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Niagara-on-the-Lake to Present Key to the Town to Trisha Romance

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The Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake will present the inaugural Key to the Town to renowned artist and long-time resident Trisha Romance in a public ceremony on Sunday, September 15, 2024.

The symbolic “Key to the Town” is an honour presented by the Lord Mayor and Council to recognize Trisha’s talent and passion, which have positively contributed to the cultural and economic vitality of Niagara-on-the-Lake. This honour also celebrates the 40th anniversary of Trisha’s first local gallery at 177 King Street.

The Town recognizes Trisha Romance as a significant member of the Niagara-on-the-Lake community whose world-renowned art has inspired many to visit and appreciate the Town’s unique charm. Her work has given the world a glimpse into life in Niagara-on-the-Lake, significantly contributing to its cultural and artistic heritage. Trisha has won numerous awards, including the Order of Ontario and the Canadian Artist of the Year Award for four consecutive years (1995-1998), with her paintings featured in over 400 galleries across North America.

As a philanthropist, Trisha has raised thousands of dollars for charitable organizations including Sick Kids, The Epilepsy Research Fund of Canada, American military families and countless others.

Event details are outlined below:

- **Date:** Sunday, September 15, 2024
- **Start time:** 2:00 p.m.
- **Location:** Niagara-on-the-Lake Courthouse, 26 Queen Street

The celebration will feature remarks from local dignitaries, an inaugural Key to the Town presentation, and a showcase of Trisha Romance paintings in the Old Court House. Members of the public are invited to attend. Registration for the event is not required.

Quotes



"On behalf of Town Council, we look forward to honouring Trisha Romance with the inaugural Key to the Town," stated Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa. "Her talent and dedication to the arts have greatly enriched the vibrancy of Niagara-on-the-Lake, serving as an inspiration to artists of all ages. This recognition is a testament to her lasting impact on our community and the cultural legacy she has helped to build."

"We hope residents and members of the public can join us to celebrate A Day of Romance," stated CAO Bruce Zvaniga. "The arts hold a special place in our community and foster a sense of unity. I would like to thank the "Day of Romance" working group for their dedication and hard work in promoting and supporting this event."

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