



CCA H MAY

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2024

CELEBRATING CULTURE AND HISTORY

WE'RE GLAD YOU'RE HERE!

Get ready to immerse yourself in Caribbean vibes as we celebrate history, culture, music, and flavours in an evening filled with entertainment and fun. This year's theme of "**Celebrating Culture and History**," has been curated as an experience to immerse you in the rich cultures and heritage of the diverse Caribbean people. Tonight is not just a celebration; it is an opportunity to make a difference. Proceeds from the event will support the **Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH)**, which for the past 17 years has worked to support children and youth in our community by engaging in programs and initiatives. Thank you for being here and contributing to CCAH's meaningful initiatives.



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MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF YOUTH & CHILDREN



Tax receipts will be issued for all donations **over \$20**.

A LETTER FROM CCAH'S PRESIDENT

Gala Attendees,

CCAH opened its doors in 1977 and for the past 47 years we have worked to give everyone a sense of belonging and a sense of inclusive community – a place we are all proud to call home.

It is imperative that the youth of today, particularly those who experience various barriers, find meaningful ways to engage in their community all year long, to help them foster a positive sense of self through culturally enriching experiences.

We strive for youth to build self-esteem, feelings of empowerment and belonging, and positive mental health through connecting with peers and role models who share related cultural and ethnic backgrounds.

It is why we developed youth programs that are accessible beyond the life cycle of February and the focus of Black History Month.

Your support tonight will positively impact local children and youth living in Halton – everyday. Because a sense of belonging goes beyond one month of the year.

We thank you for your ongoing support with CCAH as we look ahead to 2027 and 50 years of community engagement.

**Andrew Tyrrell
President, CCAH Board of Directors
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OAKVILLE

On behalf of the Town of Oakville, welcome to everyone attending and thank you for generously supporting the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH). I commend the CCAH for your tireless efforts in promoting understanding and harmony across Oakville for the past 47 years and for the work that you do to engage with our youth.

The Town of Oakville continues to develop our Inclusion, Diversity, Equity and Accessibility Multi-Year Plan to further the town's efforts to being an inclusive workplace and community where everyone feels they belong. We look forward to celebrating tonight and strengthening our community!

Yours Sincerely,

Rob Burton
Mayor, Town of Oakville



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Town of Halton Hills
Office of the Mayor



May 2024

It is my pleasure to recognize the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH) and extend my heartfelt congratulations on 47 years of promoting unity and inclusion.

The CCAH does important work and supports my goal of fostering a community of care – one in which everyone feels welcomed, valued, safe and included.

Building a healthy community does not happen in isolation – it takes a collaborative effort and will amongst those who live here to make our town an even better place to live, work and play. I believe it is important for community leaders to use the unique opportunities we are provided to share messages of unity, support well-being and inclusiveness. To this end, I am proud to support the efforts of the CCAH and further our mutual goals realized through events of recognition, education and celebration.

All the best!

Ann Lawlor
Mayor, Town of Halton Hills

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Welcome



On behalf of the Town of Milton, I want to extend a warm welcome to those attending the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH) May Soirée supporting youth programming in Halton Region.

I want to thank the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton for all their hard work in organizing this event celebrating CCAH's 47th year in operation. Events like this help celebrate and recognize our Town's cultural diversity and strengthen our community.

I hope you enjoy the festivities!



Mayor Gordon Krantz
Town of Milton



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On behalf of Regional Council, I thank you for this opportunity to celebrate community, culture, and history with the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton. For 47 years, your organization has increased awareness of the diversity within our community, strengthening inclusion and belonging for people of all ages. Your contributions help make the lives of Halton residents culturally richer.

Thank you to everyone at today's event for your donations that help connect families to summer day camps and art, music and literacy activities. The funds raised also support important leadership programs for youth.

Our diversity is a source of strength, and I appreciate the hard work and dedication of everyone at the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton. Thank you for providing cultural and personal development opportunities to children and youth in Halton. Thank you for all that you do to make Halton a great place to live, work, raise a family and retire.



Gary Carr
Regional Chair



SOIRÉE PROGRAM



ARRIVAL, COCKTAIL HOUR, STEEL PAN BAND PERFORMANCE	●	6:00 PM
OPENING REMARKS	●	7:00 PM
*KEYNOTE SPEAKER	●	7:30 PM
DINNER & SONIA COLLYMORE PERFORMANCE	●	8:00 PM
*REMARKS BY CCAH PRESIDENT	●	8:45 PM
*4 PILLARS AWARDS CEREMONY	●	9:00 PM
CLOSING REMARKS & ENTERTAINMENT	●	9:30 PM
AFTERPARTY	●	10:15 PM
END OF EVENING	●	12:00 AM

* INDICATES THE BAR IS CLOSED

2024 KEYNOTE SPEAKER



**THE HONOURABLE
GREG FERGUS**
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

On October 3, 2023, Members of the House of Commons elected the Honourable Greg Fergus as Speaker of the House of Commons.

