & Fantasy

Ages 4-5 \$62/10 sessions  
Using crafts, games and imagination, your child will spend time each class examining a different fairy tale.  
Instructor: Marie Hiebert  
Dates: Mondays, Apr. 21 - June 23  
Time: 12:30-2:00 p.m.

### Diaper Gym

Ages 9 mo.-2yrs \$52/10 sessions  
Here's time for you and your little one to move about in a new environment. Parents must participate with their child.  
Instructor: Jody Decker  
Dates: Tuesdays, Apr. 22 - June 24  
Time: 9:30-10:15 a.m.

### Magic Carpet Time

Ages 2-3 \$58/10 sessions  
An hour of crafts, puppets, songs and stories. Parents of two-year-olds are asked to stay for the first few sessions.  
Instructor: Louise Nadeau  
Dates: Tuesdays, Apr. 22 - June 24  
Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

### Morning Munchkins

Ages 3-4 \$60/10 sessions  
A new theme every week! Children will spend a morning filled with songs, painting and crafts. Parents must sign up for one helper day.  
Instructor: Marie Hiebert  
Dates: Wednesdays, Apr. 23 - June 25  
Time: 9:30-11 a.m.

### The Energy Booster

Ages 3-5 \$62/10 sessions  
Here, children will expend their energy on a variety of activities, including music, dance, stories, crafts and more. Parents must sign up for one helper day.  
Instructor: Marie Hiebert  
Dates: Wednesdays, Apr. 23 - June 25  
Time: 12:30-2:00 p.m.

### Pee Wee Gym

Ages 2-3 \$54/10 sessions  
Children will enjoy a variety of activities emphasizing gross motor coordination, including skipping, stretching, climbing and activity songs. A parent must take part with the child.  
Instructor: Jody Decker  
Dates: Thursdays, Apr. 24 - June 26  
Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

### Paint and Putter

Age 2 \$58/10 sessions  
Children love this class, which uses art, movement, song and creative play to develop their creativity and encourages and stimulates their minds. Parents must participate.  
Instructor: TBA  
Dates: Fridays, Apr. 25 - June 27  
Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

## Youth Classes

### Krafty Kids

Ages 6-8 \$47/5 sessions  
Different mediums such as paint, paste and color will be presented. Each class will focus on a different medium, and crafts will be planned accordingly. This is a hands-on class filled with creativity!  
Instructor: Teresa Keely  
Dates: Wednesdays, Apr. 23 - May 21  
Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

### Beginner Drama

Ages 9-13 \$49/6 sessions  
Explore your creative side and let loose your imagination with this action-filled course! Learn both basic drama skills and self-expression at the same time.  
Instructor: Teresa Keely  
Dates: Thursdays, Apr. 24 - May 22  
Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m.

### Learn to Draw

Ages 10-16 \$60/6 sessions  
Shading, texture and the vanishing point, these are the basics students will use as they improve their drawing skills. Students will need sketch pads and B, 3B and 6B pencils.  
Instructor: Shirley Roberts  
Dates: Thursdays, May 1 - June 1  
Time: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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### Babysitter Training

Ages 12-16 \$49/5 sessions  
Important for any youngster who wants to take care of young children, this course teaches skills needed for babysitting.  
Instructor: Bev Alexander  
Dates: Tuesdays, Feb. 25-Mar. 25  
Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

## General Classes

### Hatha Yoga

\$60/7 sessions  
Not only is yoga a form of meditation, but also a form of exercise. Improve your flexibility and strength.  
Instructor: Linda Baker  
Dates: Wednesdays, May 14 - June 25  
Time: 9:30-11 a.m.

### Adult Learn to Draw

\$60/6 sessions  
Learn the basics of shading, texture and the vanishing point. Bring a sketch pad, B, 3B and 6B pencils.  
Instructor: Shirley Roberts  
Dates: Thursdays, May 1 - June 1  
Time: 7:30-9:30 p.m.

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# Ken Jeannotte — *A Pale Caress*

Former resident Ken Jeannotte will be returning to Fort St. John, bringing with him samples of his work. 'A Pale Caress' — which opens Apr. 10 at Peace Gallery North — is an exhibition of landscape-based photographic images. The exhibition is the result of a project that began with images gathered on and around the Chilcotin plateau and expanded to include work shot in the North Peace and the North Okanagan. Three years of shooting, printing, historical research and writing resulted in this body of works. The work examines the relation between 'history on the land' and

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**May 16 to June 11**

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'sense of place', land use and ownership and environmental issues.

