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MEDIA ALERT

Cambridge City Hall Officially Opens and Environment Minister Joins Local Dignitaries

Cambridge, Ontario. June 3, 2008 - Cambridge City Hall will officially open with a VIP ceremony on Thursday, June 5th at 6:30pm. The Honourable John Gerretsen, Ontario Minister of Environment will join Mayor Craig, members of Cambridge City Council, city staff, local dignitaries and business leaders for the event to mark the official opening of the new environmental building.

Expected to be the first city hall in Canada with Gold Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification, the \$30 million project was completed on time and on budget and was accomplished using finances from the settlement of a loan with the city's hydro utility. The funding model resulted in no new tax dollars or borrowing for the municipality.

Date: Thursday, June 5th
Time: 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Address: 50 Dickson Street, Cambridge
Agenda: Reception - Remarks at 7:00 pm followed by tours

The Thursday VIP ceremony is by invitation only. **The City of Cambridge invites the community to join in on other free celebration events.** On Friday, June 6 at 7:00 pm to 10:30 pm the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts will take place. Family Day is slated for Saturday, June 7th between 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

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A complete backgrounder on Cambridge City Hall and a parking map is on line at:

<http://www.cambridge.ca/article.php?sid=142>

More Information on the Mayor's Celebration of the Arts

- Significant talent and exhibits including an art show and sale

Agenda Includes:

The Record Stage: (inside City Hall -atrium)

- 7:00 Cambridge Concert Band
 - 7:45 Frameous Live auction
 - 8:45 Cambridge Community Orchestra
 - 9:30 Galt Kiltie Band
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The TD Canada Trust Stage: (main outdoor)

- 7:00 Cambridge Boys Choir and Young Men's Chorus
 - 7:45 Women to Women Chorus
 - 8:30 Cambridge Male Chorus
 - 9:15 The Free Press - Original Rock
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Donaldson Travel Stage: Kiwi - Petty Place

- 7:15 Geoff Lewis - folk musician
 - 8:00 Tethera - Traditional English Folk Trio
 - 8:45 Amber Lee Morais - jazz
 - 9:30 Erica Knight - singer/songwriter
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Traffic Creative Stage : Arts Centre courtyard

- 7:30 Annetta Whetham - classical soprano
 - 8:15 Stacey Bulmer - pop singer
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Maximum Results Financial (Dance area): in front of Firehall on Dickson Street

- 7:00 Sue Bottrill Dance Studio
- 7:45 Spectra Creations in Dance - "Elements"

More information on Family Day, Saturday June 7th:

- Significant activities in Civic Square
 - Cambridge Centre for the Arts hosting an open house
 - Cambridge Fire Hall Museum & Education Centre is open & will have a barbeque
 - Cambridge Farmers' Market
 - Wesley United Church will be selling their apple dumplings
- Exciting Entertainment
 - several stilt walkers
 - aerial artist (hanging from the fourth floor in the atrium of new City Hall)
 - street entertainers
 - balloon artists
 - City hall tours

Complete details on line:

<http://www.cambridge.ca/news.php?eid=613&ms=2008-06-07&s=4>

The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in Southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2007, the population reached over 125,000 people with a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services. Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

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