

# SUNNYSIDE SUNDAYS

A Different Country Each Sunday at Historic Sunnyside Pavilion

## NORDIC DAY SUNDAY, JULY 17 12 noon – 6 p.m.

### Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden join together to bring you their culture, entertainment, food and products

- Sunnyside Beach in Toronto is Back!!!!
- Located in Toronto's Western Beaches, the area will be alive and kicking again this summer with a new event program called Sunnyside Sundays; expected attendance 5,000 to 10,000
- In addition to the adult attractions, additional Children's Amusement rides will be added to the already established swimming pool, wading pools, and children's equipment that exist at Sunnyside Beach. Also there will be crafts, readings and face painting.
- Entertainment for Nordic Day (Sun. July 17) includes:
  - BLACK TIE, a Finnish band from Sudbury
  - *LINDY*, Icelandic Canadian singer-songwriter
  - **DANCING** from all the Nordic countries
  - SINGERS: In Norwegian: Linda Stromberg, Icelandic Ann Helga Denny,
  - o Directly from Sweden Lars Elenius
  - READINGS by **Betty Jane Wylie**

AND LOTS MORE!!! DOOR PRIZES BY LINDA LUNDSTROM!!!

- **FOOD** provided by **IKEA** includes Danish open face sandwiches, Swedish meat balls, pastries from the Nordic countries
- INFORMATION from all the Nordic Consulates
- MERCHANDISE includes Art, Crafts, Jewellery, food, Travel info. and much more.
- **DEMONSTRATION SPORTS** ... Floorball, Pole Walking
- \$4 Adults, \$2 Children
- **CONTACT** Markku 416 897-5101 markalla@rogers.com or Gail 416 762-8627 icegem20@cs.com www. sunnysidesundays.com http://icct.info

Proceeds from the events go to participating Cultural Associations and a donation will be made to St. Joseph's Hospital at the end of the Summer.



#### LINDY:

Lindy is a singer-songwriter with roots on the shores of Lake Winnipeg in the Interlake Icelandic settlement. His father taught him guitar at age 2 and he made his first public appearance at age 4 at the annual Icelandic Festival in Gimli, Manitoba. He and his parents, Len and Karen Vopnfjord, along with his cousins, then toured Manitoba in a yellow school bus, before he moved to Toronto. Voted best singer-songwriter of 2002 by the readers of NOW magazine, he recently issued a best selling album, "Suspension of Disbelief", whose most popular track has been "Beautifully Undone". Lindy will be joined at Nordic Day by His Gal Sal, a talented singer in her own right.

#### **BLACK TIE:**

All four members of the band Antti Saari (lead vocals, trumpet), Elias Saari (bass, vocals), Tony Jurgilas (drums) and Brian Koivu (accordion) are experienced accomplished entertainers who have performed in Canada, in Finland and all over North America - sometimes even together - for over 30 years. A recent highlight engagement was an invitation to appear as the Finnish band at Scandinavia by Desing, the feature country exposition and trade show held in conjunction with Klondike Days 2003 in Edmonton Alberta. They will also perform in the North American Finnish Grand Festival at Marquette Michigan later this summer.

Black Tie's music range includes traditional Finnish walzes, polkas, tangos, jenkas and foxtrots and also some popular standards.

#### NORDIC DANCERS:

Drawn from the Finnish, Danish, Swedish and Norwegian communities, our dancers will demonstrate dances from all those communities, and perhaps even try an Icelandic dance. They have been appearing for decades at Nordic events, always to very receptive audiences.

#### ANN HELGA DENNY:

Ann is from the Icelandic Canadian community and was born in London, Ontario. While living in Iceland, she sang with one of their many choirs. Her first love is music, be it popular, classical or ethnic. She will sing some Icelandic folk tunes as well as some of her own compositions.

#### LINDA STROMBERG:

Linda is a teacher of art with roots in the Norwegian and Swedish communities. Her hobby is singing, and she will present a program of songs in Norwegian.

#### LARS ELENIUS:

We are fortunate that Lars is in Canada from Sweden at this time, and has agreed to entertain us. Lars Elenius, born in Kiruna Sweden, started in his early teenage years performing as lead singer and guitarist with the band The Giants in the sixties. In 1979, Lars completed his Bachelor degree in Music from the University of Gothenburg. He is employed since 1986 by the Culture School in Västerås, a section of the local school board, as a teacher of string instruments - Guitar and Lute. Lars performs and is engaged with local music groups, currently performing a musical play, Bellman's last days. "Livat på Tre Byttor"(Three barrel fun ) with the Artist group, The G-Strings".

#### **BETTY JANE WYLIE**

Author of over 19 books on various topics, including business, grief, cooking, and many more, Betty Jane was awarded the Order of Canada in 2004 for her body of work. Born in Winnipeg, she has lived in Toronto, Stratford and MacTier, ON and recently moved back to Toronto. She will read from "Letters to Icelanders".

