## "Bright Nights in June"



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# **GRAND OPENING**

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 1992

at the North Peace Cultural Centre
corner of 100th - 100th, Fort St. John, B.C.

Dedication and Wine & Cheese 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Please R.S.V.P. by June 12, 1992
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## "Bright Nights in June"



The opening of the

### North Peace Cultural Centre

10015 100th St., Fort St. John, B.C.

#### Schedule of Events

**Open House** 

Friday, June 26th 1-10pm

Free Admission

Popcorn & Refreshments Guided Tours Performers Craft Displays

**CKNL Radio Broadcasting Live** 

#### Friday June 26th

Come and browse through the new facility at your leisure or join us on a guided tour - every half hour beginning at 1:00pm. Popcorn and refreshments will be available in the Concourse.

#### **Artspace**

5:00-5:30pm - Virginia Smith & Friends

5:30-6:00pm - Demonstration - Artspace Classes

Fern L'Heureux

6:30-7:00pm - Marge Cox

7:00-7:30pm - Demonstration - Artspace Classes

Betty-Jean Goodwyn

7:30-8:00pm - Dick Sequens/Magic Show

#### **Dance Floor**

6:00-6:30pm - Scottish Country Dancing

6:30-7:00pm - Can-Canettes

7:30-8:00pm - Ball Room Dancing

8:00-8:30pm - Scottish Country Dancing

8:30-9:00pm - Square Dancing

#### Theatre

5:00-5:20pm - Rap Finalists (Public Library)

5:40-6:00pm - NPR Music Teachers Association

6:20-6:40pm - Pamela Johnson

7:00-7:20pm - Gospel TabYouth

7:40-8:00pm - Square Dancers

8:20-8:40pm - Fort St. John Fiddlers Association

9:00-9:20pm - Lorne Leslie - Balladeer

9:40-10:00pm - Spruce Goose

#### Displays

1:00pm - 10:00pm

North Peace Historical Association North Peace Potter's Guild Fort St. John Machine Knitters

#### **Street Entertainers**

5:00-9:00pm

Sheeko Wolf (CKNL)
Newsie Bear (Alaska Highway News)
Virginia Smith & Friends
Bubbles the Clown
Dick Sequens/Magic Show

#### Fort St. John Public Library

Open 10:00am - 9pm (see theatre schedule for our Rap finalists)

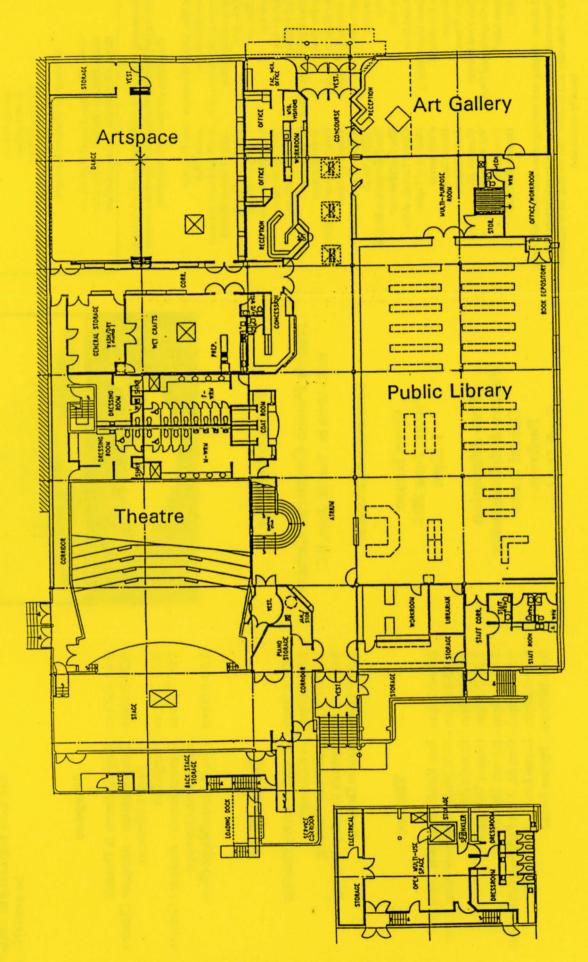
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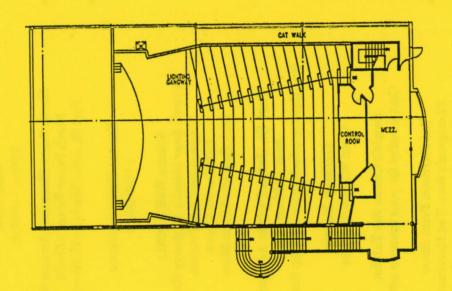
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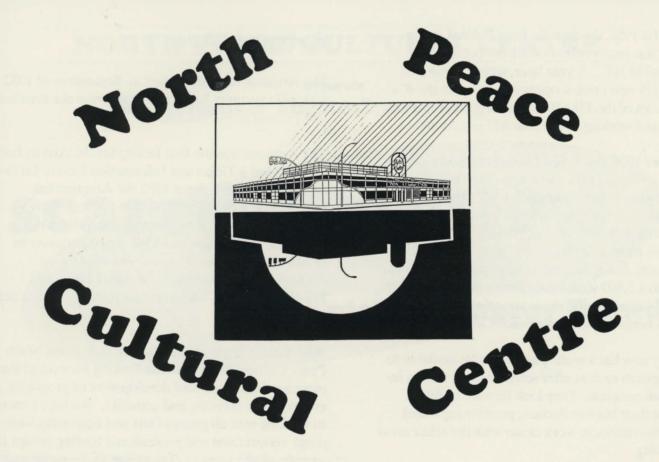
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"In the Heart of Fort St. John"