Mr. Fergus has been serving the people of Hull–Aylmer in Parliament since October 2015. At the time of his election as Speaker, he was the Parliamentary Secretary to the President of the Treasury Board and to the Minister of Health. Since his election as a Member, he served as Parliamentary Secretary to the Prime Minister, to the Minister of Digital Government, and to the Minister of Innovation, Science and Economic Development. He founded and co-chaired the Parliamentary Black Caucus for six years.

Mr. Fergus holds a Bachelor of Social Sciences from the University of Ottawa, and a Bachelor of International Relations from Carleton University. He has also undertaken graduate studies in international relations. During his time as a student, he served as a House of Commons page, part of the 1988–1989 cohort. He and his wife are the proud parents of three adult children and the doting grandparents to two grandchildren.

EMCEE & ENTERTAINMENT SPOTLIGHT

Most recently, Sheba Siddiqui was the on-air contributor and senior producer for Toronto Today on Global News Radio 640 Toronto. Every day, Sheba sought out challenging perspectives and voices that needed to be heard in exploring the stories of the hour. Sheba has worked in broadcasting for over a decade, hosting, reporting, writing and producing in both TV and radio across many platforms, including CBC and Rogers Sports & Media, prior to joining Global News Radio. Sheba holds a B.A. from the University of Toronto and a post-graduate in Broadcast Journalism from Seneca College at York University. Passionate about combating misogyny, racism and Islamophobia, she volunteers her time in various capacities with youth, women and her community. Depending on the season, you can find Sheba hiking or skiing in the Great Outdoors with her family.



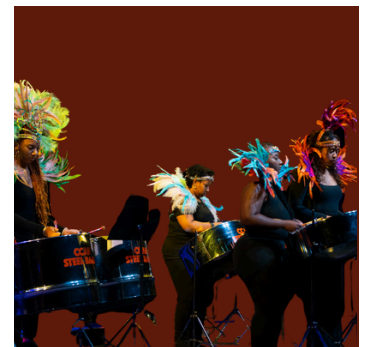
Sheba Siddiqui



Two-time JUNO award winner Sonia Collymore has developed a unique sound supported by a bold stage presence. Sonia's niche is Reggae, but she has developed a strong jazz, soul and R&B vocal style. Her music is soulful with a Caribbean twist!

Sonia Collymore

Arising out of the CCAH music program is the CCAH Steel Band. Playing the steel pan is easy to learn and highly social. Described as 'happy music', everyone - players and audience - gets involved. It has become an international art form for people of all ages. Due to its very nature, it is a proven and ideal means of achieving the CCAH objectives of being rooted in Education, Culture, Community, and Harmony.



CCA Steel Band

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

Gold



Silver



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Decor



Swag Bags



FOUR PILLARS



CANADIAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF HALTON

EDUCATION



CCAH partners with Halton school boards, libraries and other community organizations on Afro-Caribbean cultural and educational programming to enrich the learning experience.



CANADIAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF HALTON

COMMUNITY



Partnering with community organizations, CCAH exemplifies inclusiveness, promoting active engagement and awareness about the Black diaspora in Halton.



CANADIAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF HALTON

CULTURE



CCAH takes you on a cultural journey celebrating Black history and exploring Afro-Caribbean heritage through diversity in music, art and food.



CANADIAN CARIBBEAN ASSOCIATION OF HALTON

HARMONY



CCAH values togetherness and engages people from diverse backgrounds through its programs and initiatives.



Richard Pinnock



Roger Gibbs

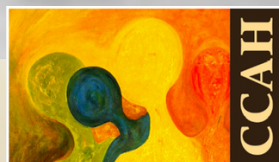


Janelle Brathwaite



Pam Damoff

4 PILLARS AWARD RECIPIENTS 2024



MAY 11th, 2024

6pm – 12am

**OE Banquet &
Conference
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Education

Culture

Community

Harmony

2024 PILLAR AWARD RECIPIENTS



Richard Pinnock

Richard has been involved with the CCAH since 2007 and currently serves as the Board member responsible for Youth Leadership Development. He currently serves as the Chief Diversity Officer for Export Development Canada (a federal Crown Corporation). His key skills include: Strategy Development, Supplier Diversity, DEI Policy Development, Employee Engagement, Learning & Development, Communications, Event Management and Community Engagement. This experience spans Public, Education, Private, and Not-for-Profit sectors.

Roger Gibbs

Roger began his music career in Barbados at age 14 as lead singer/guitarist with The Merryboys, inspired by his older brother Chris, bassist for the legendary Merrymen. At age 18, he joined Sandpebbles – a popular Caribbean dance band with hits still playing in the Caribbean today. He is a highly accomplished writer, producer and performer of Calyso music and Caribbean folk song traditions. He collaborates with various local musicians, has produced several CDS, and performs locally and internationally. He is very active in the production of Caribbean events in Toronto and Ontario and advocates traditional Caribbean art forms. Roger has been supporting CCAH for 15+ years.