Mr. Jeannotte grew up on a farm near Fort St. John and graduated from NPSS in 1966. He studied at the Kootenay School of Art in Nelson where he graduated in painting and print making in 1969. He returned to Fort St. John in 1972 and was one of several local artists, volunteers and support staff to create the Peace Arts Centre. The store-front art school offered classes in drawing, painting, ceramics, sculpture and batik and was attended by more than 100 students for each of the three, four-month terms that it operated. The exhibit runs through May 14.

## 14th Annual Art Auction "The Renaissance" April 12, 7:30 p.m.


The Peace Arts Gallery Society presents the Annual Art Auction benefit fundraiser for Peace Gallery North. The 'Renaissance' evening will be held at the North Peace Cultural Centre, featuring door prizes, silent auction, main auction, entertainment and more. Please support the gallery by attending this exciting event!



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- One free lunch at the Cultured Café
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Stage North Theatre Society presents....

# Slow Dancing

...a comedy drama about how a chance encounter can change a life...

## May 2 & 3

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Directed by Kevin Truscott

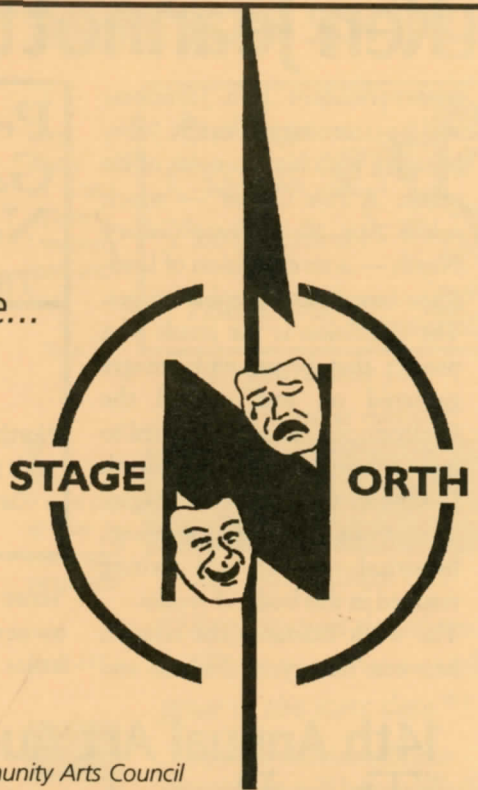
Seniors/Students \$9

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**North Peace Cultural Centre, 8 p.m.**



# North Peace Leisure Pool

Swim Schedule

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### Mondays and Wednesdays

- 6-8:30 a.m. Length Swimming (Lap Pool)
- 9-10 a.m. Length Swimming (Lap Pool)
- 10-11a.m. Parents & Preschoolers (Leisure Pool)
- 10-11a.m. Aquafit/Child Minding (Lap Pool)
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Seniors' Aquafit (Lap/Leisure Pool)
- 12-1 p.m. Length Swimming (Lap Pool)
- 1-2:30 p.m. Public Swimming (Leisure Pool)
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Public Swimming (Leisure Pool)
- 7:35-8:30 p.m. Aquafit (Lap Pool)
- 8-9 p.m. Adult & Teen Swimming (Leisure Pool)
- 9-10 p.m. Adult & Teen Swimming (Leisure/Lap Pool)

### Saturdays and Sundays

- 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Public Swimming (Leisure/Lap Pool)
- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Length Swimming (Lap Pool)
- 1-3 p.m. Family Swimming (Leisure/Lap Pool)
- 3:30-5:30 p.m. Public Swimming (Leisure/Lap Pool)
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Public Swimming (Leisure/Lap Pool)

### Tuesdays and Thursdays

- 6-8:30 a.m. Length Swimming (Lap Pool)
- 9-10 a.m. Length Swimming (Lap Pool)
- 10-11a.m. Parents & Preschoolers (Leisure Pool)
- 12-1 p.m. Length Swimming (Lap Pool)
- 1-2:30 p.m. Public Swimming (Leisure Pool)
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. Public Swimming (Leisure Pool)
- 7:35-8:30 p.m. Aquafit (Lap Pool)
- 7:30-8:30 p.m. Adult & Teen Swimming (Leisure Pool)
- 8:30-10 p.m. Adult & Teen Swimming (Leisure/Lap Pool)

