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ecmunson**For Immediate Release****Munson & Friends STUDIO GALLERY**a satellite site with the 26th Scotiabank CONTACT Festival.**Two Exhibits & Two Eventful Saturdays***Stella Jurgen* and **JAZZ PLAZMA**

at the Opening Reception, June 11

then, June 18 with Dance & Drama Performances by Marnie Cooke

The CONTACT continues!*FORMS, FACES & SPACES,
figuratively speaking!*

Hangs June 3 - June 26 in the Centre & Back Stage Gallery

Torrents of JOY!A Featured Cameo Section in the Centre Gallery, June 9 - June 26
in the Parish Hall, 16 Adamson Street South, Norval, ON L0P 1K0
next to the historic St. Paul's Anglican Church, circa 1847

Two concurrently running exhibits, **The CONTACT continues!**, June 3 - 26, and **Torrents of JOY!**, June 9 - 26, are hanging at the Munson & Friends STUDIO GALLERY with the **Opening Reception** for both exhibits on Saturday, June 11 from 1 - 4:30 pm.

Come on out and enjoy a special appearance during the opening, June 11th, of Stella Jurgen and JAZZ PLAZMA, an acoustic style jazz ensemble! A suggested donation of \$10.00 a ticket for the band will automatically enter you for a draw to win \$100.00 value for one of ecmunson's soft pastel paintings or a Limited Edition Giclee photographic print.

The following Saturday, June 18th, Marnie Cooke of Orangeville, will do a dramatic performance on stage followed by a Tango dance routine on the floor. A former instructor with

the Royal Winnipeg Ballet and retired from her own dance career, she is active with local arts organizations and has some of her art pieces in the **Torrents of JOY!** show.

Two afternoon salons with the artists are open to the public with the focus on the strengths newer artists are developing. More experienced artists will discuss their techniques and share relevant tips from their artistic journeys.

Featured authors with their books in the **STUDIO GALLERY** are Joanne Lebold of Mono, Rosalee Peppard, and Diane Bator of Orangeville with others joining; subject to change. Books range from emergent writers with self-published books to established authors in a variety of genres, including poetry, mystery, young adult fiction, fiction, philosophy, and more.

Two displays of historic photography are there for visitors to peruse. A look at Norval from the eyes behind the lens of Lucy Maud Montgomery! Best known as author of the Anne books, she was an avid photographer, developing and doing her own printing.

For people-watching at its best, **The CONTACT continues!** has portraits, figurative studies, abstracted paintings, photographer's more formal studio work, and street photography. With work both edgy and poignant and candid captures that stun and amaze, it leaves one to reflect on that age-old question, *what does it mean to be human?*

Torrents of JOY! invites us all to embrace the tumultuous rush and outpourings of people both new to the creative expressive process and those familiar with this drive to create. Be prepared to surround yourself in an eclectic and dynamic meld of visual art and photography.

With live music, the *Greetings for Readings* series, Guest Artists painting in the **STUDIO GALLERY**, arts-focused salons, speakers and/or panels, dance, and Tai Chi demos with free workshops, the Munson & Friends **STUDIO GALLERY** is proud to be a part of the Norval community, a growing nexus of arts and culture.

Put yourself in the picture and experience the broad strokes of arts and culture at its best, when you are part of it!