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MUSIC

Cello and guitar duo perform this Saturday

Swedish cellist Kristin Malmberg and Canadian classical guitarist Timothy Phelan, known as Aurora Polaris, are coming together for a concert this Saturday (Oct. 14) at Knox's Galt Presbyterian Church.

The event, which features original works by the duo as well as adaptations of familiar favourites, gets underway at 7 p.m.

Included a community guitar orchestra performance of The Journey, based on Canadian and Swedish folk songs. Orchestra includes members of Guitar Society of Brantford, K-W Guitar Orchestra, Cambridge's Musical Lives Guitar Orchestra and more.

Admission is by free-will offering, with a suggested donation of \$20 each for adults and \$10 each for students and seniors.

LITERATURE

Autumn Book Sale runs Oct. 13 to 19

Books and more will be up for grabs as Idea Exchange libraries officials look to make some space with the Autumn Book Sale.

A variety of adult and children's titles will be available for purchase at each of the four library locations throughout Cambridge between this Friday (Oct. 13) and next Thursday, during regular operating hours.

Beyond books, the sale includes magazines, CDs, DVDs and more. The selection will be rotated and restocked daily between the various branches.

Prices range from 50 cents to \$2.

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Drink in galleries' Harvest Moon Shine

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Aidan Ware admits she has grown fond of the term "community raisers".

The Cambridge art galleries director coined the phrase for the spring's Volume 1: Excess Party, which opened up Idea Exchange for an evening of music, entertainment and interactive stations to pique the senses.

Now, she's bringing it back again for the galleries' Harvest Moon Shine event on Oct. 20. This time, it's a party with a country twist. Unlike the technology and glitz of the Excess Party, this get together is about music, dancing, food and fun.

"We've changed our whole fundraising approach," Ware said about the followup event to the successful Excess Party. Volume 2 will be held on March 3, 2018, and there may be some details revealed at Harvest Moon Shine.

"We really want to angle these events as things that the community really wants to be a part of rather than framing them as a fundraiser. I've said before I'm really interested in community raiser and that concept. That's really where I want this event to live, within that kind of thought that our community is coming together, having a great time and socializing."

It's also about not seeing the library and gallery as static.

"We want to sort of build our audience, we want to get the community involved and excited to see our space differently, to come and have a good time with us and raise money on top of it."

Of course, with the name Harvest Moon Shine, there is alcohol involved, requiring guests to be 19 years or older.

Murphy's Law Distillery Ltd., of Elmira, will be on hand with their flavoured moonshines, which includes White Lightnin', Apple Pie and Peach Pie, while Royal City Brewing Company, of Guelph, will take care of the beer. Q BBQ Public House is serving the food.

The Ever-Lovin' Jug Band will perform, but there will also be a DJ spinning top-40 country hits. People will be able to do The Electric Slide and the Hoedown Throw-down with line dancing by KYNAMICS, and swing their partner with Square and Round Dancers of South Western Ontario.

"This party is so seasonal," Ware said.

"I'm really interested in community raiser and that concept."

Aidan Ware
Idea Exchange galleries director



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PREPARING TO SHINE: Idea Exchange art galleries director Aidan Ware (left) and Sandra Sydor, co-ordinator of marketing and outreach, play a fun game of Harvest Moon Shine poker to promote the Oct. 20 event.

"You've got Oktoberfest and all those celebrations going on, and you have your harvests coming in, so let's ride that wave a bit and celebrate the season with this party."

There will be some surprises as well, but Ware revealed some of the highlights — a "fashion sequence" by Cambridge firefighters showing off Blackbridge Harley-Davidson wear, and the 99 Bottles of Beer Wall. For \$20, people will get a package that will include beer, but also prizes such as gift certificates to restaurants, green fees or bar glasses.

All of the prizes were donated.

"The partners ... all these people help make the event possible," she said.

Events like Excess Party and Harvest Moon Shine, according to Ware, shows the advancement Idea Exchange has shown in growing with the community.

"We want people to be surprised, and come and have new experiences with us and connect with us in new ways.

"I think that's how we do that; to change it up and be ever-changing."

Money raised from Harvest Moon Shine will not only keep programming free at the gallery, it will help launch free gallery memberships for 2018.

People who used to get a paid membership, which included free admission to provincial art galleries and other perks, will just have to sign up to get a card that will cover the library and gallery.

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