### Fridays

- 6-8:30 a.m. Length Swimming (Lap Pool)
- 10-11a.m. Aquafit/Child Minding (Lap Pool)
- 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Seniors' Aquafit (Lap Pool)
- 1-2:30 p.m. Public Swimming (Leisure Pool)
- 3:30-5 p.m. Loonie Swim\* (Leisure Pool)
- (\*1st Friday of the month only)
- 5:30-7 p.m. Public Swimming (Leisure Pool)
- 7:30-9 p.m. Teen Swimming (Leisure/Lap Pool)

**Leisure Pool staff welcomes your ideas and suggestions!**



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## A show for all tastes this season!

Once again, music is the highlight of the winter/spring season at the North Peace Cultural Centre. From Salty Sea Dog Tom Lewis to the Latin influenced guitar magic of Oscar Lopez and the madcap hilarity of Lorne Elliot... there is a show for all tastes this season!

The ever-popular Tommy Hunter and the Travelin' Men will grace our stage on Jan. 15 at 7 p.m. Tommy, also known as Canada's Country Gentleman, has been here before and promises to deliver a performance that will endear his loyal fans.

An experience you won't soon forget awaits you when you experience the beauty, skill, charm, passion and grace of Chilean-Canadian guitarist Oscar Lopez. His music is a mix of Latin rhythms, passionate melody, sublime romanticism and blinding speed. His performance is a showcase of flamboyant, melodic style that



Oscar Lopez

suggests traditional sources yet remains distinctly personal. Don't miss your opportunity to see Oscar perform here on Jan. 19 at 8 p.m.

Canadian born Lorne Elliot started performing in 1974 as a folk musician in East Coast Canada. At the same time he kept writing fiction as well as songs, monologues and one-liners. The outcome of such training is a very special show of comedy and music, totally original, entertaining, foolish and up lifting.

Prepare yourself for an



evening of highly entertaining, dynamic and unexpected comedy. It takes him 30 seconds to go from a standing start to flat out funny. Along with his unique performance style it is the timelessness of his material, joined with keen observation on today's trends that make Lorne Elliot's work so special. He's on the Cultural Centre stage on March 20 at 8 p.m.



Lorne Elliot



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# Arts and Leisure activities for all ages

## Preschool Classes

### Diaper Gym

(9 mos-2 years)

*This parent participation program provides an opportunity for you and your child to enjoy creative movement activities and games.*

Instructor: Jody Decker

Cost: \$60/10 sessions

**Tuesdays, Jan. 26-Apr. 6**

Time: 10:00-10:45 a.m.

### Tiny Tots

(18 mos-2 years)

*This is a fun-filled program of arts, craft, songs, creative games and socialization through free play. Parents must participate.*

Instructor: Shirley Roberts

Cost: \$56/9 sessions

**Thursdays, Jan. 28-Apr. 1**

Time: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

### Morning Munchkins

(3-4 years)

*Your preschooler will love the arts, crafts, discovery, music, large motor activities and more. Parents must sign up for one helper day.*

Instructor: Wendy Davidson

Cost: \$56/9 sessions

**Mondays, Jan. 25-March 29**

Time: 10:30- 11:30 a.m.

### Energy Boosters

(4-5 years)

*Your child will participate in a varied program of arts, crafts, games, activities, stories and more. Parent helpers required.*

Instructor: Wendy Davidson

Cost: \$69/9 sessions

**Mondays, Jan. 25-March 29**

Time: 12:30-2:00 p.m.

## Youth Classes

### Babysitter Training

(12-16 years)

*Excellent for learning how to baby-sit young children, this class teaches safety, baby washing and a variety of other skills. Fills fast!*

Instructor: Bev Alexander

Cost: \$65/5 sessions

**Tuesdays, March 2-April 6**

Time: 4:00-6:00 p.m.

## ArtSpace Classes & Activities

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## Registration is Easy!

Call 785-1992 with Visa or Mastercard, or come in to the Cultural Centre office (10015-100 Ave.)

*Please Note — GST will be added to all class prices for registrants over 15 years.*

*\*\*Deadlines are one week prior to start date.\*\**

Classes with insufficient registration will be cancelled and full refunds will be issued.

