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Greetings from Muskoka Chautauqua

With an ever-growing itinerary of programming and events, Muskoka Chautauqua's artistic and cultural impact has been marked by drastic growth and expansion over the past year. As we continue to increase our partnership base in Muskoka, the success of our many events this past year are a strong testament to this organization's place as a cornerstone of Muskoka's social, community and cultural fabric.

Our Reading Circle Signature event, the Flavours of Muskoka Chautauqua culinary experience, Canada Day festivities, and partnerships with Opera Muskoka and Kenneth G. Mills Foundation are just a few of our many 2013 highlights. With enthusiastic participation from a large roster of future artists, our Kaleidoscope Arts in Education programs have continued to reach an ever-expanding number of area children with artistic instruction, leadership and inspiration.

This past year, the organization has received more generous support than ever before from our sponsors and from government grants. Moving forward, we are planning to include an even greater roster of artistic and cultural events, programming and activities for Muskokans to participate in.

As we head into 2014, we aim to continue spreading our positive contributions to the Muskoka community, while broadening the scope of our lifelong education, programming and events. We hope to continue inspiring more and more Muskokans and visitors to immerse themselves in the natural creativity that has flowed through Muskoka for generations.



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A special thanks to our dedicated volunteers who gave their time, sweat and talent to make our 2013 year a success. None of our accomplishments would be possible without you.

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Muskoka Chautauqua is a vibrant arts-based community where visitors come for personal growth, enrichment and renewal. A member of the North American **Chautauqua Trail**, Muskoka Chautauqua is an uplifting cultural hub that encompasses the arts, education and reflection; a place removed from the day-to-day world, where practitioners and leading thinkers of our time share innovative and creative ideas. Muskoka Chautauqua is a place where the arts blend with the natural beauty of Muskoka and where the human spirit – and all its hidden talents – may be liberated ... and soar.

Our vision

To be internationally recognized as a leader in the provision of creative, arts-based programming for entertainment and life-long learning that enhances and enriches our communities.

Our mission

To design and deliver multi-disciplinary arts-based programs that inspire personal growth, enrichment and renewal by celebrating creativity, the human spirit, and Muskoka's unique heritage and natural environment, while contributing to the economic and social vitality of our communities.

For information and event listings, visit www.muskokachautauqua.ca





Muskoka Chautauqua was founded on Tobin Island on Lake Rosseau at the turn of the last century, and has now been reawakened after 80 years. In keeping with its historic tradition, Muskoka Chautauqua continues to engage, innovate and provide opportunities for transformational experiences through the arts and through lifelong learning. Muskoka Chautauqua is a part of the North American Chautauqua movement and 21st century cultural renaissance, and is the only Canadian chapter of the movement currently in operation.

Inspired by the stunning natural beauty of its environment and a rich cultural heritage, Muskoka Chautauqua offers unique and innovative arts and culture programming for personal growth, enrichment and renewal. It is a space where families gather, where local, national and international communities converge to share ideas and deepen relationships.



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About the Chautauqua Trail

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Chautauqua was a social and cultural phenomenon that permeated rural North America until the mid-1920s. At its height, the Chautauqua Movement attracted millions to hear educators, preachers, explorers, travelers, scientists, politicians and statesmen, singers, violinists, pianists, bands, and orchestras.

Today, Chautauqua is experiencing a renaissance. People are discovering that lifelong learning is one of the keys to living a happy, fulfilling life. Muskoka Chautauqua is one of 15 surviving Chautauquas across North America and a proud member of the Chautauqua Trail. They are places of family and tradition located in some of the most beautiful natural settings in North America.

The Chautauqua Trail is made up of a group of organizations and individuals committed to the communication and implementation of the Chautauqua concept of building community by supporting all persons in the development of their full potential - intellectually, spiritually, emotionally and physically. The Chautauqua Trail facilitates interaction and communication among its members to further their preservation, growth and development.



As a non-profit, Muskoka Chautauqua operates with the generous support of our local community. Year over year, the tremendous support we've received has helped us not only maintain our programming, but also to expand the scope of our operations and audience reach. Investing in this organization will reap an immeasurable rate of return. You can be part of this emerging Muskoka arts community, now and in the future.

Find out more and give online by visiting the website address below:









Jan. 26

Relative Harmony Coffee House Concert

Featuring the folk band Relative Harmony. Organized in partnership with Brandy Creek Music and Publications.

