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*A festival of Working People
and the Arts*

*April 26 - May 8
1996*

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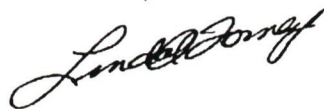
THIS YEAR the Labour Council of Metro Toronto & York Region celebrates one hundred and twenty-five years of labour activism in Toronto and vicinity. We're pleased that Mayworks has recognized this in both the Mayworks poster and in its programming.

As we've worked with Mayworks and with others in the movement to plan celebrations for our anniversary year, we've become more conscious of the rich culture that workers have built for themselves over the years in our community. We continue to rely on Mayworks to help to preserve and enrich that culture as it has done over the past eleven years.

We also want to take this opportunity to acknowledge and appreciate the valuable contributions which Mayworks has made to our common cause as we struggle to survive the cutbacks and program cuts from all levels of government. Mayworks supported the frontlines in London, Hamilton, and Kitchener-Waterloo, and was on the picket lines with OPSEU warming strikers through the coldest days of the winter.

We look forward to this year's festival and to working with Mayworks for many years to come.

In solidarity,



Linda Torney,
President,
Labour Council of Metro Toronto & York Region



Womantalk

Mayworks Festival celebrates women in labour and the arts with our annual night of song and performance.

Speakers and performers include:

- ♦ Sunera Thobani, President of the National Action Committee on the Status of Women
- ♦ Leah Casselman, President of OPSEU
- ♦ Catherine Macleod, wise poet and activist from Strathroy, Ontario
- ♦ Anne Healy and Carol Jackson, who bring us activist music that keeps the struggle alive
- ♦ *The Unceded Band*: four women and eight spirits
- ♦ *Conscious Step's One Step Ahead*: a three person dance company

performing chants and South African gumboot dance

Finally, dance to the ska, jive and disco sounds of *Random Order*!

Emceed by Deena Ladd of UNITE (formerly the International Ladies Garment Workers Union) and of TCAR. Coordinated by Rachel Kalpana James.

Wednesday, May 1
Tranzac Club
292 Brunswick Ave
8 pm
\$10, \$7

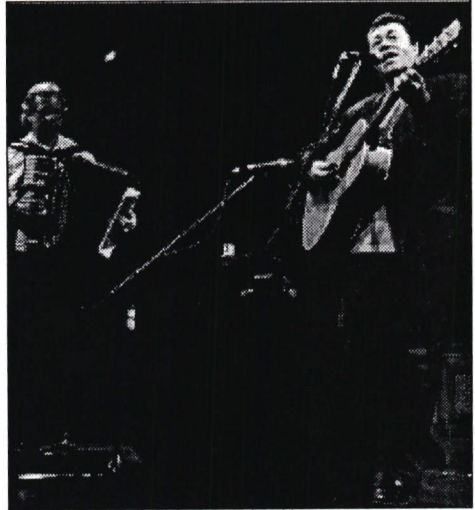


Eve Goldberg - May 4

Mayworks Cabaret and Dance

Mayworks celebrates 11 years of labour arts with a cabaret of upbeat and socially wise music, followed by a dance. Rick Fielding and Eve Goldberg will have you mesmerized with their songs. You'll enjoy the feminist rock band *Strange Angels* and ahdri zhina mandiola writes and performs dub words of beauty and insight. Parabolica will have you on your feet with their mix of Brazilian, funk and African soukous sounds. Bill Howes of the Labour Council of Metro Toronto and York Region will be our amiable host for the evening. Event coordinated by Ellen Long.

Saturday, May 4
Cecil St. Community Centre
58 Cecil St.
8 pm
\$10, \$8



Len Wallace (left) - April 28, 30 Rick Fielding - May 4



Strange Angels - May 4

photo: Lorr Millan

CONCERT ❖ WORKSHOP

Working Songs

Cross-Cultural Concert & Discussion

Allan Merovitz, cultural activist, singer, actor and writer/director, leads this circle of song and word with participants from many communities and histories. Bring your own song and story and join Allan and others such as Alfredo Barohona, a member of Anil and a founding member of the Salvadorean folk group Cayaguanca and Len Wallace, labour story teller and singer extraordinaire.