Drop-in rates are available for all Pre-school Classes! (space permitting)

### Babysitter First Aid

(11-15 years)

*This invaluable course will prepare you for just about any medical emergency you may encounter while babysitting. Bring your lunch!*

Instructor: Lyn Adamson

Cost: \$60/1 session

**Saturday, TBA**

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### Learn to Draw

(10-15 years)

*Shading, texture, character expression and the vanishing point are the basic techniques students will learn. Each student will work at their own pace and will be given individual attention. You'll need a sketch pad, B, B3, and B6 pencils.*

Instructor: Shirley Roberts

Cost: \$59/6 sessions

**Thursdays, Feb. 4-March 11**

Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

## Youth Classes, cont'd

### Toastmasters for Kids

(Ages 10-14)

*Here is a chance to learn to speak in public with confidence, prepare effective speeches and project correct body posture. This is a unique opportunity to learn leadership skills that will last a lifetime.*

Instructor: FSJ Toastmasters

Cost: \$45/4 sessions

**Thursdays, Feb. 4-25**

Time: 4:00-5:00 p.m.

## Creative Arts

### Basic Calligraphy

*This ancient art of handwriting is very popular for wedding invitations, certificates or to add class to greeting cards. All are possible when you learn the tips and tricks. This introductory class will focus on basic skills — a great introduction to this beautiful art.*

Instructor: Judy Dampier

Cost: \$49/1 session

**Saturday, Feb. 13**

Time: 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### Drawing

*This class with touch on many areas of drawing such as shading, texture, character expression and the vanishing point. Students will work at their own pace and be given lots of individual attention.*

Instructor: Shirley Roberts

Cost: \$69/6 sessions

**Thursdays Feb. 4-March 11**

Time: 8:00-9:30 p.m.

### Basic Framing

*With practice, become proficient at using mat and circle cutters. You will mat, mount and frame prints with single and double mats, cut creative mat openings and be shown how to stretch and frame needlework. Learn about conversion framing and object framing.*

Instructors: Ed & Patricia Warkentin

Cost: \$85/3 sessions

**Wednesday-Friday, Mar. 24-26**

Time: 6:00-10:00 p.m.



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### Advanced Framing

*In this class you will receive practical experience on mounting and matting a print in the conversion/preservation method; stretch a needlework with conservation in mind. Try French matting projects. Design mats and shadow boxes for various objects. As well, lay out and complete a number of creative mat designs.*

Instructors: Ed & Patricia Warkentin

Cost: \$85/2 sessions

**Saturday & Sunday, Mar. 27-28**

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### Jewelry Making

*Learn various gold and silver smithing techniques including lost wax casting and manufacturing. This is an excellent opportunity to make some very unique and special gifts for yourself or your loved ones.*

Instructor: Bent Hansen

Cost: \$TBD/10 sessions

**Tuesdays or Thursdays, TBD**

Time: 7:00-10:00 p.m.

### Watercolour Workshops

#### #1: The Peace River

*Paint the Peace River in watercolours... on your first day! See demonstrations in wet in wet, dry brush, washes and detail. You'll learn to paint sky with clouds, water, reflections, life-like pine and poplar trees and more. Supplies are required! Available at an additional cost.*

Instructor: Janice Herbison

Cost: \$69/1 session

**Saturday, Jan. 23**

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

#### #2: Wood Duck

*Paint this colourful wood duck on water in one day! You'll receive step-by-step instruction on wet in wet, dry brush, texturing, water reflections and lots of detail. Janis will supply you with a sketch and laser print to work from. No drawing necessary. Supplies are required.*

Instructor: Janice Herbison

Cost: \$69/1 session

**Saturday, Feb. 6**

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

#### #3: Advanced Water colour

*This class is designed for painters with previous watercolour painting experience. Paint anything you like. Information on subject selection and the required material is available at registration. Supplies are required.*

Instructor: Janice Herbison

Cost: \$69/1 session

**Saturday, Jan. 20**

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

### Dance Classes

#### Two Step Dance

*Learn how to two-step this winter. This class is designed for beginners to provide an introduction to the two-step polka, schottische and waltz. This class is a lot of fun and fills quickly. Sign up early.*

Instructor: Diana Foster

Cost: \$89 per couple/6 sessions

**Thursdays, Feb. 4-March 11**

Time: 8:00-10:00 p.m.

#### International Ballroom Dance

*These special one-night sessions will focus on the basic steps of the swing and jive. A great refresher or introduction to these basic dances. Bring a partner and learn to swing and jive.*

Instructors: Ivo & Anna Kratochivil

Cost: \$28 per couple/per session

**Friday, Feb. 5 or 19**

Time: 8:00-10:00 p.m.

