



April 29, 2009

## Downtown E-News

E-News is a bi-weekly newsletter full of great events taking place in downtown Kitchener. E-news will keep you in the loop on where to go and what to do in downtown Kitchener. It comes right to your inbox every 2 weeks!

If you have an event you would like to submit, please go to our [event submission page](#) and fill out the form.

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## Calling All Volunteers!

### Lace Up Your Shoes and Show Off Your City

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The tour will be taking place this year on **Saturday May 9th**, and we are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to act as group leaders, and provide an orientation walking tour of downtown Kitchener.

These tours help to familiarize students with all of the treasures that downtown Kitchener has to offer.

Those interested in volunteering should possess the following:

- Basic knowledge of downtown Kitchener.
- Strong communication skills and the ability to provide exceptional customer service as a representative of Kitchener.
- Punctuality and commitment necessary to follow through with scheduled tours.
- A high level of comfort working with groups of up to 10 people or more.
- A liking for walking/standing outdoors.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Siobhan at 519-745-3536 or via email at [siobhan.delaney@kitchener.ca](mailto:siobhan.delaney@kitchener.ca).

Information/Orientation sessions will be held for all tour guides (dates and times are TBA) during the months of April and May.

## Arts, Books & Film

## **An Evening with Matt Jackson**

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A graduate of Wilfrid Laurier's Business Administration program, Matt Jackson was lured away from the corporate world, by the thrill of adventure journalism. Join Matt Jackson, author of 'Canada Chronicles: A four year hitch-hiking odyssey' for slides, music and storytelling...and be prepared to laugh!

**Thursday April 30, 2009.**

7pm

Kitchener Public Library, Main Branch

Visit [www.kpl.org](http://www.kpl.org) for details.

## **Dorothy Shoemaker Literary Awards Contest for Poetry and Prose**

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The Kitchener Public Library is pleased to announce the 42nd annual Dorothy Shoemaker Literary Awards Contest. Entry is free and prizes are available to be won in three age divisions, and two categories (poetry and prose).

The contest runs from **Friday May 1 - Tuesday June 30, 2009.**

Visit [www.kpl.org](http://www.kpl.org) for contest details and rules.

## **Public Art Tour**

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A trained gallery guide provides an in-depth tour of current exhibitions through discussion.

**Sunday May 3, 2009.**

2pm

Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery

Visit [www.kwag.ca](http://www.kwag.ca) for details.

## **Freedom**

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The Rotunda Gallery at Kitchener City Hall is celebrating the theme of 'freedom' as it introduces its May exhibit, a series of photographs by students at Eastwood Collegiate Institute.

### **Opening Reception**

Wednesday May 6, 2009.

5pm-7pm.

### **Exhibition**

Ongoing throughout the month of May

Rotunda Gallery, Kitchener City Hall

Call 519-741-3400 Ext. 3381 for details.

## Check Out These Websites!

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For a complete listing of art programs, seminars, and workshops, please visit the following websites:

### **Kitchener-Waterloo Art Gallery**

[www.kwag.ca](http://www.kwag.ca)

## Community

### **Discount Days for Seniors in Downtown Kitchener**

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On April 30th and every last Thursday each month, selected stores will offer specials and discounts to say 'thank you' to Seniors for choosing Kitchener Downtown as their shopping destination.

#### **Every last Thursday of the month beginning April 30, 2009.**

Selected stores in Downtown Kitchener

Call the Kitchener Downtown Business Association for details at 519-744-4921.

### **Green Living Fair**

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The Central Frederick Neighbourhood Association celebrates green living with neighbours. Information booths, green talks, children's activities and more, put on by local eco-science businesses and associations. Admission is FREE!

#### **Sunday May 3, 2009.**

2:30pm - 5pm

Kitchener Downtown Community Centre

Call 519-741-2501 for details.

### **Kid's Hop**

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Your Kitchener Market is full of 'wiggles' and 'giggles' every Tuesday morning! between 11:00am and 12 noon. Bring the kids down for FREE children concerts full of singing, dancing and great fun

#### **Tuesday May 5, 2009.**

Erick Traplin

#### **Tuesday May 12, 2009.**

Richard Knechtel (aka Dickie Bird)

11am-12Noon  
Kitchener Market  
Visit [www.kitchenermarket.ca](http://www.kitchenermarket.ca) for details.

## **KYAC Youth Awards**

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Each year, the Kitchener Youth Action Council hosts an awards ceremony to celebrate and recognize the talents and contributions of young people in our community.

**Wednesday May 6, 2009.**  
7pm-8:30pm  
Kitchener City Hall  
Visit [www.kitchener.ca](http://www.kitchener.ca) for details.

## **Living with Fibromyalgia: A Journey of Hope and Understanding**

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In honour of International Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, and the 20th anniversary of the K-W Fibromyalgia Support Group, come on out to this one of a kind FREE event, complete with a movie night and silent auction. No scents please.

**Tuesday May 12, 2009.**  
Doors Open at 6:60pm  
Movie at 7pm  
Kitchener Public Library auditorium, Main Branch  
Call 519-742-7984 for details.

