

MEDIA RELEASE

Stratford Perth Museum exhibit honours John A. Miller and Stratford Summer Music

For many, Stratford Summer Music is synonymous with John A. Miller. That is understandable given that Stratford Summer Music has become a summertime fixture covered with his fingerprints.

The person who re-started Stratford Summer Music is now in his 18th and final season as the driving force and visionary of the largest summer festival of its kind in southern Ontario.

The Stratford Perth Museum is very proud to present a summertime exhibit that not only celebrates the accomplishments of Miller but of Stratford Summer Music itself.

“Summer Music is one of the great institutions that has made Stratford such an extraordinary location for arts, culture and heritage,” said Gail Tolley, board chair at the Stratford Perth Museum.

“John Miller’s vision, enthusiasm and entrepreneurship have been major factors in that success. We thought this was the perfect time to showcase John’s contributions to our community and to say a special thank you to him for putting Stratford on the map when it comes to music,” added Tolley.

The exhibit, which is now open and will run until



Labour Day, includes a narrative that tries to do justice to the long list of Miller’s accomplishments.

It also includes a number of photographs and the wonderful season posters, many of which were created by Stratford artist Scott McKowen.

In a Stratford Summer Music media release, Miller spoke about the watershed 2018 season which is currently underway.

“2018 will be special for me,” he said. “With its diversity of artists and ensembles and its variety of repertoire and performances, I’m certain the summer will also be an exciting season ... for our audiences, and, as I prepare to pass on the leadership baton, for me, too.”

A chance conversation with then Mayor Dave Hunt in the late 1990s planted the seed for Stratford Summer Music which had its first season in 2001.

Now, as his final season is upon us, we can look back at an amazing career. Miller is the first to say that many hands have made light work but there is no question that his impact on this amazing institution is evidenced every day.

The Museum is open everyday from 9-5.

For info about the current Stratford Summer Music season go to www.stratfordsummermusic.ca

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