

## **Thank you, Thank you, and Thank you**

There are so many people that have come together to make this event possible and we feel it is important to let them know that we are grateful for their contributions.

To our sponsors, your support is critical and we are very pleased that you felt this is an event worth supporting. Thank you to *Casino Rama, Ontario Yours to Discover, Leon's Orillia, Q107, and The Dock 104.1*

The City of Orillia has welcomed this event and the many people in attendance. The residents of Orillia have been courteous to share their beautiful city. We extend a special thank you to *Orillia Culture and Heritage, Downtown Orillia, Orillia the Sunshine City and Orillia Today*. We could not have this event without the ultimate support they provide.

We would like to thank all of the **musicians, artists, guest speakers, and vendors** that bring life to this event with all of their entertaining sights and sounds. We appreciate the time you spend in preparation for your performance, and the dedication this requires. All of you make this event truly unique.

Thank you to the sponsors that have provided us with stages and gear. They have provided us with vital components of this event. They are as follows:

**Long and McQuade** - 2010, and 2011 they have provide all the gear you see for our main stage. They have always been there to help us bring this stage to life.

**Barrie Music Centre** – has provided all the sound gear for the Up and Coming Stage. Daniel Joseph helped us as a sound tech last year, and has kindly offered his sound tech skills and gear this year. If you are in the Barrie area I suggest you visit him at his store, he is knowledgeable, kind and always helpful.

**Jack's Music Hall** – Steve Parks has provided the actual stages for the Up and Coming Stage, and the Alternative Stage. In addition Steve has also provided the gear for the Alternative Stage. If you require sound systems, I suggest you visit Steve in Orillia for sound advice.

**Randy van Vught** – Randy was our main sound technician last year and will be again this year. He is responsible for all the outdoor stages, set up and operation, as well as some of the Opera House shows. He is very busy between these stages, yet he is always friendly and patient as he works endlessly all weekend.

**Claude Labrecque – Technical Director Orillia Opera House**– Claude is an expert in his field. He knows the Opera House and its sound characteristics like the back of his hand. He is professional and hardworking. His help has been tremendous, as he takes on the responsibilities for all of our main attractions. Claude's skill level and professional nature puts everyone at ease. It is a thrill to perform at the Opera House and a pleasure to work with Claude.

**Opera House** – The Opera House is one of the most beautiful venues in Ontario. We are thrilled to have an opportunity to hold our main attractions in the Orillia Opera House. The amazing character, history and the architecture of this building is something everyone should experience. Thank you to all the staff at the Opera House. You have always been very welcoming to the Beatles Celebration, providing our artists and guests a very enjoyable and memorable experience.

**Harris Institute** – A huge thank you to John Harris as he has generously donated a day of recording time in his professional studio for the winners of our youth band draw. He is providing a wonderful opportunity for the winning band to be recorded in a professional studio. John and his school are both well known and well respected in the music industry here in Canada and internationally. His resume is extensive and impressive. If you have ever considered a career in the music industry the Harris Institute is a step in the right direction.

**Cindi Harmer** – Cindi has been our hard working Webmaster for the last few years. Our thanks to her for keeping up with all the changes and additions we constantly send to her. The Orillia Beatles Celebration is only one of Cindi's many responsibilities and she has always been able to accommodate our busy web site. Thank you for your hard work and patience.

**The Orillia Beatles Celebration Committee** – This is a committee of dedicated volunteers that work year round to create this wonderful event. They work tirelessly to create a celebration for everyone to enjoy and a celebration that pays tribute to and honors a band we hold near and dear in our hearts. They are already making plans for 2012. If you are interested in performing with us in 2012 please contact Jo-anne Pyke at [east2westeq@sympatico.ca](mailto:east2westeq@sympatico.ca) for details.

A very special thank you goes out to all of the wonderful people who attend the Orillia Beatles Celebration. It is a pleasure that we can all come together and enjoy a great Beatle weekend.

**Thank you to one and all from the Orillia Beatles Celebration 2011.**