

Media Release

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For Immediate Release:

The Southampton Arts Society's 8th Annual Lantern Festival!

(Southampton, ON) This family friendly festival features former CBC darlings, Canadian acoustic folk recording artists Rare Indeed. This will be a highly anticipated reunion performance after a nearly ten year hiatus! Rare Indeed will be followed by the region's premier fire twirler, Vita the Twirlin' Diva! At dusk, join the community for a magical, piper-led processional around Fairy Lake at dusk, compliments of Sauble Beach's Harvey Brush. This community celebration is planned for Sunday, August 1st, 2010 at 7 pm at Fairy Lake, which is located just one block east of the lights in Southampton. (Rain date: August 8th, 2010)

This festival is comprised of local residents and visitors to Saugeen Shores of all ages, lifestyles and cultures, who by the act of participation become the festival itself. The evening will be spellbinding, with the elements of spectacle, live music, fire, community art and the celebration of our community spirit. Chapman's ice cream will be available for sale, and a 50/50 draw will benefit the Southampton Arts Society and one lucky winner!

Over the past eight years, the festival has been a wonderful opportunity for children and adults alike to experience the thrill of community arts and culture as local residents, businesses, tourists and artists all emerge to become involved.

Plain or artist-decorated lanterns are for sale at the Southampton Art Gallery & Shop, where you can also sign up for our annual lantern making workshop on Sunday, July 25 from 12-2 pm. All are welcome to come and create their own special lantern.

The 8th Annual Lantern Festival is generously sponsored by Meridian Credit Union (Port Elgin). Participation at the Festival and the lantern making workshop are by donation.

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