

Join us for a community FUNdraiser: Magna

We have been at it for 28 years.

So, what's our story? We help 15 charities every year. These charities touch on all elements of a community from kids to seniors and from autism to ALS. Without these smaller charities a community would be without support of the critical contributions made by these groups. These charities may not directly impact you, but they do impact somebody you know, or will impact somebody you know.

So join us in supporting this fantastic cause by coming to the event and having some FUN!

This year we have some fantastic entertainment: true Canadian icons and some very, very talented local artists.

Leading Friday nights talent are the Showdown contestants.

If you had a chance to visit Ribfest you will know that the competition is really tough this year and the Showdown is a great opportunity to hear some great music with some very talented budding new artists. And our judges are Beverley Mahood, Joan Walker, Tom Cross and me?. Yup, I get to judge.

Finishing off the evening with a bang, we brought Alan Doyle, formerly from the band known as Great Big Sea, to our Hoedown stage.

His new band, The Beautiful Gypsies, will raise the roof. Alan Doyle has been producing music for more than 20 years. He continues to entertain audiences with The Beautiful Gypsies, an energetic east coast rock band that brings good feelings to the soul. On Saturday night we have Paul Brandt finishing off the evening with a bang. He is an internationally known country music recording artist and has several platinum songs and has won several CCMA awards and Juno awards in his career. Yes, he was at the Hoedown in 2012 but he is soooo good?we brought him back.

Kicking off Saturday night we have Western Swing Authority, a fusion of old and new country swing music. They have either won or been nominated for 23 awards in the last three years.

Following that, we welcome Jean Nolan all the way from Nashville, Tennessee. Since arriving in Nashville in February of 2015, Jean has written close to 80 songs, played approximately 120 shows, has been selected as part of the starring cast for the new reality TV show Another Country, was a two time finalist at Nashville's Rising Star (song writing competition), is a 2016 Smokey Mountain Songwriter Festival Songwriting competition finalist, (Top 3 out of over 400 entries) and had eight songs picked up by some of Nashville's most prestigious song-pluggers to be pitched to major artists.

And from very close to home we have Leah Daniels from Uxbridge. With the video for her Top 20 single ?Go Back? in rotation on CMT, a handful of 2015 Canadian Country Music Association (CCMA) award nominations to her credit (Rising Star & Interactive Artist) and a Country Music Association Of Ontario (CMAO) Rising Star award win, Leah Daniels has already established a reputation as one of Canada's brightest new country music artists.

Hope to see y'all then. Get your tickets now at www.hoedown.ca

Steve Hinder

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