Sunday, April 28

Cecil St. Community Centre

58 Cecil St.

8pm

\$5

Demolition Workers at Victory Soya Mills, 1995

Photo & Text Exhibit

With the demolition of the Victory Soya Mills, one of the last relics of a working harbour disappeared from Toronto. Vince Pietropaolo's photos and David Sobel's text of interviews with workers detail the loss of work and identity for the Victory Soya Mill workers in the post-industrial age.

April 26 - May 12
Pages Bookstore Window
256 Queen St. West

Work: Images of Solidarity and Struggle

Outdoor projected slide exhibit

To honour the 125th Anniversary of the Labour Council of Metro Toronto and York Region, Mayworks will present a larger-than-life outdoor slide show of the struggles and victories by Metro workers over the years. Coordinated by video artist Glen Richards.

Friday, April 26
Ontario Federation of Labour
Outside, south wall
8 pm
Free



photo: Vincenzo Pietropaolo/Silverlight

The razing of Victoria Soya Mills - on display April 26 - May 12

1946 Stelco Strike: 50th Anniversary

Window exhibit

The 1946 Stelco Strike was a critical event in that it forced employers to accept collective bargaining and mobilized workers to strike for recognition. This commemorative exhibit at Partisan will feature text and slides from 50 years ago, linking current labour struggles with those of the past. Project coordinated by Scott Marsden and supported by the Artist Political Action Collective.

Saturday, April 27 -Wed. May 8
Partisan Gallery
920 Queen St. West

CUPE Local 79 Spring Exhibit

Photographer Vincenzo Pietropaolo coordinated a photography workshop with CUPE 79 members who took photos of their work and of the world around them. This new exhibit, by 16 members, was a project produced under the Ontario Art Council's Artist in the Workplace program.

April 29 - May 3
Metro Hall Lobby
55 John St
Free

125th Anniversary Labour Council Slide Show

To honour the 125th Anniversary of the Labour Council of Metro Toronto and York Region, Mayworks will present a slide show that shows the link between workers of the present and of the past. Coordinated by Glen Richards.

Friday, May 3
Toronto City Hall Towers
8 pm
Free

Images of Struggle *Latin American Working Group*

Images of Struggle is a series of posters used in popular education over the past fifteen years, in both Canada and Central America. The posters are an entry point for an examination of the history of Central America. This exhibit commemorates the 30th Anniversary of the Latin American Working Group. Coordinated by Philippe Maurais.

Monday, May 6 -Friday, May 17
Mon-Fri only
Metro Labour Education Centre lobby
1209 King St. West, Suite 201A
Free



The 125-year history of the Toronto Labour Council is recognized in slide shows April 26 and May 3

City Hall Labour Banners

In honour of the 125th Anniversary of the Labour Council, Mayworks will display banners of several Metro unions. These detailed textile wonders continue a long history of banner art in unions and use painting, photography, embroidery, applique and other techniques. The banners are often a joint project of a labour group and a local artist.

April 29 - May 3
Toronto City Hall Lobby

Solidarity Rebirth *Silverlight: David Hartman*

With the advent of enormous change in Ontario, communities and unions have rediscovered the meaning of solidarity. From factory floors, church basements and union halls, communities have come together. This display of photographs and words documents the rebirth of these communities. Photographer David Hartman has made a travelling exhibit of his time spent on the front lines over the last few tumultuous months in Ontario.

Various Festival Locations

THEATRE

The Solidarity Songbook

George Hewison and Ground Zero

The Solidarity Songbook is a story of the early days of labour organizing and how those lessons are still relevant today. This newly revised script centers on a young local president trying to run his first strike and includes a mix of familiar *Wobblie* tunes and contemporary labour songs.

