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Arts in Ellijay

*Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association
Dedicated to promoting arts and Heritage in Gilmer County*

Celtic Tenors Bring Irish Flavor to Ellijay on March 8

Ireland's Celtic Tenors will perform at the Ellijay Elementary School on Saturday, March 8 at 7:30 pm as part of the B.E.S.T. (Bringing Ellijay Sensational Talent) Concert Series.

"Celebrated around the world for their sparkling mix of classical, traditional and popular Irish music, these talented vocalists are audience favorites everywhere they perform," says B.E.S.T. Chairperson, John Rathbone.



The Celtic Tenors have all had classical training, sung leading roles with top opera companies, performed in oratorio and concerts worldwide, and continue to show great flexibility in melding their voices. Matthew Gilsenan, James Nelson and Daryl Simpson combine their unique voices, character and wit to provide a show overflowing with vitality and variety from start to finish.

Don't miss out on this opportunity for an evening of exceptional entertainment. Joining the trio will be popular guest soprano Donna Malone. Tickets are \$12.50 to \$42.50 and are available by calling Gilmer Arts and Heritage at 706-635-5605 and at the door concert night

Calling all Wine Tasting Enthusiasts



Looking for the opportunity to learn more about wine or taste something new? Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association will host their second annual Wine Tasting Event on Saturday, March 15 at 6:30 pm.

John & Cathy Harrison have graciously agreed to host the event at their

home. Tickets are \$75. Black tie attire is encouraged, with business attire being acceptable.

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"Don't miss this unique opportunity to sample some very sophisticated wines," says Joe Ragland, chairperson. "We appreciate the assistance from Mark and Cindy West of Appalachian Beverage in

Avalon Presents *We Will Stand* Tour Sunday, April 13

On Sunday, April 13 at 7:30 pm, the award-winning contemporary Christian group Avalon will perform at Ellijay Elementary Auditorium. Their *We Will Stand* tour is the final act of Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association's 2007/2008 B.E.S.T. concert series.

Joining Avalon is the Daniel Doss Band, industry veteran Michael English and the female duo CADIA.

"Avalon is very excited about the upcoming tour," says Avalon founding member Janna Long. "We are anxious to hit the road again with these other talented artists and embrace new and old listeners alike."

In support of the tour, participating artists together recorded a new song *We Will Stand*, which they will perform to close each show.

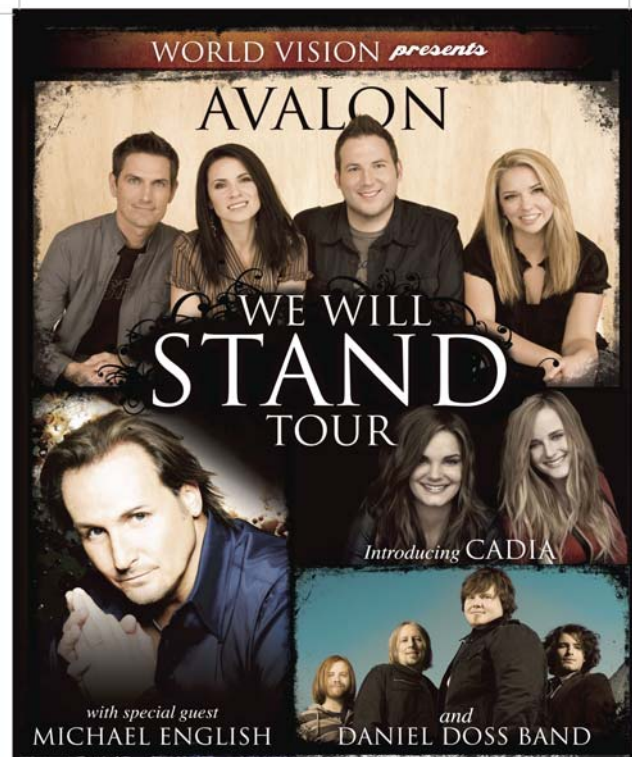
Formed in 1996, Avalon has sold more than three million albums, charted 20 No. 1 singles, and won an American Music Award plus numerous Dove Awards

such as the 1999 Pop/Contemporary Song of the Year for *Testify to Love*.

Daniel Doss has a deep sense of calling in his life—a passion to lead people to an encounter with a great God. On his band's debut album, *Greater Than Us All*, there are songs that usher you deep into worship, hope and grace. An important element of Daniel's calling is to be an encourager to the church and church pastors.

Michael English returns with his first studio album in nearly eight years. Michael's most personal collection of songs to date, *The Prodigal Comes Home*, is complimented by an autobiographical book sharing the same title. Michael's journey has been slow and painful, but it is one that has brought him back to the overwhelming place of hope and redemption.

Nashville-based CADIA comprises longtime friends Courtney Myers and Tori Smith, both 19 years old.



The duo will release their self-titled debut album on February 26. The record addressed themes of honesty, empowerment, self-esteem, compassion, and confidence in God.

Tickets are \$17.50 to \$47.50 for this event. For more information, contact GAHA at 706-635-5605.

Flora and Fauna Exhibit Open House Scheduled March 5

Flora and Fauna of Northwest Georgia are the keynotes upon which the upcoming museum displays will be based. Ruby Mitchell, Fort Mountain Naturalist, and Leslie Thomas of the Garden Club of Ellijay are coordinating the two exhibits.

