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**Groove for the Arts at Mississauga Arts Council's 2024
MACsquerade Disco Inferno! Arts Fundraiser!**

Talent announced - get your tickets before they are gone!

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Mississauga Arts Council (MAC) is pleased to announce that tickets are now on sale for the *MACsquerade Disco Inferno! Arts Fundraiser* on **November 28, 2024**, at **LéTreport Wedding & Convention Centre**.

All are welcome to join **Mayor Carolyn Parrish** and distinguished business and political leaders for this unforgettable celebration in support of the arts. **Hon. Nina Tangri, Associate Minister of Small Business | MPP Mississauga-Streetsville** will be joining the event to bring greetings from the Province and **Hon. Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health and Addictions | MPP Vaughan-Woodbridge** will be presenting the **Arts for Mental Health Award** to exceptional community leader, philanthropist, entrepreneur, and Founder of V Serve Canada, **Anu Srivastava**. Learn more about this year's winner at macarts.ca/2024a4mhwin

Hosted by **Amin Dhillon**, this exciting disco-themed night will feature live energetic performances from award-winning singer/songwriter, **Suzie McNeil & The Chain Reaction** (who recently came back from performing with Aerosmith in Las Vegas), **Tom Barlow** (Juno Nominated Rock Singer), **KHAY** (Jazz Vocalist), and **Nicole Faye** (R&B Vocalist) all performing classic disco hits from the 1970s for attendees to groove to! **Darryn de Souza** (Accomplished Pianist & Vocalist) will entertain guests during our red carpet & champagne reception and **India Brown** (MAC's 2024 Next Gen Singing Contest Winner) will perform the National Anthem.

“Join us for this special groovy evening in support of the arts,” invites **Mike Douglas, MAC's Executive Director**, “By purchasing a ticket, you're not only ensuring a memorable experience filled with disco dancing, entertaining performances from local artists, and unique silent and live auction items but you're also helping fund vital programming for local artists. Including our impactful arts for mental health program ArtsCare, and Sauga Neighbourhood Arts Program (SNAP) - a co-funding initiative that

provides financial support to community-led arts programs. Your fun in support pays for these enriching community efforts.”

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Tickets to the MACsquerade Disco Inferno! give attendees exclusive access to the exciting live and silent auction. **Jake Dheer**, Senior Manager Omni Television, will once again lead a rollicking auction including a **week for two in Torre Fiore** a 5-star Italian Spa, a **Certified Diamond from Marc Robinson Jewellers**, a **Car/Mural Vinyl Wrap for your business**, and a **priceless dinner with Mayor Parrish!** Learn more and view all of the items at: macarts.ca/24auction

The **MACsquerade Disco Inferno!** kicks off at 6:00 PM at LéTreport Wedding & Convention Centre with a red-carpet photo booth and champagne reception, followed at 7:00 PM with a delicious gourmet four-course dinner, an open bar, the Arts for Mental Health Award presentation, exciting live & silent auctions in support of Mississauga’s vibrant arts community, far-out musical performances, and lots of dancing!

Get a preview of what attendees can experience at the event by viewing our recap video from last year here: youtu.be/UG1Z5cT-xfk?si=2AjG8a2jen0Eb46w

Tickets are selling fast! Don’t miss out on your chance to attend this highly anticipated event supporting the arts. Tickets are \$175 and a full table of ten is \$1,500 - saving \$250! **Learn more and get tickets:** macsquerade.eventbrite.ca/?aff=pr

About MACsquerade Ball

MACsquerade Ball is Mississauga Arts Council (MAC)’s annual principal fundraising event of the year for the organization. Each event is a unique themed gala and features talented Mississauga performers, live and silent auctions, and leading creative and distinguished business and political leaders joining forces to lift the creative life in Mississauga. Funds raised at the event directly benefit MAC’s programming including [ArtsCare](#) - therapeutic arts programs to benefit those suffering from mental health conditions, [Sauga Neighbourhood Arts Program \(SNAP!\)](#) - a co-funding initiative that provides financial support to community-led arts programs in celebration of Mississauga’s 50th Anniversary, impactful [MicroGrants](#) supporting local artists’ projects, and [Sauga Arts HUB](#) which fosters creativity and professional development for local artists. Learn more: macarts.ca/macsquerade

For more information about MACsquerade Disco Inferno!, please contact:

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Event Host

Amin Dhillon

Amin Dhillon has more than 10 years of professional host & producer experience. She is known as a charismatic and dynamic storyteller of live television. She also frequents the stage as a highly requested live event host, hosting a variety of events across North America for thousands of event attendees. These events include cultural events, beauty pageants, corporate events, award shows, charity galas, and product launches. Learn more: amindhillon.com/blog/

Performer Bios

Suzie McNeil & The Chain Reaction

Suzie McNeil is a Juno award-winning Canadian pop-rock singer and songwriter. Throughout the years she has compiled an impressive record of musical accomplishments. These have ranged from live shows beside some of North America's top artists (Steven Tyler, Alan Frew, Jeff Healey, Dave Navarro, P!nk, INXS, Scott Weiland, Gavin Rossdale), to consummate professionalism tracking in the studio, to commercial jingles, to performing in front of crowds of up to 200,000 people. Learn more: suziemcneil.com

Tom Barlow

Barlow is a Canadian singer/songwriter who has been nominated for 4 Juno Awards. His new single "Don't Call It Love" has just been released. The new Barlow album Cruel World will be released this fall. Barlow has garnered 3 top-ten singles and numerous awards. His song Perfect Wave has over 1 million streams on Spotify. The Tom Barlow Band has performed in Canada, The USA, South America, Europe and Asia. Learn more: barlowonline.com

KHAY

KHAY is a poised and passionate vocalist, performer and songwriter. “Powerhouse performer” and “soul-stirring artist”, are a few of the terms critics have used to describe KHAY. She heads a sophisticated musical trio whose sole mission is to elevate special events by adding exceptional live music. With a roster of highly talented musicians, the KHAY trio offers polished sound, musical expertise and world-class performance. Learn more: iamkhay.com

Nicole Faye

Nicole Faye is a talent with an impressive range of abilities, including singing, acting, dancing, and production. Dividing her time between the studio and stage, Nicole is a MARTY Award nominee, appearing with various live ensembles in the Greater Toronto Area, She has recorded background and featured vocals for several Toronto and International artists. In addition to live shows, A passionate performer, Nicole thrives on the energy she receives from performing in front of live audiences and on live television. Learn more: nicolefayemusic.com

Darryn DeSouza

Darryn de Souza is a pianist and vocalist. He has shared the stage with legendary artists like Paul Anka, Celine Dion, David Foster, Michael Bolton, Peter Cetera and Stevie Wonder, and performed for figures such as Barack Obama and Queen Elizabeth II. Beyond the stage, Darryn has brought vocal and theatre programs to multiple projects around Ontario, nurturing talent and creativity through music education. With passion and dedication, Darryn continues to uplift artists and inspire excellence in performance and music. Learn more: darryndesouza.wixsite.com/darryn-de-souza

India Brown

India Brown is a Mississauga-born multi-form creative writer and performing artist specializing in spoken word poetry, short stories, and song covers. She’s the 1st place winner of the 2024 Next Gen: Singing Contest presented by the Mississauga Arts Council, the 2nd place winner of the 2024 Toronto Poetry Slam, the 3rd place winner of the 2024 Hart House Literary Contest, and has short stories published in multiple university magazines. She recently graduated with an HBA in Dramaturgy and Sociocultural Anthropology from UTM. Learn more: [instagram.com/missy.flamingo/](https://www.instagram.com/missy.flamingo/)