Sunday, May 5
Cecil St. Community Centre
58 Cecil St.
8 pm
\$10, \$7

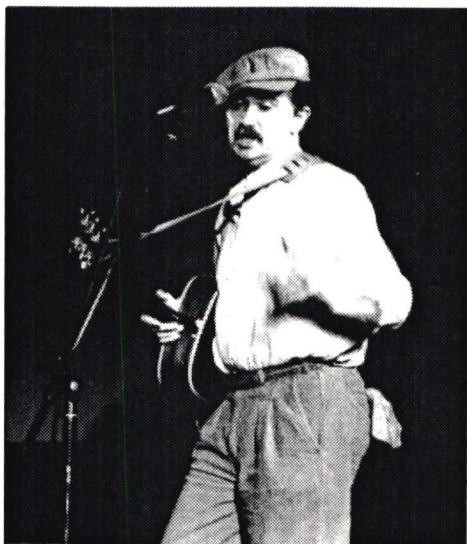


photo: David Hartman

The Solidarity Songbook - May 5



Westray: The Long Way Home - May 8

Westray: *The Long Way Home*

Two Planks and a Passion Theatre

Westray: The Long Way Home follows one fictional family through the comedy and drama of daily life in a mining community. The play, based on Dean Jobb's book *Calculated Risk: Greed Politics and the Westray Tragedy*, is performed by the Sheffield, Nova Scotia theatre company *Two Planks and a Passion*. Co-sponsored with the United Steelworkers of America.

Wednesday, May 8
Bathurst St. Theatre
736 Bathurst St.
8 pm
\$10, \$8

Tom Wayman

Tom Wayman, B.C. labour poet and essayist, is just completing his term as writer-in-residence at The University of Toronto. The author of 12 poetry collections and editor of 5 books, he'll be reading from his latest works *Paperwork* and *Going For Coffee*.

Friday, April 26
Another Story Bookstore
164 Danforth Ave.
7 pm
Free

Catherine Macleod Phil Hall

Catherine Macleod—writer, activist and producer from Strathroy, Ontario—will read from her upcoming book *Waking Up in the Men's Room*. Phil Hall, formerly a member of the Industrial Writers Union in Vancouver, will read from his latest addition to his prolific output: *Hearthedral*. Both authors care and write about working class issues and concerns.

Thursday, May 2
164 Danforth Ave
7 pm
Free

Maureen Hynes
Liz Ukrainetz

Maureen Hynes, member of OPSEU Local 556, will be reading from her book of poetry *Rough Skin*. Maureen has been widely published in Canadian journals and is the author of the book *Letters From China*. Liz Ukrainetz is a Toronto writer who has published 2 books—a novel called *Minor Assumptions* and a book of short stories *Baby, I Love You*.

Monday, May 6
Common Knowledge Bookstore
585 Bloor St. West
7:30 pm
Free

Lynne Hutchinson

The Toronto Labour Studies Subject Council and Mayworks presents artist Lynne Hutchinson, who will speak on two generations of progressive artists in her family. She will show slides of her father's work, the late Leonard Hutchinson, as well as her own work. Both artists' work includes and addresses social issues of their day.

Tuesday, May 7
Danforth Central Technical Institute
800 Greenwood Ave.
4:30 pm
Free

F I L M ❖ V I D E O

◆ **Memory and Muscle**
◆ **Johnny Shortwave**

Mayworks Festival presents *Memory and Muscle*, a humorous and informative video by Michael Ostroff, on the 1965 Canada wide postal strike that resulted in the birth of two Canadian postal unions. *Johnny Shortwave*, by Michael Bockner, is a futuristic tale of intrigue. Johnny is a former electrical engineer who drops out to form his own basement radio station.

Tuesday, May 7
Studio Theatre
Harbourfront Centre, Queen's Quay
8 pm
\$5
For ticket information call the Harbourfront Centre
Box Office at 416-973-4000.