### Mind and Body

#### Gigong Tai Chi

*This gentle Chinese martial art combines exercises of both the mind and the body. Through a natural process of deep breathing and relaxed but controlled exercise, gigong can increase our energy flow and our state of awareness. It helps us live inside our bodies again!*

Instructor: Jody Decker

Cost: \$98/10 sessions

**Mondays, Jan. 25-Apr. 12**

Time: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

### Hatha Yoga

*Hatha Yoga helps the body release tension and stress through stretching and toning. Breath awareness improves flexibility, strength and relaxation. Breathing exercises, concentration techniques and basic meditation are gradually learned in this class. For new and continuing students. Bring a mat or blanket.*

Instructor: Linda Baker

Cost: \$98/10 sessions

**Wednesdays, Jan. 27-March 31**

Time: 9:30-11:00 a.m.

### Kundalini Yoga

*Kundalini Yoga is a technology that combines breath work, movement, meditation, chanting and relaxation to work every aspect of the body, mind and spirit.*

Instructor: Dena Fairell

Cost: \$98/10 sessions

**Wednesdays, Jan. 27-April 7**

Time: 7:30-9:00 p.m.

### Special Interest

#### Introduction to Fly Tying

*Tie your own fly! Learn the basics of tying fishing flies. Designed for novice fishers who want to create a tasty treat for trout and other lake and river dwellers. Materials are supplied but students will be responsible for supplying their own tools.*

Instructor: Kerry Pitt

Cost: \$85/4 sessions

**Tuesdays, Feb. 2-23**

Time: 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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# Upcoming exhibits highlight local talents

January 15

## Closet Collectors

This is a community opportunity to showcase art works from the areas extensive personal collections. If you are interested in showcasing works from your collection advise the Gallery between Jan. 4-8.

February 5 (opening 7-9 p.m.)

## All My Relations

Featuring the Cameron family from the Moberly Lake First Nations. The family will be sharing family experiences, traditions, history, culture and contemporary art work.

## Multi-Purpose Room

### Treaty 8 100th Anniversary

A collection of historical infor-



mation and photographs relating to the signing of Treaty 8 will be on display.

March 8

## International Women's Day Then & Now - Clare Singleton

Clare Singleton is a former resident of Fort St. John, and we are pleased to welcome her back. She will be presenting a body of works that examine contemporary women's issues from a personal perspective.

## Multi-Purpose Room

### Our Stories

Local students will have an opportunity to work with Clare Singleton from March 8-13. A collection of the students' works will be on display.

April 9 (opening 7-9p.m.)

## Form to Function

An open invitation juried craft exhibition. The exhibit intends to celebrate and explore contemporary crafts.

## Multi-Purpose Room

### Wearable Art

This mini exhibit features hand made original Wearable art. The contents may form a Wearable Art Fashion Show & Tea.

## Studio Drop-in Space

Every second Saturday in the Cultural Centre. Costs and Materials change. Presented by North Peace Art Group & Peace Gallery North

Pre-register at 787-0993.

### Tentative Schedule

- January 16 & 30 - Drop in 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- February 13 - Calligraphy Class with Judith Bain-Dampier
- February 27 - Drop in 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- March 13 - Drop in 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- March 27 - Framing workshop/Art Auction preparation.
- April 10 & 24 - Drop in 9 a.m. to 1p.m.
- May 8 & 22 - Drop in 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

\*Everyone over the age of 12 are welcome to take part in the drop-in sessions (\$3 per person). Watch for more information regarding guest contributors or subjects to be covered at drop-in sessions

## Annual Art Auction

March 27 is the date for the **Annual Art Auction Fundraiser**. Do not miss this amazing event... which is getting bigger and better each year. This will be the third year of our wildly inventive art related theme for the ambiance and evenings activities. Support the Gallery through your attendance.

## Kids Programs...

DEADLINE for the 7th Annual Kids' Fun for All is May 5th.

**Banner Camp II** - Watch for participation details to create a Banner to hang in Fort St. John's streets.

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Thanks also to the partner sponsors of past and future shows. Your dedication to the arts in Fort St. John has been invaluable in allowing us to continue to offer these arts and cultural activities to our community.

Thank you to Sue Carson and Eva Kouwenhoven for their incredible energy and dedication as Festival Coordinators of the very successful 2nd Annual "Festival of Trees".

