



Markham Arts Council and Thursday Nights at the Bandstand Announce Artist Unplugged Partnership

December 14, 2020 Unionville, Ontario – Markham Arts Council (MAC) and Thursday Nights at the Bandstand (TNAB) are pleased to announce a partnership arrangement in MAC's Virtual Artist Unplugged series. TNAB tribute artists will be showcased in the Artist Unplugged Thursday's schedule commencing December 24 at 12:30pm featuring the exceptionally talented Elton Rohn Band performing classic hits of Elton John.

Artist Unplugged is Markham Arts Council's initiative that focuses on promoting the works of local established and emerging musical artists virtually during these unprecedented COVID-19 times. The series is broadcast as webisodes on the MAC Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/artsinmarkham> and the MAC You Tube Channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-GR8wCD_yCgmPyECdwkZ1w on Thursdays at 12:30pm. Replays of the webisodes are also available for viewing.

"We are thrilled to have TNAB's tribute artists virtually contributing to the Artist Unplugged series. The pandemic has affected live music and musicians exceptionally hard. To be able to bring the musical works of TNAB's artists virtually to fans of live music through these unprecedented times is an outstanding opportunity to virtually safely gather to experience what we miss live" says Bill Dawson, Founder and Organizer of TNAB's live music program.

"This partnership allows us to go beyond our member base and help more local artists. Music is therapeutic and we are trying to increase our reach to benefit as many people as possible within the community, through our digital platforms, during these harsh winters and the challenging and unprecedented times we're dealing with. We're extremely excited about the possibilities this partnership will bring, and can't wait to take this journey together," says Deepti Aurora, Chair, Markham Arts Council.

Markham Arts Council is a non-profit charitable organization that serves and promotes artists, arts and culture organizations and diverse artistic communities, while engaging our local community in the City of Markham.

Thursday Nights at the Bandstand is a community-based volunteer organization established to provide quality live music professionally produced each Thursday evening June through August at Unionville's Main Street Millennium Bandstand.

For details and additional information check out www.markhamartscouncil.com or www.unionvillepresents.com or email info@markhamartscouncil.com or info@unionvillepresents.com.