

## True North Gallery exhibit to open at Dufferin County Museum & Archives

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If you love art and music, then head over to Dufferin County Museum and Archives (DCMA) to enjoy the best of both worlds, as they're displaying selected art works of Canadian and foreign musicians from the True North Gallery throughout the summer. The exhibit, scheduled to run from May 28 to August 6, displays 17 original and rare pieces by Canadian and foreign musicians. Several artworks from Canadian musicians include those of Buffy Sainte Marie, Danny McBride and Murray McLauchlan. Foreign musicians' art work includes Beatle members John Lennon and Paul McCartney, Rolling Stones guitarist Ronnie Wood, and American punk rocker Patti Smith.

True North Gallery, based in Water down, is actually a record store, but also has an art gallery. Sarah Robinson, the museum's curator, says they approached True North back in October last year, and after they were given a tour of their gallery and expressed interest in certain artwork pieces, they were able to come to an agreement on artwork chosen.

"Going on that tour as a curator myself, going into another gallery and seeing the work they have, it was amazing. It was a very exciting experience for me."

She says they keep surprising themselves and keep people coming in, because they keep things different constantly.

"People are so willing to share artwork, I think that's one of the best things. Whether it be international artists, or even our artists at home, they're always willing to share their work, and we're happy to be displaying it all the time."

Discussing the Buffy Sainte Marie, Nanci Malek, the museum's marketing and promotions co-coordinator, says she is "one of the best public speakers I have ever seen in my life. Just eloquent."

Ms. Robinson recalled Ms. Saint Marie speaking at the Junos this past April, how passionate she was, and knowing they will be displaying one of her works, it was a "little bit of a star struck moment for me."

Asked how the exhibit represents a small, community museum, Ms. Robinson said it's because "you can't really put us into a mold, or a typical example of what you think a community museum is," since they're always bringing new, exciting things to County.

The opening reception will be at he museum this Sunday, May 28, at 2:00 p.m. RSVP by phoning, 877-941-7787 or email [info@dufferinmuseum.com](mailto:info@dufferinmuseum.com).