Feb. 23

Alfie Smith Coffee House Concert

Featuring the blues musician Alfie Smith. Organized in partnership with Brandy Creek Music and Publications.

March 23

Crabtree and Mills Coffee House Concert Featuring the folk music duo Crabtree and Mills. Organized in partnership with Brandy Creek Music and Publications.

May 1

TLDŠB First Nation, Metis and Inuit Symposium

Acclaimed journalist and hip-hop artist Wab Kinew spoke to students and educators about inclusiveness in education in this year's event. Organized in partnership with several local aboriginal groups and the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

May 11-12 Walking in my Mother's Shoes

Currently in its seventh year, this Mother's Day weekend event featured poetry, art, spoken word and storytelling. The event was organized in partnership with area artists, the JW Marriott the Rosseau Resort and Spa, Celebrate Ontario and Grandmothers to Grandmothers / the Stephen Lewis Foundation.

May 25-26 Wings Over Muskoka

Featuring a fundraising lunch, an early-morning boat cruise, wildlife exhibits and guest speakers from A Wing and A Prayer, this year's event drew over 100 visitors.



Muskoka Chautauqua was one of several area hosts of One Billion Rising this year, a global campaign which raises awareness of violence against women.

May 31-June 2 - Muskoka Chautauqua Signature Event



TVO's Steve Paikin returned to host this trademark literary event this year, held under the theme of health, humour and happiness. Guest speakers included Dr. Michael Evans, who created a viral YouTube video offering practical health tips.

Author Francesa Grosso shared some tips on maximizing benefits in Canadian healthcare. Professional home economist and comedian Marilyn Smith then had everyone in stitches as she shared her tips on health and nutrition. Author Charlie Wilkins shared a video account of his rowing trip across the Atlantic Ocean, while three-time Olympic gold medalist Marnie McBean spoke about her new book. Eleven-time Emmy Award winner Rolland G. Smith then spoke about his illustrious broadcast career. Other prominent guests included Fred Leacock from the Stephen Leacock Museum, authors Roderick and Sharon Stewart, and musician Michael Jones.

June 8-9

Muskoka Lakes Spring Art Tour

This year's Muskoka Lakes Spring Summer Solstice Art across nine studios from Bala to Gallery, Bracebridge. Celebrating its 11th celebration year, the tour brought thousands of solstice, art and Aboriginal Day. visitors to Muskoka. The Tour is a self-guided tour of the Wasauksing and Rama that takes place at the start First

of the cottage season, features the artwork artists across various mediums. Canadian The Muskoka Lakes Spring Art visitors from a Tour is made possible each year think tank. Traditional stories, through the generous support of teachings and a variety of dynamic throughout sponsors

June 21 Reimaging Canada's Places/ Aboriginal Day/

Tour featured 16 artists Hosted at the Muskoka Place this event was а of the summer Participants included members Nations, the Trillium and Lakelands District School Board, of students, locals residents and international and Wasan Island Muskoka. paintings were featured.

July 1 Canada Day

About 5.000 visitors were on hand for a spectacular fireworks display held at the JW Marriott The Rosseau Resort and Spa in Minett.

Visitors came by both land and water to see the dazzling show. Earlier in the day, the fireworks were preceded by a variety of artistic workshops that included button making and drumming by Edge of the Woods Theatre.

July 20 The Whiffenpoofs of Yale's Alumni of 1985

June 27 - Flavours of Muskoka



Nearly 400 visitors got a taste of Muskoka cuisine from more than 20 area breweries, wineries and food vendors at this flagship Muskoka Chautaugua event. A new feature this year was the "Discover your Palette" booth, where visitors added their own touches to sections of a painting. A silent auction was also held, with support from local artists, businesses and the Port Carling Scotiabank. The culinary event took place at the JW Marriott The Rosseau Resort and Spa, and was a fundraiser for Muskoka Chautauqua's Kaleidoscope Arts in Education program, an artistic education initiative for children and youths. Over the years, Flavours has built a strong reputation, drawing cottagers, business owners, social and community leaders alike. As it took place at the start of cottage season, it proved to be a valuable opportunity for local businesses to raise their profile by showcasing their brands, products and recipes.