2024 PILLAR AWARD RECIPIENTS



Janelle Brathwaite

Janelle Brathwaite is currently a Grade 11 student. She has excelled academically while actively engaging in extracurriculars, earning certifications as a YMCA swim instructor/lifeguard. Passionate about music, Janelle became a part-time Steel Pan assistant after participating in the CCAH Steel Pan program for over 7 years. Being a CCAH Day Camp Counsellor since 2022, Janelle has led many engaging activities and helped introduce campers to steel pan music, notably impacting Black campers as a positive role model. Janelle demonstrates commitment, leadership, and community engagement, guiding youth through support and inclusiveness.

Pam Damoff

Pam Damoff was first elected as the Member of Parliament for Oakville North-Burlington in 2015. A community activist and business professional with over 25 years of corporate experience, Pam served as an Oakville Town Councillor from 2010-2015 prior to becoming an MP. Pam Damoff currently serves as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (consular services) and is a member of the Standing Committee on Access to Information, Privacy and Ethics, and the Subcommittee on International Human Rights. Pam has been engaging with and supporting CCAH since 2007.



2024 LEGACY AWARD RECIPIENTS



Pam Chase

Pamela Chase is originally from Guyana and completed her university studies in mathematics at Saint Mary's College, Notre Dame, Indiana. She joined the United Nations Secretariat in New York in the Centre for International Trade Statistics. On returning to Guyana, she became the Chief Statistician for the Government. At the same time, she also became active in community activities as a member of the Jaycees. She later migrated to Canada and worked with the major reinsurance firm Swiss Re. Residing in Oakville, she met community stalwarts and has enjoyed playing a pivotal role in the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton for the past 25 years.

Katherine Dottin-Adams

Katherine is a proud Trinidadian who began her academic journey in the United Kingdom where she ended up at Leeds Metropolitan University to further enhance her knowledge and skills. In 1974, she became a Chartered Certified Accountant and obtained her fellowship two years later. Katherine worked at the Caribbean Commercial Insurance, and at Wellesley Hospital as Finance Director before joining the firm Flacks & Stein as an Associate responsible for preparing audits, reviews, compilations, and estate trusts. She was introduced to CCAH and was able to fulfill her life-long dream of playing in the steel pan band, and was elected to its Board of Directors as Treasurer, a position she served with distinction for the last 13 years. It is with a profound sense of accomplishment that she announces her upcoming retirement from the CCAH Board.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Amarnauth Mohabir

Balraj Singh

Craig Frazier

David Sloan

Harleen Kalirai-Sandhu

Olive and Percy Greenidge

Rabab Salim

Raymond Persaud

Robert Pattison

Rupert and Daisy Earl

Ryan Smith

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RBC Volunteers



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Adam van Koeeverden

Member of Parliament for Milton



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We wanted to extend our deepest gratitude for allowing The Alpha and Omega Studios to be a part of your event. It was truly an honor to collaborate with such a well-respected organization in the community and to contribute to the success of the event.

The opportunity to work with the Canadian Caribbean Association of Halton (CCAH) not only showcased our talents in event decor but also allowed us to support a cause that we deeply believe in. Your commitment to promoting Caribbean culture and providing educational and cultural programs to the Halton community is truly commendable, and we were thrilled to be able to be a part of it.

We truly believe that our partnership was a perfect example of a two-way support system. By providing our services for the event, we were able to showcase our skills and creativity to a wider audience. In return, we were able to contribute to the success of your event and support the important work that CCAH is doing in the community.

Thank you once again for the opportunity to work together. We look forward to the possibility of collaborating in the future as well and are excited to continue supporting CCAH in any way that we can.

THANK YOU TO THE ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

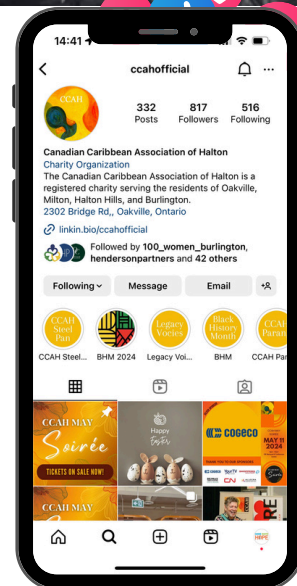
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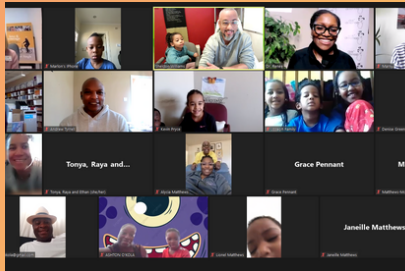


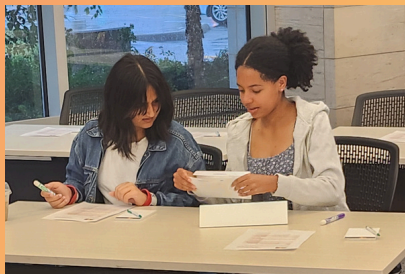
**Tag @CCAHOOfficial in your posts
& stories!**

📸 Don't forget to capture the memories!
Share your excitement with the hashtag:

#CCAHMaySoiree







Thank You!



**FOR CELEBRATING CULTURE AND HISTORY
WITH THE CANADIAN CARIBBEAN
ASSOCIATION OF HALTON AT
THE 2024 MAY SOIRÉE.**



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