

Headwaters Festival: Fall's most vibrant arts event

Headwaters Arts shows off its true colours with three, art-filled weekends, running from Sept. 20 ? Oct. 6, 2013.

The Headwaters Arts Festival celebrates the arts across the region this fall. Expect parties, performances, juried art shows, hands-on workshops and studio tours ? an array of events over three consecutive weekends. More than 150 visual and performing artists are showcased.

For more information, visit the Festival's website <http://headwatersarts.com/festival/>

Remaining events include:

ARMCHAIRS, AUTHORS & ART? Thursday, Sept. 26, 7 ? 10 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)

Each fall, Headwaters welcomes some of Canada's best writers for an evening of readings, discussion, book sales and signings, drinks and refreshments.

The evening's moderator is Nicola Ross, and she welcomes four authors: Don Gillmor (Mount Pleasant ? a comic novel about money, real estate and financial expectations), Oakland Ross (The

Empire of Yearning ? a sweeping tale of competing allegiances, set in 19th century Mexico), Wayne Johnston (The Son of a Certain Woman ? a witty and wise coming of age tale set in St. John's, Nfld) and Maureen Jennings (Beware This Boy ? a mystery set in Birmingham during the Blitz where a munitions factory has just exploded).

Refreshments will be served, courtesy of The Wine Coaches, Flying Monkeys Craft Brewery, Woolwich Dairy, French Press Coffee House and Bistro.

Event Site: SGI-Canada Caledon Centre, 20490 Porterfield Rd., Alton

Tickets: \$30 at Booklore, 121 First St., Orangeville 519-942-3830 or online at www.headwatersarts.com or at the Festival office in the Alton Mill Arts Centre, 1402 Queen St., Alton, 519-943-1149.

ART EVENTS:

From theatre presentations to gallery shows to a special screening at the cinema and outstanding exhibitions, there are events scheduled in 17 different venues. Here are a few highlights:

? Wichita Lineman: The Music of Glen Campbell ? Sept 26 & 29 at 2 p.m.; Sept. 27 & 28 at 8 p.m. Tickets: \$40, available at Theatre Orangeville

? Monday Night at the Movies ? Oct. 7 at 7:30 p.m. Spring & Arnaud: Art and Mortality , a tender story about Canadian artists Spring Hurlbut and Arnaud Maggs. Tickets: \$12, at Booklore, or on film night at Galaxy Theatres, Orangeville.

OPEN STUDIOS:

The Hills are alive with creativity. In the Hills of Headwaters there are over 200 artists working in every media imaginable. Painters, potters, glassblowers, woodworkers, weavers, sculptors and jewellers all create here.

And during the Headwaters Arts Festival, their studio doors are open!

See art in action and witness the creative process. Visit century homes, schoolhouses and historic buildings rejuvenated into studio space. Travel the back roads, and take in the spectacular landscapes decked out in fall colours.

Indoor Studio Tours are featured at the Alton Mill Arts Centre in the village of Alton, Williams Mill Visual Arts Centre in Glen Williams, and Dragonfly Arts in Orangeville.

Countryside, check out the North of 89 tour and the Hills of Erin Studio Tour.

Individual studios also open their doors. Silver Creek Arts Project in Caledon, Terra Trove Studio in Orangeville and Arts II Studio in Waldemar. Dates and hours vary, so check the listings at <http://headwatersarts.com/festival/open-studio-listings> to avoid disappointment.

Art Happens at

KIDS' ARTS FEST

Kids' Art Fest is an opportunity for young people to sample the arts, to try something new without committing to a long-term program. Workshops are presented by working artists. And budding artisans are encouraged to come out and load a paintbrush, dance a dance, capture a shot, hear the words or manipulate the clay?all in the spirit of creativity.

Kids can get a taste for dance at Citrus Dance Studio, or painting at Maggionly Art Supplies, Orangeville, or with Andrea Bird (in The Hive - Studio 201) or Mark Grice (in the Bridge Workshop) at the Alton Mill Arts Centre. Or try photography with Patty Horton in East Garafraxa, pottery with Ann Randeraad at the Alton Mill or at Pottery Parties in the Hills, Orangeville, beadwork at Dragonfly Arts in Orangeville, chain maille bracelet making at Gallery Gemma in the Alton Mill Arts Centre, or book creation with Runley Books also at the Alton Mill.

Pre-registration required for most sessions. See a full list of Kids' Art Fest events <http://headwatersarts.com/festival/kidsfest-events>