

## New season for Erin Roots concerts

ERIN - The Erin Roots concert series is returning for a new season of monthly concerts at the Busholme Inn on Main Street.

"We're featuring the best singer/songwriter and roots/traditional performers that Southern Ontario has to offer," said organizer Jay Mowat.

"We're welcoming back Guelph's Tannis Slimmon and Ingelwood's David Storey for encore performances. We're also featuring concerts with Erin's Sara Wilkinson and Shelburne's Sohayla Smith."

The first show is on Oct. 20, featuring the Sohayla Smith Band. They were nominated for a Toronto Independent Music Award for best country performers.

On Nov. 17 is Sara Wilkenson and her band, playing gospel, reggae, blues, electronic and three-part string arrangements.

Tragedy Ann, a duo with Liz Cazzola and Braden Phelan, plays folk rock and alt. blues on Dec. 15.

Guelph's Sam Turton comes to town Jan. 19, playing delta blues and southern gospel on his slide guitar.

The balance of the 2019 schedule features songwriter Graham Nicholas on Feb. 16, folk-rocker David Storey on March 23, the critically-acclaimed Tannis Slimmon with Lewis Melville on April 27 and Hamilton folk-pop singer Piper Hayes with her partner Carson Ritcey-Thorpe on May 25.

## Bob Milne plays Century Church Theatre for the 16th year

ERIN - The great Bob Milne returns to Century Church Theatre in Hillsburgh on Oct. 13 for the 16th year.

Why do people come back time and time again to hear Bob Milne?

He thrills audiences around the world with his own brand of ragtime and gospel music.

In addition to the music, he has a magical touch as a storyteller, recounting stories not only about music greats like Scott Joplin who penned this music, but about his own fascinating life as what he calls "a journeyman piano-player."

Milne has been featured in a PBS special and filmed for their archives by the

Library of Congress, in recognition of his unique place in musical history and his natural talent as a charismatic entertainer.

The show takes place on Oct. 13 at 8pm.

Tickets are \$29, and may be reserved by calling the box office at 519-855-4586 or visit [www.centurychurch-theatre.com](http://www.centurychurch-theatre.com).

## Hills of Erin Studio Tour changes location and date

ERIN - The Hills of Erin Studio Tour 30th Anniversary Celebration is taking place on Nov. 3 and 4.

It will run from 10am to 5pm on both days at Teak Barn, 8809 Wellington Road 124 in Erin.

For the first time in the history of the Hills of Erin Studio Tour, the artists will be gathering in one location to celebrate the 30th anniversary.

Another change to the studio tour is that the dates have moved to November.

The time between Thanksgiving and Christmas, when the weather is still appropriate for traveling and there is still a chill in the air is a good time to get out into the beautiful countryside to catch the last of fall and embrace local art talent and visit some of what the town of Erin has to offer.

For more details visit [HillsOfErinStudioTour.com](http://HillsOfErinStudioTour.com).



Studio tour kick off - The 32nd annual Elora Fergus Studio Tour takes place from 10am to 5pm on Sept. 22 and 23, and again on Sept. 29 and 30. Tour-goers can visit the Elora Centre for the Arts and see a piece of work from each of the 39 participating artists. One of those artists is Lorraine Macdonald who stood beside her watercolour painting at the opening reception at the Elora Centre for the Arts on Sept. 13. Visit [www.elorafergusstudiotour.com](http://www.elorafergusstudiotour.com) for details and a tour map.

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## Royal City Toastmasters shaping lives for 60 years

GUELPH - The Royal City Toastmasters Club #2735, marked its 60th anniversary this year.

In honour of the occasion, an open house will be held on Sept. 27 at the Community Living Centre, 8 Royal Rd, Guelph.

Members of the public are invited to learn more about Toastmasters and attend the event.

For more information visit [contact-2735@toastmastersclubs.org](mailto:contact-2735@toastmastersclubs.org).

Since 1958, the club has been dedicated to helping people become better speakers and leaders.

"Royal City Toastmasters provides a supportive and positive environment where members have the opportunity to overcome their fear of public speaking and sharpen presentation skills," said Sara Phillips, vice president - public relations for the Royal City Toastmasters.

"Other benefits include the opportunity to increase one's confidence, build critical thinking skills and become an effective listener," said Phillips.

Club members benefit

from lessons from new and experienced participants as well as guest speakers.

Experienced member Rosalind Scantlebury has missed only two club meetings in 22 years, and provides a wealth of advice to new members.

Former member Lloyd Longfield is now Member of Parliament for Guelph, and returned for a guest speaker appearance earlier in the year.

"Royal City Toastmasters not only is helping me advance my professional career by being a better, more confident speaker, it also gave me the confidence and skills to host a moderated panel of world-class celebrities in front of a paying audience this past summer", Phillips said.

The Royal City Toastmasters club meets every second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30pm at the Community Living Centre at 8 Royal Road in Guelph.

For more information about the club visit [royal-city.toastmastersclubs.org](http://royal-city.toastmastersclubs.org).

## Rotary Club Feast of Hops on Sunday

ERIN - Local chefs will compete for the People's Choice Award at this Sunday's Feast of Hops at the Erin Agricultural Building.

The annual celebration of craft beer and cider, a fundraiser organized by the Rotary Club of Erin, will run from 2pm to 5 pm on Sept. 23.

Popular live music will be provided by the Campfire Poets band.

Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door, restricted to age 19 plus. They are available online at Eventbrite and from Rotary Club members.

Go to [www.feastofhops.ca](http://www.feastofhops.ca) for more details.

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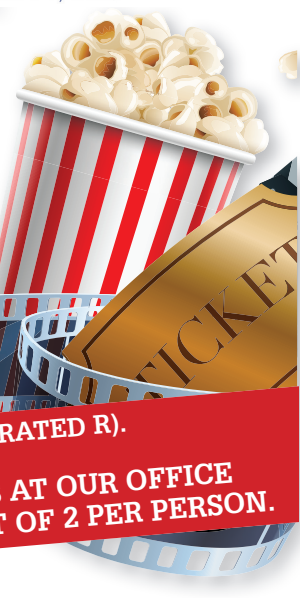
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