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## David Scheel

David Scheel is fast becoming recognized as one of our leading and most inventive humorists. It is hard to put David Scheel in to on particular category, he is one of that increasingly rare breed, being at any given time an actor, entertainer, pianist, composer, writer, director and journalist. David had won three international awards and in 1985 his work as a composer made him one of the youngest people to be listed in The International Who's Who in Music. Don't miss this truly versatile artist with his uncanny ability at voices and accents!

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## Quartango

Discover Quartango and experience the passion, melancholy, exhilaration and humor of their exciting, compelling music. Whenever Quartango performs, audiences are captivated by their exuberant performances of classic tangos and original works by the group's own members. Four classically trained musicians, they take tango in new directions, with impeccable arrangements, subtle and unexpected allusions to classical music and a liberal dose of humor, woven together by the elegant interplay of ensemble playing at its best. Quartango offers a varied repertoire ranging from the best-loved classical tangos to tango nuevo. The effervescent chemistry between the musicians and their engaging rapport with the audience create a memorable musical experience that brings down the house.

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# In the Theater...

## *The Amazing Kreskin*

For over four decades, The Amazing Kreskin has dramatized the unusual power of the human mind with a rare combination of wit and showmanship. Kreskin, who has performed for the likes of royalty and presidential families, has also made well over 500 television appearances, in addition, to those as host of his own highly rated series and specials. On stage and television, Kreskin seeks to reveal the thoughts of audience members, plant suggestions in fully aware subjects and dazzle with feats of extraordinary mental projections. This is a show guaranteed to captivate and amaze the audience, don't miss it!

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## *Foothills Brass*

Foothills Brass is a rarity on today's music scene; a full time chamber ensemble. This quintet brings together the unique blends of Philip Seguin on the Trumpet, Rosalee Morrison on the French Horn, Michael Thomson on the Trombone, Kenton McPeck on the Tuba and Chris Morrison on the Trumpet. Foothills Brass has been described as having wonderful musicianship and excellent stage presence. Their musical style has been graciously received across Canada, into the USA and far overseas. They have played to over 200 audience from concert halls to mountain tops, from cathedrals to intimate saloons and will bring their delightfully electric repertoire to Fort St. John, October 5. Be part of this unforgettable experience!

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----- Spring Science Fair -----



Join the North Peace Cultural Centre in their up coming 2001 Spring Science Fair for all ages! This is your opportunity to show off your talents in computer science & graphics or electrify us with magnetism experiments. Where ever your talents or interests lye we want to see them! We will be excepting registrations for individuals in age groups and parent/child teams in January of 2001. Watch for more details!

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The North Peace Cultural Center  
Presents  
**Cultural Avenue**

Join Us Fridays at the **Cultural Avenue** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Each Friday, a different local artist or performer will be showcasing their talent on the **Cultural Avenue.**

Come down to the Cultural Centre and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with food, fun and entertainment.

**We are looking for Artists and Performers to showcase their talent on the Cultural Avenue. If you are interested please contact Karen at 785-1992 for more information.**

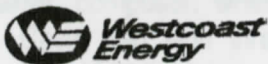


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**On Center Stage...**

*Paul Hann*



Paul Hann has won the respect of programmers across the country for his competence and dedication to his craft. Whether he performs with a symphony, in schools, or at a community concert, Paul knows how to entertain. His live performances for adults as well as children abound with amusing anecdotes, quick one-liners, musical participation, pinpoint timing and excellent musicianship. With 12 critically acclaimed albums, two Juno award nominations, his own award-winning Canadian television series and hundreds of concert appearances on several continents to his credit, Paul Hann has emerged as one of the nation's most versatile performers. Don't miss out on this side splitting show that is sure to entertain!

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## The Cultural Centre has it All...

### Brian Minter

Horticultural Society presents Horticulturist and entrepreneur Brian Minter, Sunday January 16 at 2:00 p.m.. Brian has an international reputation. Brian is co-owner of the renowned Minter Gardens in Chilliwack, BC. He is a published author on Canadian gardening. He is a syndicated newspaper columnist and is featured as a host of gardening radio talk shows and cable TV shows. This presentation is sponsored by the North Peace Horticultural Society and is sure to be full of wonderful gardening information and insights. Tickets are \$8.50 and available at the Cultural Centre Box Office. In mid-January we'll be ready for a breath of Spring, so mark Sunday, January 16th on your calendar.

