

Culture Days at Aurora Public Library



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Experience your passion through music and art as Aurora Public Library unleashes creativity in this year's celebration of Culture Days.

Culture Days is a national initiative committed to the goal of encouraging all Canadians to make culture a daily part of life. Artist-in-Residence, Anita Dhanjal, will be speaking to her current exhibit 'My India and Radiant Dancers' and her time in San Miguel de Allende studying under the iconic Canadian figure skater and artist, Toller Cranston.

Framing her presentation will be the transcendental sounds of the sitar performed by the artist's brother, Pradeep Kalsi. When Kalsi was young, he discovered the music of Ravi Shankar in his dad's record collection and was riveted by the meditative voice of the instrument. Later, when he was exposed to the music of the Beatles, most especially George Harrison, who studied with Shankar, he was hooked for life. Kalsi now travels back and forth to India in the study of classical music and will be bringing its reflective sound to the library's living room.

Following this collaboration between the sibling duo, Musicians John Ebata (keyboards) and Siobhan Duffy (vocals) will blow the rafters off the library with three pop-up performances guaranteed to have visitors begging for more. Ebata is equally versatile in all musical styles from jazz to world music to rock and R&B, but these sets will be decidedly jazz.

Ebata has become the first choice accompanist of many great singer songwriters and is recognized as one of the top Canadian piano-keyboardists in Canada. He has performed and recorded with Buffy St. Marie and Oscar Peterson, and this intimate performance with the famed Siobhan Duffy will provide the opportunity for visitors to interact with these musical greats. John Ebata and Siobhan Duffy are brought to you through the generous sponsorship of the Baha'i Community of Aurora.

Culture Days is a collaborative movement that welcomes your participation. Passports listing many of the day's events have been generously provided by Prime Data and will be distributed in The Auroran. Have your passport stamped to be eligible for one of five prize packages supplied by participating organizations.

Culture Days at Aurora Public Library takes place Saturday, October 1, from 1 ? 4.15 p.m. in the library living room. Events are free and refreshments will be served.

For further information, visit the Library website (www.aurorapl.ca) or telephone 905-727-9494 x275. Aurora Public Library is located at 15145 Yonge Street in the downtown historic core of Aurora.