This world-renowned Ivy-league choir gave Muskoka a surprise performance this summer in the lobby of the JW Marriott The Rosseau Resort and Spa. The ensemble of 12 singers are part of Yale University's most celebrated traditions. The group itself is a choir which accepts only a handful of senior students each vear on an invitation-only basis. Trickling into the hotel lobby without a word, the 12 men then broke into a seemingly spontaneous vocal performance. Guests at the hotel and other onlookers were curious immediately drawn in towards their acapella singing. The Whiffenpoofs who performed at the resort this year graduated over 25 years ago, but had decided to reconvene for the impromptu performance specifically to mark the choir's 50th anniversary.

The performance was very well received by the intimate group of approximately 100 guests in attendance.

Aug. 12-16 Muskoka Opera Festival

Headlined by internationallyacclaimed opera singer Jennifer Tung and her student Jonathan Sandberg, the Muskoka Opera Festival returned for a fourth time to Muskoka alongside an array of local, home-grown Festival talent. The vocal featured the Toronto Summer Opera Lyric Theatre and a highlyanticipated "Stars of Tomorrow" concert. Capping off the festival was award-winning film director Barbara Sweete, who screened her film "Verdi's Ernani."

Sweete then held an interactive question and answer period with audience members.



Aug. 18-24 - KGM Festival of Sound, Light and Peace, Alcuin Awards



The Alcuin Awards for Excellence in Book Design were displayed at the Muskoka Lakes Museum and the Muskoka Lakes Public Library from August to September 29. Also in August, the Kenneth G. Mills Foundation and Muskoka Chautauqua welcomed Muskoka residents and international visitors to the 2013 Summer Festival of Light, Sound and Peace. Held at the JW Marriott The Rosseau Resort and Spa, this five-day event featured video presentations of Dr. Kenneth G. Mills' spontaneous Unfoldments lectures, as well as art exhibitions and workshops. Artists Lee Bowser and Jennifer Murphy led arts workshops. Other philosophical workshops were run by student workers Lucile Joseph, Judith Macdonell and Robert McAlpine.

| <mark>Aug. 15</mark> | Muskoka Lakes Library Family Fun Day



Close to 200 participants came together to build this Lego CN Tower during the Library's Family Fun Day. Together with Muskoka Chautauqua, the library hosted face painting, a silent auction and interactive storytelling. The Muskoka Lakes Fire Department was also there with vehicles on display.

Aug. 23 Toronto All-Star Big Band Dance



Hosted at the Clevelands House Resort in Minett, this dance event featured an energetic 21-andyounger band which returned to Muskoka for the 16th time in its history. Their performance drew an audience of about 150 people. The event was made possible through partnerships between Muskoka Chautauqua, the Clevelands House Resort, Celebrate Ontario and McClaren Press Graphics.

Sept. 1 Artists of Muskoka book signing

Parry Sound - Muskoka MPP Norm Miller gave his personal congratulations to Andrea Hillo and other artists behind the book "The Artists of Muskoka"during a meeting at the JW Marriott The Rosseau Resort and Spa. The work of the artists was put on display at the Muskoka Place Gallery later on in September.

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Local Colours at Bethune House

A celebration of autumn-inspired artwork drew throngs of visitors to a historic Gravenhurst landmark this past October.

Tour busses of visitors mostly from China took lots of photos at Muskoka Chautauqua's "Local Colours" art exhibit at the historic Bethune House. The heritage building was the birthplace of Dr. Norman bethune, the famed battlefront surgeon.

About a dozen local artists took part in the art exhibition, with some giving the visitors live demonstrations. The artists were also able to put their work up for sale during the event.

After the event, Bethune House reported that about 100 attendees came just to see the art exhibit alone.

One group of visitors were members of a Cookstown book club, who dropped by after having recently read a book about Dr. Norman Bethune, penned by former Governor General Adrienne Clarkson.

Taking place immediatelv after the conclusion of the summer cottage season, Local Colours served as valuable draw for tourism in the Muskoka region at a time when visitor volume typically begins slowing. With many international and out-of-town visitors, the event also proved to be an excellent to publicize the opportunity Chautauqua Muskoka brand Muskoka's beyond borders.

Sept. 29 A Bookish Culture Days Celebration

The Alcuin Society's crosscountry "Winning Books" display came to the Muskoka Place Gallery in late September.

The insightful exhibit allowed visitors to see and learn what makes books artistically and economically beautiful, and how covers can be made to stand out in busy marketplaces.

