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ICCT NATIONAL DAY PICNIC

******please note the date in the original newsletter was wrong******

When: SATURDAY, JUNE 21st 2008.

Where: Rick Lindal's place in Grafton, Ontario

Time: Come any time after 12pm

Summer is almost here, and plans are underway for another great celebration. This summer, please join us on Saturday, June 21st in honouring Iceland's Independence Day, otherwise known as National Day or **Þjóðhátíðardagurinn**. We will be having a grand picnic at Rick Lindal's beautiful property, outside Grafton, just a short hour's drive east of Toronto.

We thought it would be more fun to have pot luck this year so please bring something to share with everybody. There will be a barbecue and people can bring their own item to grill if they wish. There will also be hot dogs and hamburgers provided. There is room to pitch a tent for camping if people want to stay over night.

What to bring: food, drinks, sun screen, games, musical instruments, chairs, blankets, good spirits, a swimsuit and towel as there is a pool, hot tub and sauna.

If you have any questions, please contact Rick at (905) 349-2642. This is a Rain or Shine event!

Directions to 481 Clouston Road , Ontario K0K 2G0, 905-349-2642

Take 401 east, past Cobourg
Exit 487, go North
Turn Left onto Academy Hill Road
Turn Left onto Massey Road
Turn Right onto Clouston Road (St Anne's Spa is at the corner)
At the bottom of the hill at Boomerang Road is 481 Clouston Road, on the corner.

Need a ride? Have space in your car and can offer a ride? Please contact Brian and he will try to help you make the arrangements brian.eyolfson@sympatico.ca 416-762-9452

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SUNDAY JUNE 8TH, 2008, 2:00PM

SCANDINAVIAN CANADIAN CLUB, 91 Stormont Avenue, North York, (near Bathurst and Lawrence)

Please join us for coffee and snacks as we present our new Executive Slate and discuss our plans for the upcoming year. And then stay to see "ANCESTORS IN THE ATTIC II | Icelandic Horsemen" A group of Icelanders travel across Canada on horseback following the epic journey of their forebears, who fled Iceland during the depression of the late 1800s and search for the truth behind a 130-year-old mystery. Our very own Don Gislason is interviewed in this episode!

If you would like to become more involved in the ICCT, we have many Executive positions open: Secretary, and Marketing Director. Please contact Kara Schuster if you would like to volunteer or would like more information on how you can help the club!

The library will be open as well, so it's a great time to get some books for summer reading!

♪♪♪ Snorri Gala Fundraiser/ Concert – June 4th at 9:00PM ♪♪♪

Let's show Toronto what Icelandic Canadians are all about! Join us on Wednesday June 4th for a **Gala Concert at The Mod Club** on College Street in Toronto. This gala will raise money for the Toronto portion of the **SNORRI Iceland/Canada exchange program**, in cooperation with **Icelandair** and the ICCT. Featuring up and coming Toronto bands with an Icelandic/Canadian connection; **Lindy, Infighter, Mackenzie Kristjon and Sigrun Stella**. More details are being added daily, this is one event you won't want to miss!

Lindy www.majormaker.com www.lindymusic.com

In addition to being a successful solo artist with the recently released **Suspension of Disbelief**, Lindy is also the front man for Major Maker. **Major Maker** took Canada by force last Summer when two new songs, **Rollercoaster** and **Talk To You**, were featured in national television campaigns for **Maynards Candy** and **Telus**, respectively. Now, with Rollercoaster blazing through both the indie and mainstream music scene, the Toronto indie-rockers follow-through with a hotly anticipated new EP entitled **People Carrier**.

Infighter <http://www.infighter.ca> <http://www.myspace.com/infighter>

Out of 450 bands playing at NXNE in 2007, **DOSE.CA** recommended **infighter** as one of 16 bands under the heading, "**Which NXNE Gigs Should You Attend?**". Fronted by lead singer **Simeon Ross**, **Infighter** is a five-piece alternative rock/post-punk revival band from Toronto. Formed in late 2005, their brand of sweeping indie rock is frequently compared to the sound of bands such as Interpol, Editors, Kaiser Chiefs, and The Killers and draws on the influences of post-punk bands like Joy Division, Echo and the Bunnymen, The Cure, Pulp, and The Smiths.