\* Public Library

\* Gallery North

\* 413 seat Theatre

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Information Hotline 785-1992

## Fort St. John Public Library

On March 1st 1950, the Fort St. John Public Library Assocation was incorperated under the provincial Libraries Act of B.C.. A year later, with 500 donated books and 139 new ones, it opened its doors in the 8' x 10' cloak room of the Elks Hall. The first paid staff member began working in 1952 for \$25 per month.

In December 1956, the Public Library moved to a new location in a 16' x 20' skid shack next door to the Elks Hall. They were only in the building for a year, when space was given to them in the new Porvincial Government Building on 100th Avenue. What a change that was from the one room skid shack with its icy floors and propane stove. Since then the Library has moved twice. In 1976, into a 3,300 square foot facility in the Overweitea Complex, and more recently to its 8,000 square foot home in the North Peace Cultural Centre.

The Library now has a multi-purpose room available to use for programs such as after school events, and an increased adult program. They look forward to future additions to their book collection, possibly expanded hours and the chance to work closer with the other areas of the building.

## **Axis Mime Theatre in FSJ**

Friday, October 30 Axis Mime Theatre and Touchstone Theatre preent a special Adult Mainstage Tour of "The Great Divide".

Presented in the grand style of the Italian Commedia Dell Arte, "The Great Divide" is a satrirical and comical look at the "have" and "Have nots" in society. Set in modern times, the production utilizes the original principles of the form, yet puts the characters and situations into a contemporary urban contest. "The Great Divide" is comedy pushed to the limit - the sordid will mix with the dignified, the banal with the tragic, resulting in a hilarious blend of braod physicality, slapstick and outrageous characters.

"The Great Divide" will be directed by Roy Surette, Roy Surette,, Artisite Director of Vancouver's Touchstone Theatre and will feature, among others, the talent of physical-theatre-clown-mime performers exetrodinaire Peter Anderson, Gina Bastone and Axis Mime Artistic Director Wayne Specht.

Ticket prices and performance time to follow.

## **Artspace Area**

The Artpsace was established in September of 1982 with a Community Recovery Grant from the Provincial and Federal Governments.

The Artspace was the first facility for the Arts in Fort St. John and a Ticket and Information Centre for the entire community. Since 1982 the Artspace has evolved into a ceter for many arts and non-arts organizations that do not have a space of their own. The Artspace has also provided the opportunity to develop the Artspace Classes, which meets the demands in the community for Arts Classes and Pre-school Classes which are not provided by any other institution.

With the development and completion of the North Peace Cultural Centre we are looking forward to even more services, space and development of programs, events, ticket services, and activities. We look forward to working with all groups (arts and non- arts), weddings, conventions and professional touring groups to provide all the services that we can to the community.