Sept. 29 Ian Bell Coffee House Concert

Immediately following Muskoka Chautauqua's Bookish Culture Days Celebration, folk musician Ian Bell kicked off the fall concert season with a live performance at the Muskoka Place Gallery.

The Coffee House Concert was produced and organized in partnership with Brandy Creek Music and Publications.



Oct. 26 Threeway Coffee House Concert

Performance by folk music trio Threeway, organized in partnership with Brandy Creek Music and Publications.

Some of the visitors were familiar with Chautaugua New York. but were previously unaware that the movement has relaunched a presence in Canada. This vear was the second time that Local Colours was held at Bethune House. The inaugural event, which was well received, launched in 2012 just months after Chinese and local dignitaries officially opened a \$2.5-million visitor centre expansion to the historic building. Though Muskoka Chautaugua has

run a number of fall-themed arts exhibits in the past, Local Colours was the first to draw connections between local artists and the creativity behind Bethune's medical discoveries, unique inventions, and some of his own paintings, drawings and artistic works and endeavours.

Born in Gravenhurst, Bethune spent the last two years of his life serving as a surgeon and teacher in China, where his story continues to be taught in schools to this day.

Nov. 30 Ian Reid and Louisa Krátká Coffee House Concert

Folk music concert featuring music by two artists, inspired by travels both within Canada and lands abroad. Organized in partnership with Brandy Creek Music and Publications.

Dec. 22

International Peace Cranes Project at JW Marriott

An origami project dedicated to world peace also helped visitors at a Muskoka resort shake off the darkness of winter shortly before the holiday season.

As part of the JW Marriott The Rosseau Resort and Spa's fifth annual Open House event, Muskoka Chautauqua held a peace crane workshop on December 22.

Cranes made by visitors will be part of Muskoka's contribution to the Peace Crane Project, an international initiative which encourages people to fold and display paper cranes in their communities for Peace Day on September 21.

Well over a dozen cranes were created by visitors young and old throughout the course of the day for the Peace Crane project, and attendees were encouraged to inscribe their names and hometowns on each of their unique, individual creations.

The date of the event was also especially symbolic, and is reflective of the Peace Crane Project's overtures of hope and enlightenment.

Taking place just one day after the winter solstice, which is the longest day of the year, the event marked the beginning of brighter and longer days ahead.

Dec. 28

Mike Phillips Coffee House Concert

Folk music concert organized in partnership with Brandy Creek Music and Publications.

Dec. 13, 2013 Homegrown Christmas Jam



The chills of a frosty snow squall melted away amid the warm, festive tunes of an annual community Christmas concert, held at a world renowned Muskoka Lakes resort.

Locals and visitors alike brushed off the messy weather with a repertoire of Christmas carols, instrumental music and sing-alongs during Muskoka Chautauqua's annual Homegrown Christmas Jam.

Gayle Dempsey, Muskoka Chautauqua's director of development, aboriginal and arts education, said the event's popularity has grown over the years and expanded well beyond the township's borders.

Performers included Muskoka member Chautauqua board Susan Terry, Kaleidoscope Arts in Education event and summer camp coordinator Tori Wines, pianist Sarah Lundy, JW Marriott sales and marketing director Leah Leslie, students from Rosseau Lake College, and the college's Tone Chimes Choir. A group of the college's students, who were visiting from Japan, also sang a series of Christmas songs in their native language.

Grandmothers to Grandmothers, an initiative of the Stephen Lewis Foundation, also sold jewelry and other wares to raise funds for overseas families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Kaleidoscope Arts in Education



April 23-25 Health, Humour and Happiness at KP Manson Public School

Kaleidoscope Arts in Education was asked to do a project on the theme of humour, health and happiness this year with a group of students from KP Manson Public School in Gravenhurst.

The project brought renowned artists Caroline Butson, Sean-William Dawson and Gina Denne together with a group of grade six, seven and eight students at the elementary school.

Dawson, who is a well-known printmaker, led workshops that emphasized art as a creative vehicle for expression.

Denne, а local potter and sculptor, took the metal students through the creative process, from idea generation to sketching and planning, through to production of the final product. The result of their hard work was a beautiful metal and clay weeping willow tree.

Butson, a multimedia artist highly regarded for her work with special students, teamed up with a group of students with learning disabilities in order to create a mural featuring a cougar - the school's official mascot.