## **Check Out These Websites!**

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For community programming, seminars, and workshops, (including things for Family & Kids, Seniors and Teens) please visit the following websites:

**Kitchener Public Library**  
[www.kpl.org](http://www.kpl.org)

**Waterloo Regional Children's Museum**  
[www.thechildrensmuseum.ca](http://www.thechildrensmuseum.ca)

**Joseph Schneider Haus**  
[www.region.waterloo.on.ca/jsh](http://www.region.waterloo.on.ca/jsh)

**Kitchener Downtown Community Centre**  
[www.kitchener.ca](http://www.kitchener.ca)

## **Live Entertainment**

## **ARC Battle of the Bands**

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Join a variety of the area's hottest bands, as they battle it out in the 'ARC Battle of the Bands' final competition!

Tickets \$10 in advance and \$14 at the door.

### **Friday May 1, 2009.**

Doors open at 7pm

Elements Night Club

Visit [www.arcbattle.com](http://www.arcbattle.com) for details.

## **Butterflies and Rainstorms**

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A performance by the Grand Philharmonic Children's Choir.

### **Saturday May 2, 2009.**

7pm

Benton Street Baptist Church

Visit [www.kwphilharmonic.com](http://www.kwphilharmonic.com) for details.

## **Menno Singers Benefit for ALS**

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A benefit concert by the Menno Singers, with the InterMennonite Children's Choir and Menno Youth Singers. Admission by donation, with all proceeds going towards ALS research.

### **Saturday May 2, 2009.**

8pm

St. Matthews Lutheran Church

Call 519-576-6719 for details.

## **Noon Hour Recital**

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Recital by Laurel Swinden on flute, Sarah Cardwell on oboe, and Ann-Marie MacDairmid on piano. Free admission!

### **Wednesday May 6, 2009.**

12:15pm - 12:45pm

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Call 519-578-4430 for details.

## **Marlin Nagtegaal Live in Concert**

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Free noon hour organ concert, presented by Marlin Nagtegaal.

### **Thursday May 7, 2009.**

12:15pm - 12:45pm

Church of St. John the Evangelist

Call 519-743-0228 for details.

## **Live Entertainment at the Kitchener Market**

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There is always something fun and entertaining happening at the Kitchener Market! Join us for live performances by jazz, country, blues and even flamenco entertainers.

### **Friday May 1, 2009.**

Tim Louis

### **Wednesday May 6, 2009.**

Mandippal Jandu

### **Thursday May 7, 2009.**

The Schwebbs

### **Friday May 8, 2009.**

Joe Lovell

### **Saturday May 9, 2009.**

Richard Dlugokecki and David Grigg

11am-1pm

The Kitchener Market

Visit [www.kitchenermarket.ca](http://www.kitchenermarket.ca) for details.

## **Music Alive Gospel Hour**

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Two hours of live music featuring Music Alive, The Nith Valley Young Singers, and the Waterloo Regional Police Male Chorus.

### **Saturday May 9, 2009.**

7:30pm-9:30pm

Benton Street Baptist Church

Call 519-662-3291 for details.

## **Fire & Air: kindling sun, moon, stars, and spirit**

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Music celebrating the visible universe, by DaCapo Chamber Choir.

### **Saturday May 9, 2009.**

8pm

St. John the Evangelist Church

Visit [www.dacapochoir.ca](http://www.dacapochoir.ca) for details.

## **Check Out These Websites!**

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For a listing of additional live performances, concerts and entertainment, please visit the following websites:

**The Gig Theatre**

[www.thegig.ca](http://www.thegig.ca)

**Centre in the Square**

[www.centre-square.com](http://www.centre-square.com)

**The Registry Theatre**

[www.registrytheatre.com](http://www.registrytheatre.com)

**Victoria Park Boathouse**

[www.boathousevictoriapark.com](http://www.boathousevictoriapark.com)

**Bobby O' Brien's Irish Pub**

[www.bobbyobriens.com](http://www.bobbyobriens.com)

**Yuk Yuk's Kitchener**

[www.yukyus.com](http://www.yukyus.com)

## Special Events

### Open Ears Festival of Music and Sound

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Always a hit with festivalgoers and to those just curious, these free installations and audio artworks can be found in a variety of venues across downtown Kitchener. Playful, meditative and thoughtful, they are places to gather, watch, interact and listen.

**Ongoing until Sunday May 3, 2009.**

Kitchener City Hall and Downtown Kitchener  
Visit [www.openears.ca](http://www.openears.ca) for details.

### A Taste for Life!

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Dine at one of the participating restaurants, and 25% of all proceeds go to ACCKWA's programs and services. For lunch, dine at either the Caribbean Kitchen or Casa Salsa, in the heart of downtown Kitchener!

**Wednesday April 29, 2009.**

Lunch hours are 11:30am - 3:30pm  
Please call ahead for reservations.  
For more information call 519-570-3687 or visit  
[www.atasteforlife.com](http://www.atasteforlife.com).

### The Downtown Mudpuppy Chase

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Come for fun, fitness and food! This event is in support of KidsAbility and Rotary Children's Charities. There are 3km, 5km, and 10k, road races available to sign up for.

**Sunday May 3, 2009.**

3km race starts at 9am

5km and 10km races start at 10am

Kitchener City Hall, Downtown Kitchener

Please visit [www.mudpuppychase.com](http://www.mudpuppychase.com) to register and for more information.

Thank you for reading Downtown E-news. If you have an event you would like to submit to our newsletter please go to our event submission page and fill out the form.

Don't forget to check [www.downtownkitchener.ca](http://www.downtownkitchener.ca) for more information about downtown. If you have any questions, please contact us at [downtownevents@kitchener.ca](mailto:downtownevents@kitchener.ca).

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