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A River of music, poetry and history make York Region a cultural destination this spring! The 5th annual Blue Bridge Festival is set to start your summer off on the 'right note'. Take part in a celebration of our historic community with some of Canada's finest actors, musicians, poets and artists in a weekend of great music of all kinds.

With a mixture of free concerts and gated events, the Festival is a one-of-a-kind collaboration between the arts, hosted by the Ardeleana Chamber Music Society and their resident musicians, the Ardeleana Trio. The society is a registered Charity in Canada since 1988. Tickets for all evening events are available online at www.ardeleanamusic.com or by calling 289 470 1099

Your weekend begins on Friday night at the Georgina Pioneer Village at 7:30 pm. Inside a gallery of intimate venues, refined chamber musicians, the Blue Bridge Festival Choir, jazz and folk artists riff off leading Canadian poets, while you are being transported into the past by William Lyon MacKenzie himself, played by Georgina's own song writer and entertainer, Magoo. The evening includes performances by ArdeleanaMusic, Marie-Lynn Hammond & Friends, Fullbrook Bothers, Georgina Jazz with jazz vocalist Maria Shantz, founder of York Region Finger-style Guitar Association Brian O'Sullivan, and the line up of festival opera singers who are the festival's famous " Strolling Diva's". Poets include Pat Keeney, David Daniel Moses, Peter Taylor and dub poet Michael St. George.

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Online at www.blulebridgefestival.com

Festival events for the weekend of June 3, 4, 5 throughout York Region are as follows:

LAKE SIMCOE ON FRIDAY

Blue Bridge Plays the Village

Friday 3 June 2011 7:30 PM

Georgina Pioneer Village (Civic Centre, Sutton)

- Tickets \$15 (Online Now) or Pay what You Can
- Classical: Blue Bridge Festival Choir, Ardeleana, Blue Bridge Horn Trio, Festival Opera Singers
- Folk: Marie-Lynn Hammond, Ed Winacott, Fullbrook Bros., Magoo
- Jazz: Georgian Jazz, Maria Shantz, Brian O'Sullivan
- Poetry: Pat Keeney, Daniel David Moses, Peter Taylor, Michael St. George

Refreshments will be served.

NEWMARKET ON SATURDAY

Blue Bridge On Main

Saturday 4 June 2011 12 Noon-4 PM

Venues: Cafés and Stores on Main Street.

- Classical: Ardeleana, Blue Bridge Winds, French Horns, Sospiri Trio, Youth quartets, Strolling Divas
- Folk & Jazz: Marie-Lynn Hammond; Magoo, Sly Violet, Ed Winacott.
- James Alderson, York Region Finger-style Guitar Assoc.
- (Alex Stratas, Richard Elliott)
- Poets: Michael St. George, Patricia Keeney, Heather Cadsby, Daniel David Moses, Peter Taylor
- Events:
 - Children's Story Opera – *Jonathon's Storm* by Brenda Muller, Trinity UC lawn at 12:30 & 2:30 pm
 - Culture walk with Mackenzie – 1 pm, leaves from Elman Campbell museum

**Blue Bridge Gala Concert
Saturday 4 June 2011 8 PM**

Trinity United Church (Park and Main Streets)

Tickets \$20 (Online Now)

- The Blue Bridge Festival Choir & Orchestra, conducted by William Shookhoff, Catherine Maguire
- *Music: Johannes Brahms* "Song of Destiny"; *Franz Josef Haydn* "St. Nicolai" Mass
- Mary Gardiner Memorial Premiere
- Soloists: Natalie Donnelly, *soprano*; Linda Condy, *mezzo-soprano*; Robert Owen, *tenor*; Larry Tozer, *bass*
- Poets: Patricia Keeney, Daniel David Moses, Michael St. George.

UNIONVILLE ON SUNDAY

**Blue Bridge & the Varley Gallery
Sunday 5 June 2011 11 AM – 4 PM**

[In Partnership with Varley Art Gallery & Unionville BIA]

Varley Art Gallery Courtyard

- 11 am Children's "Faces in the Storm" Art & Drama Workshop with Sonia Norris, (register at Varley Gallery)
- 12:30 Children's Story Opera – *Jonathon's Storm*
- 11 am - Blue Bridge Horn Trio,
- 1:30 – 2:15 Toronto Chinese Orchestra
- 2:10 – 3 pm Poets, Blue Bridge Youth Academy Ensembles
- 3 pm Children's Story Opera – *Jonathon's Storm*

McKay House and on the street– between 11:30 and 3 pm

- Erwin Shack, York Region Finger-style Guitar Association
- Sospiri trio
- Toronto Chinese Orchestra small ensembles
- Strolling Divas,
- *Poets: Patricia Keeney, Daniel David Moses, Peter Taylor*

Artistic Director: Brenda Muller

For Tickets and Performance Schedules

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