### Steel Magnolias

The cast and crew of Stage North will take to the stage January 14, 15, 20, 21 & 22 at 8 p.m. with a presentation of Steel Magnolias. The action takes place in a beauty salon in the Southern United States. Enjoy this emotional roller coaster that will make you laugh, cry and be surprised.

### Tom Sawyer

The classic Tom Sawyer will be presented by the drama students from Doc Kearney Junior Secondary in late January. Come out and support our local drama students. It is sure to be an entertaining production.



### Cindy Church

Cindy Church, one of the most distinctive voices in Canada will be taking center stage on Wednesday, February 9th at 8:00 p.m. She is a singer, songwriter and recording artist in both the folk and country music fields. Her style is a blend of her maritime roots, she was raised in Bible Hill, Nova Scotia, crossed with 20 years of living in western Canada, and a recent move to Toronto. As she was growing up in the Mari-

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times, country music (Wilf Carter, Hank Snow, Kitty Wells) and pop and folk (The Beatles, Ian & Sylvia) filled the house.

Today, her intimate, close-to-your-ear voice has a warmth and tone that demands attention. The music she chooses to sing mixes influences and genres with ease; old style country one minute, swing jazz phrasing the next, with a torch of deep blues and rockabilly and the sweetness of pop confection to add to her unique approach to a song.

There is, most of all, an air of sheer innocence to everything she sings which sits well with the gently but firm assurance with which she performs. This is an artist whose music serves the lyrics she sings and who offers her music to her audiences knowing they will understand the spirit with which her gift is given.



# In the Theater....

In conjunction with Can- for the North Peace Cultural Centre is pleased to bring Cindy Church to Fort St. John on February 9 at 8:00 p. m.. Get your tickets early!



## Gryphon Trio

The Gryphon Trio, formed in 1993, has quickly established itself as one of Canada's finest chamber ensembles. Violinist Annalee Patipatanakoon, cellist Roman Borys and pianist Jamie Parker named this group after the Gryphon – the mythical half-lion/half-eagle creature that was reputed to be a guardian of treasures, and a symbol of the connection between psychic energy and cosmic force. This attitude is embodied in the Gryphon Trio – a group that is known for its integrity in interpreting the classics from the piano trio literature, and in presenting fresh new composition in a audience-friendly way.

The Gryphon Trio has toured extensively in Canada and the United States, and has also performed in Belgium, France, Poland, Germany and Australia. In addition to chamber music concerts, the Trio gives frequent master classes, radio and television appearances, and school presentations. In

1997, the Gryphon Trio performed live on the Internet from Toronto.

Brought to you in part by BC Hydro, the Gryphon Trio will be coming to Fort St. John on February 10 at 8:00 p.m.

## Hamlet

The Cultural Centre in partnership with Canadian Hunter Exploration is pleased to announce that The English Suitcase Theater will be bringing Shakespeare's classic "Hamlet" to Fort St. John on February 15th at 8:00 p.m. Founded in 1987 the English Suitcase Theater Company has established a reputation over the last 10 years as one of the leading international touring Fringe companies. The English Suitcase Theater Company has toured Canada extensively since 1987. The company's aim is to produce provocative, entertaining theater of the highest caliber which can't be ignored, focusing primarily on the text and actors involved.

Over the last 10 years the Canadian Fringe Festival circuit has provided the company with the perfect environment and support to fulfill this mandate and the company is finally planning to relocate to Canada at the end of this year, and establish a full-time repertory theater company based in Toronto. The critics praise this company.

*"This company keeps demonstrating that all they need is a good script and their superb actors and director will do the rest."*

Robert Enright, CBC TV

*"What the English Suitcase Theater Company has to offer is the kind of theater that we don't get to see enough of here – the kind that isn't out to soothe and amuse, but to shake up: that doesn't set out to pacify its audience, but to kick it in the teeth."* The Calgary Herald



## Oscar Lopez

The Cultural Centre is pleased to announce that Oscar Lopez is coming back to Fort St John on Friday, February 18th at 8 p.m. Mark this one down on your calendars because you just don't want to miss this phenomenal show. Oscar is truly an example of great talent and great talent can not be contained.