For further information please contact us at 785-1992 between 9 AM and 5 PM, Monday to Friday.



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## **Gallery North**

It has long been the dream of the art community to have a public gallery that would be the pride of our area.

A few years ago, a group of dedicated people formed the Peace Arts Gallery Society. Through their continuous efforts, including meetings with the architects, fundraising, and countless board meetings, we now have a Public Art Gallery.

Our facility meets national gallery standards. Humidity and temperature control, special lighting and unique hanging system allow the Gallery to bring in travelling exhibits which couldn't have been accommodated previously in the mall location, recently the Gallery featured a private collection of Ted Harrison prints. In addition, local art work such as prints by Donalda Grasse will be featured, and a gift shop offering locally crafted items, is an added attraction.

Gallery North as it is now called looks forward to added public activites such as painting and drawing workshops. The public is more than welcome to come into the Centre and tour the Gallery. Hours of operation are 10 AM to 5 PM Monday to Saturday. For more information you can contact the Gallery during hours of operation at 787-0993.



# Partly Arts Concert Series 1992-1993 Season





"The Colormen" - Friday, October 23, 1992

The dynamics of this four member a cappella vocal group is a reflection of their musical development and diverse influences. Formerly known as "The Melloyds", this group's performances of do-wop, soul and R & B favorites from the 50's and 60's are always upbeat and entertaining. As "The Colomnen", their music has grown with the influence of funk, rap, hip-hop and other dance oriented styles creating their own sound known as "a capella Nu-bop".

"The Gizmo Guys" - Friday, November 13, 1992

Since 1978 Allan Jacobs and Barrett Felker have been entertaining around the world, touching down on six of the seven continents. "The Gizmo Guys present a comedy juggling show that features world class skills in a casual and engaging manner that makes the audience feel a part of the performance.

"The Lenny Solomon Trio" - Saturday, January 23, 1993

Lenny Solomon's history as a violinist goes back to the early 70's when he was a member of the Juno award -winning group Myles and Lenny. As a member of the popular classical group Quintessence, Lenny has performed over 200 concerts across the U.S. and Canada. "The Lenny Solomon Trio" is presenting a family-oriented program called "Horsehair and Catgut" which is a light-hearted approach to the violin, demonstrating the range and versatility of what many consider to be a "traditional" instrument. Embarking on a musical journey which touches on a variety of forms and styles, "Horsehair and Catgut" is a fun-filled show for the whole family.

"Toronto Dance Theatre Society" - Saturday, February 6, 1992

"Toronto Dance Theatre" was founded in 1968 by Peter Randazzo, Patricia Beatty and David Earle to produce and develop original Canadian Dance work, and in doing so they changed the face of Canadian dance. Now in its third decade of excellence, the Company of 14 superb dancers is firmly established with a national and intentional reputation, having performed across North and South America, Europe, including the prestigious Seoul Olympics Arts Festival. The enormously gifted and dazzling Toronto Dance troupe returns to Fort St. John for a spectacular and energetic performance.

"Missoula Children's Theatre" - Saturday, February 20, 1993

The Missoula Children's Theatre has provided professional drama for children since 1970. One of their touring groups will be returning to Fort St. John for a third year. Over 100 children have had the opportunity to take part in a week long residency that culminates in a full-scale musical production of a classic children's tale. Approximately fifty local performers, ranging in age from kindergarien through grade twelve will be cast in a production of Alice in Wonderland this year. For the audience, it's a unique, high-quality performance. For the cast, it's an intensive theatrical experience that one will not soon forget. It's hard work. And it's fun. And that's the simple beauty of it.

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Further to making your experience in the theatre an enjoyable one, the lobby area is expansive and beautifully finished. There is an upper area and loft complete with a wet bar and a view of the city. In the lower level there is lots of room to stretch out and a cafe run by CRAZY FOR FOOD, serving coffee, tea and juices as well as delicious pastries and light snacks. The cafe is also open every day from 10-5 so join us for lunch or a snack. The theatre is available for rent for all groups. The opportunities are unlimited; from a piano recital to a full-length play to conference/convention, to a dance extravaganze, the theatre is affordable and we will do everything we can to make it easy and profitable for your group to present an event. Call Ian Forsyth at 785-1992 for more information.