

Join Us September 10th and 11th



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for a

CELEBRATION OF WORKERS PLEASURES AND PASTIMES

Marking WAHC's 15/150 anniversary

Friday

Join us for our fall exhibition opening Friday, September 10th from 7-9pm for *The New Workers Songbook*. An exciting performance and installation inspired by WAHC's collection of mid-twentieth century worker's songbooks. DodoLab (Andrew Hunter & Lisa Hirmer) is collaborating with Hamilton artist, performer and musician Tor Lukasik-Foss and local artist and curator Caitlin Sutherland on the creation of a new collection of songs for the working people of Hamilton. This project will take multiple forms including an installation at WAHC, street performances, broadsheets, workshops and the publication of *The New Workers Song Book*. *The New Workers Songbook* runs from September 10th to December 18th 2010.

Saturday

Saturday September 11th, from 2-9pm the Workers Arts and Heritage Centre is holding a "WAHC-Stravaganza," inspired by Victorian fairs, carnivals, and other popular amusements, to celebrate our double anniversary; 15 years of operation for the Workers Arts and Heritage Centre and 150 years since the historic Custom House first opened its doors in 1860. In the past, fairs and carnivals have had historical roots in workers guilds and marginal groups, in addition to evoking 'long anticipated pleasure' and respite from the painstaking labour and long hours underwent by the average worker. Looking to the many lives of the Custom House since it opened in 1860, and Hamilton's rich industrial heritage, the event will draw on Victorian era amusements, family oriented activities, carnival games, community driven booths and live entertainment provided by, *The Dinner Belles*. Free refreshments, a traditional afternoon tea and family corn roast will also be among the many activities planned for the afternoon/evening celebrations.

Please join us September 10-11, to celebrate this momentous occasion and usher in our fall programming. For further information please call us at 905.522.3003 x 25 or visit our website at www.wahc-museum.ca. Event Sponsored by Wellington Breweries

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, September 10th:

The New Workers Songbook exhibition opening, 7-9pm

Saturday, September 11th:

2:00pm:

Event Opens: Ribbon Cutting

Custom House tours begin
Period Photo-booth opens
Community Booths open

2:30pm:

Traditional afternoon tea with biscuits, sweets and lemonade

2:30-6:30pm:

Games and activities commence including tandem bikes, croquet, corn hole, bowl toss, hoops & sticks, stilts and graces.
Games with prizes include a traditional cake walk, balloon darts and bean bag toss.
Activities include, decorating your own 'graces' hoops, creating silhouettes
Tours will also continue on the hour at this time.

3:30pm:

Bar Opens

4:00pm:

Full BBQ & corn roast start

6:45pm:

Ceremonial rose bush planting & Speeches in Garden

7:30pm:

Dinner Belles play free show in Garden

9:00-10:00pm:

Event/Bar Closes