Mackenzie Kristjon <http://radio3.cbc.ca/bands/Deathstyle>

Deathstyle sounds like a combination of Neil Young and David Bowie. Icelandic Canadian Frontman Mackenzie Kristjón has been on tour throughout Canada, the US, and Europe. His debut recording is titled **Celebration**.

Sigrun Stella www.myspace.com/sigrunstella1

The up and coming Toronto artist Sigrun Stella, daughter of Haraldur Bessason and Margret Bjorgvinnisdottir, has been leaving heartfelt impressions with everyone who hears her music and live acoustic performance of *Joni Mitchell's 'A Case of You'* has left audiences clinging to the edge of their seats. Her soulful, folk infused R&B has often been compared to the late *Eva Cassidy*. Her contemporary influence combined with her traditional Icelandic upbringing has created a style to call her own with sultry vocals that shine through with a perfect amount of vibrato.

A backdrop to the concert will be a **mashup of films** by world renowned Icelandic/Canadian Directors, including **Sturla Gunnarsson** (<http://www.gunnarsson.ca>). There will also be a silent auction and amazing prizes.

♪♪♪ **Contact: Linda Theron at (416) 520-4378** linda.theron@gmail.com ♪♪♪

TICKETS: (\$8 at the door or \$10 through PayPal on the ICCT website) The Mod Club 722 College Street, Toronto

Come Celebrate - Nordic Fair 2008 June 27, 28 & 29th

Held outdoors at Mel Lastman Square, 5000 Yonge Street, North York, Ontario.



This is the first time that Toronto has hosted a Nordic Fair that celebrates and promotes the cultures, histories, traditions, and current life in the Nordic countries of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden and Estonia. This truly historic event takes place in the Mel Lastman Square with space for pavilions, table displays, cultural activities and plenty of space so that the visitors can enjoy themselves. This fair is a wonderful event where people can reacquaint themselves with old friends and also enjoy the colourful Nordic cultures that they remember so well and can share with others in the pride and fun that makes it such an important part of their memories. There will be performances by Lindy, Sigrun Stella and Michael, Storyteller Hildy Stollery and Singer Iris Krizmanic with a song about the Sagas.

Jonas Thor's group of Icelanders travelers will be attending on Friday afternoon, so please stop by to meet them!

Friday, June 27th

1:00 pm *Fair parade/Opening Ceremonies*
2:00 pm Icelandic hour
3:00 pm *Swedish hour*
4:00 pm *Danish hour*
5:00 pm *Finnish hour*
6:00 pm *Norwegian hour*
7:00 pm *Estonian hour*
8-10:00 pm *Fair Youth dance*

Saturday, June 28th

10:00 am *Fair opens*
11:00 am *Nygard Fashion show*
12:00 pm *Swedish hour*
1:00 pm *Danish hour*
2:00 pm *Finnish*
3:30 pm *Norwegian hour*
4:00 pm *Estonian hour*
5:00 pm Icelandic hour
6:00pm *Finnish hour*
8-10:00 pm *Fair Youth dance*

Sunday, June 29th

10:00 am *Service in the square*
12:00 pm *Swedish hour*
1:00 pm *Danish hour*
2:00 pm *Finnish hour*
3:00 pm Icelandic hour
4:00 pm *Estonian hour*
5:00 pm *Norwegian hour*
5:30 pm *Finnish hour*
7:30 pm *Dancing in the square*

Save the Date

Sunday, September 28: Hafnarfjordur Opera Chorus

It will be a chance for our ICCT members/friends to be one of the first to go to a concert in the new concert hall at the Royal Conservatory of Music. The first half of the concert will be in the newly refurbished concert hall in the old building, then after intermission it will continue in the new space.

Friday, October 3: ICCT Gala Dinner at the Delta Chelsea.

Please save the date and join us for an Icelandic themed dinner with members from the Hafnarfjordur Opera Chorus

Details, prices and how to purchase tickets will be announced in the next newsletter. Be sure to save the date so you don't miss out!