Both the sculpture and murals have since been placed on permanent display at the school.

May 6-10 Do Something! at Bracebridge Public School

Three classes from Bracebridge Public School participated in a week-long "Do Something" arts celebration this year.

Intended to foster strong citizenship character. and social responsibility through art, the project saw the students cooperate with teachers and artists to create art projects reflecting causes, issues and trends involving the making of positive contributions to society. students were The guided along the creative process by a series of workshops. One was a graffiti mural and spoken word workshop led by Montreal graffiti and hip-hop artist Dawivd while Yisrael, another bv professional performing artist and director Amy Bridle focused on performance techniques.

Another artist, Peter Jarvis,

held mask-making workshops and movement exercises that encouraged the students to develop a series of corresponding characters for their masks.

One student had the opportunity to help award-winning videographer Virginia Hastings create and edit a documentary, which captured the entire "Do Something" process.

This film was then screened to over 550 students at the Rene Caisse Theatre, alongside the creations of other participants. Their hard work was well received by an enthusiastic

audience that included Muskoka Chautauqua board members, representatives from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Kaleidoscope artists and leaders from the local community.





June 29-July 1 Children's Festival

Featuring 14 artists, the Kaleidoscope Children's Art Festival took place at Clevelands House Play World, and at the JW Marriott The Rosseau Muskoka Resort and Spa.

Highlights included a drumming circle, musical activities led by Andrew Fisher and beguiling storytelling from Sandy Inkster. Dan Watson and Edge of the Woods Theatre held а button-making workshop and brought a 20-foot model mosquito, which was meant to honour northern Ontario. up residence lt took near the playground jungle gym. Inside, Jennifer Murphy and Sean-William Dawson were busy running silk-screen printing and "illuminated letters" workshops. Participants also got а chance to try their hand at

beading with jeweller Erin Lynch, banner making with fabric artist Melissa Smith, and mural painting with multimedia artist Caroline Butson.

Potter Joyce Butler gave visitors the opportunity to make a spectacular Clay World. Not far away was Rachel Marr at her face painting station, turning children into tigers, butterflies and superheroes. Clevelands House staff brought 90 campers to the event, alongside entire families of visiting cottagers, local residents and Marriott guests.

On the festival's second day, activities moved to Fish Rock at the JW Marriott The Rosseau Resort and Spa.

There, a troupe called Painted Kids held a face painting session for more than 70 children in attendance.

Joyce Butler also headed up a second day of Clay World, inviting children to work with the clay while in line to get their face painted. At 1 p.m., a theatre troupe called Jam Sandwich performed for over 100 children and their parents.

Facepainting, stilting, button making and drumming continued into Canada Day.

A variety of local sponsors and funders came together to make this festival possible. They include Building Communities through Arts and Heritage, Celebrate Ontario, Clevelands House, the Township of Muskoka Lakes, the Bracebridge and Muskoka Lakes Rotary Club, the JW Marriott The Rosseau Resort and Spa, and Kaleidoscope Arts in Education Programs.

July 22-26 Kaleidoscope Summer Arts Camp

This 12 children year, attended the Kaleidoscope Arts in Education program for a week-long full-day camp. Throughout the week. the children followed the twister and Dorothy through Kansas and beyond into the Land of Oz.

Professional artists Rachel Marr, Sean-William Dawson and Tori Wines guided the young artists in this adventure through numerous workshops.

The group of campers received instruction from Wines and Marr in a variety of artistic skills, including acting, voice, dance, movement and music.

The children learned acting and the fundamentals of character creation through games and skillbuilding exercises.

In the afternoons, the campers learned basic drawing skills and were introduced to "upcycling," or the use of recycled and reusable materials for projects. The Port Carling Home Hardware store generously donated materials to make the show's set and props.

On Friday afternoon, campers performed "The Magical Land of Oz at the Port Carling Community Centre, showing off what they learned to parents and the local community.

Partnerships & Collaborations arther

Muskoka Chautauqua believes strongly in building and strengthening partnerships in the community, regional, provincial, national and international levels. The organization has developed many meaningful cross-sectoral relationships and collaborations, without whom none of our accomplishments would be possible.

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Thank you to all of our partners in the Muskoka community, and also to more than 10,000 Muskoka Chautauqua participants who, through their support of the organization, contributed over \$1 million to the local economy.





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