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Markham Jazz Festival Youth Initiatives

Saturday, August 19th- Sunday, August 20th

Markham, ON – The **Markham Jazz Festival** (MJF) incorporates youth initiatives into this years' '**The World of Jazz**' festival.

There is a significant youth component to this years' festival, featuring a Student Jazz Workshop, a Rotary Jazz Award for a young musician, and some talented teenaged performers at the Unionville Bandstand.

Markham Jazz Festival Launch:

Markham Rotary presents Kevin Cato with the Mitch Mitchell Award for "Up and Coming Jazz Musician" The Markham Hilton Suites Hotel and Conference Centre.
Thursday, August 17th – 7pm until 9pm

Kevin Cato will be presented with the Mitch Mitchell Award for "Up and Coming Jazz Musician" which is sponsored by the Markham Rotary. Kevin is in his final year at Markham District High School, and was selected to receive the award based on his talent as well as his participation in jazz in school and the greater community. Kevin plans to pursue jazz studies after high school. The award will be presented at the Markham Jazz Festival Launch. Kevin will also be performing at a Festival Hot spot on Saturday evening.

Student Jazz Workshop:

Varley Art Gallery on Unionville Main Street
Saturday, August 19th from 10:00am until 12:00pm.

The Markham Jazz Festival, in conjunction with Cosmo Music and Yamaha Music of Canada are presenting a Student Jazz Workshop with noted clinician, Chase Sanborn. The workshop takes place at the Varley Art Gallery on Unionville Main Street on Saturday, Aug. 19 from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm. Some spaces are still available. See www.markhamjazzfestival.com for registration information.

Unionville Bandstand:

MJF presents Rob Christian
Saturday, August 19th from 7:00pm until 10:30pm

Young jazz flute and sax player Rob Christian will be performing at the Unionville Bandstand. Rob was the recipient of the Celebration of the Arts in York Region Award in 2004, a Rotary Jazz Award in 2005 and an IAJA (International Assoc. of Jazz Educators) award in 2006. Rob has been a featured jazz artist at many jazz festivals in southern Ontario. Rob will be bringing his combo and several special guests for a concert that has been a tradition at the Bandstand for the past three years.

This Celebrate Markham event is funded in part by the Town of Markham. Please join the MJF for a truly a magical experience

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Youth Initiatives
Saturday, day and evening, August 19th
Sunday afternoon, August 20th**

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