They will commemorate the re-opening of the museum with an Open House on Wednesday, March 5

from 12:30 until 1:30 pm. "We hope that the public will enjoy the show as much as we have enjoyed assembling the items," said Leslie Thomas. "The Open House is our way of extending a special invitation to the public to come and see what we have."

The Garden Club will be exhibiting antique glassware, frogs from the 1800s through the 1900s and depression

glass. "Ornate objects were often multipurposed," says Leslie. "They were created so that they could be used for flowers or for something like baking." They will also show arrangements of dried ornamentals.

Ruby will be showing her displays of stuffed animals, all taken from the hills of Northwest Georgia. Her items will vary from snakes to small herbivores.

Flora and Fauna of Northwest Georgia will be on display until July, when the Confederate Sons of America will display items from the War Between the States. The museum is open to the public Monday through Friday from 9 am to 4:30 pm. There is no charge. Please stop by and visit!

GAHA Gallery Prepares for March and April Showings

The GAHA Gallery has several showings scheduled in the upcoming months.

The month of March is designated as National Youth Art Month. A county-wide student art exhibit is held during March at the GAHA gallery featuring art work from every school in Gilmer County.

A reception for artists, family and friends will be held on Monday, March 11 from 5 pm to 7 pm.

Please join us to honor these talented young artists

of Gilmer County.

In April the GAHA gallery will host the first art show of the newly formed Southern Appalachian Artists Guild (SAAG).

SAAG is operating under the umbrella of the Blue Ridge Mountain Arts Association (BRMAA) and focuses on the needs of artists in the broader North Georgia area and Tri-State Mountain area. This Guild endeavors to serve its members through artistic development, education and marketing.

The theme for the art show, "Out of the Woods" sprung from the fact that myriad artists live among us. SAAG, BRMAA and GAHA will now give them many venues in which to showcase their work, beginning with the first art show at GAHA Gallery.

Members of SAAG also enjoy a BRMAA membership and are also encouraged to join GAHA to further broaden their scope of accessibility to the public.

There will be a reception

on Saturday, April 5 from 5 pm to 7 pm to launch this event. The show will run from April 5 to April 25.

Contact the GAHA office at 706-635-5605 for further information.

Encore Performance of *Love Letters* Planned for March 22



Carol Moore & Paul Compton

Due to the overwhelming popularity of the Valentine's Day performance of *Love Letters*, an encore performance is scheduled for Saturday, March 22 at 7 pm.

The one-act play is an entertaining and moving story that traces the lifelong correspondence of two likeable charac-

ters. The story of their bittersweet relationship gradually unfolds from what is written, and what is left unsaid, in their letters.

Steve Stevens is the director. Performers are the incredibly talented Carol Moore and her counterpart Paul Compton.

The performance will

be at Gilmer Arts and Heritage Association in the Hawthorne Room. Coffee and desserts will be served. The cost is only \$5 per person, and you may pay at the door the evening of the event.

Save the Date May 3 for the GAHA Auction Fundraiser

"Saturday, May 3 will be the day we gather to celebrate Cinco de Mayo and raise money for the preservation of the arts and heritage programs in Gilmer County," said Beth Pigott, President of GAHA.

"It has been a tradition that we have a day in May set aside for bringing together people who care about the arts. This year, we hope to have the biggest

fundraiser ever," said Beth.

"We have commitments from people who are donating big ticket items like condos in Florida, a visit at a Biker Park and smaller but highly desirable items like art from Zada Jackson and Terry Daniel."

"We are celebrating our event with a Cinco de Mayo theme, because we love the festive celebrations of Mexico," says Linda Kill-

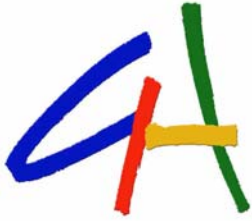
ingsworth, who is working with Merle Howell on the food preparations.

Also serving on the committee are LouAnne Nunn, Kathy Maas, Kathi Traywick, Beverly Martarella, Joan Compton, Carol Moore, Joe Ragland, John Mahan, Candy Day, Jane Layman and Beverly Rogers. Beth Pigott is chairing the event.

Ticket prices are set at

\$25 for members and \$35 for non-members. The auction will begin at 6 pm in the Hawthorne Room of GAHA located at 207 Dalton Street.

Reservations are required. Please call 706-635-5605.



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UPCOMING CLASSES

Photography Classes

Jody Huneycutt, Instructor

Class Fee - \$75, Supply Fee - \$18.00

6 classes, Thursdays

beginning March 13, 7:30—9:30 pm

This class will cover the basic aspects of photography, such as camera operation, composition, light, techniques and equipment and will include weekly assignment to allow students to practice material covered with instructional critique. Both film and digital will be discussed with a focus on digital.

Colored Pencil or Open Project

Mark Menendez, Instructor

Class Fee - \$100, Supply Fee - \$40 (pencil class)

4 classes per series, Fridays, 10 am to 12 noon

Bring your own medium and work with Mark's assistance or sign up for the colored pencil class to learn the colored pencil technique creating a piece entitled "The Chickadee". Mark is an excellent teacher and will help you develop your artistic skills. Visit his website at www.menendez-art.com.

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