In Oscar's talented hands the guitar has a lot to say. One also hears the sounds of other lands and experiences. Although, the artist is reluctant to label his hybrid music. "It's so many things, so many different sounds," he says. "It's not flamenco, but it is in a way. It's not rock or blues, except in certain ways. There is always a strong Latin beat, a Spanish beat. Latin, definitely, because that's me, but there is so much other music that has touched me. Latin fusion, maybe? World beat? Soul beat? It can not be named." Come and see this phenomenal musician. Get your tickets early!



## Coming this Spring:

### **Zone Festival**

March 20 – April 1

### **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat**

Central School will be presenting this musical in April. Dates and times TBA

### **Peace River North**

#### **Festival of the Arts:**

#### **Dance Festival –**

April 16,17 & 18

#### **Music Festival –**

April 23,25,26,27 & 30

### **Studio to Stage**

Saturday, May 6th

### **Northern Lights College**

#### **Convocation 2000**

Friday, May 12th

### **Up with People**

May 13 and 14th

Watch for:

### **Tiller's Folley**

Coming this Spring! Dates and times TBA

### **John Arpin**

Friday, May 19th, at 8:00 pm.

This rags, blues pianist known as "The Chopin of Ragtime" will be in Fort St John. Don't miss this distinctive concert.

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## **On Centre Stage....**

### **Ballet British Columbia**



Ballet British Columbia will be performing in town on Tuesday, February 29 at 8:00 p.m. The troupe will be performing a Mixed Repertoire that will include 15 duets by James Kudelka, Zero Hour by Barry Ingham and Chiaroscuro by Lynne Taylor-Corbett. Join us for an evening of ballet.

### **Zone Festival**



Stage North and Theater BC present the Peace River Area Zone Festival from Monday, March 20 – Saturday, April 1. Watch for information on play dates, workshops and competition dates. Drama groups from all over the region are invited to participate. Contact June Ainsworth at 787-7248



*The Cultural Centre Staff and Board of Directors would like to extend Best Wishes for a Safe, Happy Holiday Season !!*

## **Thank You Sponsors!**

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# Upcoming Gallery Events

January 7 (Opening 7-9 p.m.)  
**Knowing Where You Are**  
Annerose Georgeons searched long and hard for a way to describe the relationship she has with the land on which she lived most of her life. Come and discover the answers. Each piece a unique combination of drawing and photography.

In the M.P. Room:

## Historical Panels

North Peace Art Group's first show of the millenium celebrates the rich past of the Peace Region Artists.

*On display until February 5, 2000*

February 12- (Opening 7-9p.m.)

## Peace-Liard Regional Juried Art Exhibition

Peace River North is proud to host this year's exhibition. This qualifying annual exhibition is held annually to select works to represent our region at the provincial exhibition "Artworks".

## Peace Gallery North



**787-0993**

Opening-March 17th (7-9p.m.)

## Not About Cows

Elizabeth Harris-Nichols offers us a series of paintings portraying life on the ranch, done in a remarkable range of styles and mediums.

*On display until April 10, 2000*

Opening- April 14th (7-9p.m.)

## Donalda Grassie

Donalda will be returning to the Gallery with a dazzling new show.

*On display until May 5, 2000*



Book your ticket for...  
Peace Gallery North's  
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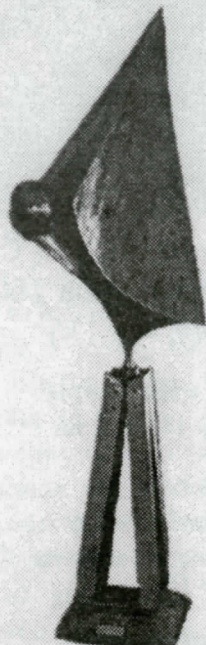
## Art Auction

Saturday, May 13th

This year's theme is

"The Age of Metallium"

This always popular gala event is not to be missed. Contact the Gallery for more details at 787-0993.



## STUDIO DROP IN

**Who:** Open to All Artists!!

**When:** Alternating Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**Where:**

North Peace Cultural Centre  
Rm. 2 - Wet Crafts Room  
*Pre-register at 787-0993*

The next session begins **January 22, 2000**. The Drop In sessions give you a great opportunity to meet other artists of the North Peace Art Group. Get involved - it is fun.

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*Peace Gallery North cordially invites you to attend the:*



## Chocolate Festival

**Saturday, February 12, 2000**

This first time fun(d) raiser features a juried competition and auction of goodies... a virtual heaven for Chocolate Lovers!!

*Contact the Gallery at 787-0993 for more information.*