MUSIC IN THE WORKPLACE

Music in the Workplace is our annual series of collaborative concerts and events between union locals and performers. Union members are encouraged to perform, followed by performers who bring their cultural work into the work places of Metro. This year there is an additional component to the program: photos, video and spoken word will be added to some of the performances. Curated by Aida Jordao.

Friday, April 26

CAW Local 112
Staro Selo Duo
DeHavilland Inc.
123 Garrett Blvd., Downsview
Noon

Monday, April 29

CUPE Local 1474
D'Arcy Martin (CEP Communications
Director, Author of *Thinking Union*)
Alvorada, Portuguese Band
Doctors Hospital
45 Brunswick Ave.
11:30 am

Tuesday, April 30

OPEIU Local 343
Len Wallace
OFL Building Cafeteria
15 Gervais Dr
12:30 - 1:30 pm

Wednesday, May 1

CUPE Local 79
Joseph Maviglia
Metro Hall Rotunda
12:00 - 1:30 pm

Friday, May 3

CUPE Local 79
Rank n' File Band
Nathan Phillips Square
Toronto City Hall
12:00 - 1:00 pm

Monday, May 6

OSSTF
Diana Braithwaite
OSSTF, 60 Mobile Dr., Don Mills
12:30 - 1:30 pm



Joseph Maviglia - May 1

Tuesday, May 7

CUPE Local 1582
Kye Marshall and Kevin Barrett
Metro Reference Library
789 Yonge St.
12:30 - 1:30 pm

Wednesday, May 8

OPSEU Local 503
Tiki Mercury-Clark
MacDonald Block
900 Bay St. at Wellesley
St. Lawrence Lounge
12:30 - 1:30 pm

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Thanks to all our sponsors who have contributed to the success of the 1996 festival, including:

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Also thanks to the many volunteers who make this festival possible.

Mayworks at a Glance

April

26 – May 12

- *Demolition Workers at Victory Soya Mills*, exhibit, Pages Bookstore, 256 Queen St W.
- 26 • Performer, Dehavilland Inc, 123 Garrett Blvd.
- Tom Wayman, author, Another Story Bookstore, 164 Danforth Ave.
- *Images of Work*, outdoor slides, OFL, 15 Gervais.

27–May 8

- *Stelco Strike Exhibit*, Partisan, 920 Queen St W.
- 28 • *Working Songs*, workshop, Cecil St Community Centre, 58 Cecil St.
- 29 • D'Arcy Martin, writer, Alvorada, musicians, Doctor's Hospital, 45 Brunswick Ave.

29– May 3

- *CUPE 79 Exhibit*, Metro Hall Lobby.
- *Labour Banners Exhibit*, Toronto City Hall.
- 30 • Len Wallace, concert, OFL, 15 Gervais.

May

- 1 • Joseph Maviglia, concert, Metro Hall Rotunda.
- *Womantalk*, cabaret, Tranzac Club, 292 Brunswick Ave.
- 2 • Catherine Macleod & Phil Hall, writers, Another Story Bookstore, 164 Danforth Ave.
- 3 • Rank 'n File Band, Nathan Phillips Square.
- Slide Show, Toronto City Hall Towers.
- 4 • Cabaret and Dance, Cecil Street Community Centre, 58 Cecil Street.
- 5 • *The Solidarity Songbook*, Theatre, Cecil Street Community Centre, 58 Cecil St.
- 6 • Diana Braithwaite, OSSTF, singer, 60 Mobile Drive.
- Maureen Hynes & Liz Ukrainetz, poets, Common Knowledge Bookstore, 585 Bloor St West.

6–May 17

- *Images of Struggle*, posters, 1209 King St West.
- 7 • Kye Marshall & Kevin Barrett, musicians, Metro Reference Library, 789 Yonge.
- Lynne Hutchinson, art lecture, Danforth Tech, 800 Greenwood.
- *Memory and Muscle*, Johnny Shortwave, video/film, Harbourfront.
- 8 • Tiki Mercury-Clark, concert, MacDonald Block, 900 Bay St.
- *Westray*, a play, Bathurst Street Theatre, 736 Bathurst St.