



Lilac Room rocks at the 6th annual Lilac Festival
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Trent Hills - As the lights dimmed, Warkworth's Lilac Room lit up when Canadian jazz artist Heather Bambrick hit the stage last Saturday night. Delighting her audience with not only her amazing musical talent, Newfoundland born Bambrick entertained the crowd with stories told in her lyrical voice, enchanting the sold out venue with her friendliness, warmth and humor.

Judy Kauffman, Event Chair who both organized and attended last night's performance with her small team of helpers commented, "She is such a relaxed and professional artist, she makes me feel like I am at friend's house for a great house party. Heather seems like she is having fun and seems to make sure everyone does too; a great selection of tunes, superbly performed, a highly enjoyable evening."

No stranger to Trent Hills, this amazingly talented woman has performed at Westben on more than one occasion enticing the audiences to not only tap their feet, but to get up on their feet in a standing ovation.

Before moving to Ontario in the early 90's Heather attended Newfoundland's Memorial University where she studied English and Political Science graduating with a Bachelor of Arts degree. During this time, the multi-talented artist sang in a number of jazz choirs, as well as working part time as a dinner theatre actress, an experience which appears to have served her well. Today the hardworking songstress is in demand as a broadcaster, educator, vocalist and voice actor. A graduate and member of the faculty of music of the University of Toronto, Heather is also on the faculty of music at Humber College. In addition to teaching, performing, adjudicating and her work as a health care professional, Heather also hosts Breakfast Blend and Jazzology on Canada's only all-jazz radio station.

Heather's latest project Broadway in which she joins accomplished "broads", Julie Michels & Dinah Leah in what critics describe as a "brilliant combination of fabulous voices, clever arrangements, excellent music and side-splitting humour.

Warkworth Lilac Festival Chair, Janice Allen, says of Heather's Saturday night debut, "Heather had supreme rapport with the audience in the Lilac Room at the Warkworth Lilac Festival. Her perfect choice of timeless songs was further enhanced by her commentary of the history or the significance of the music she chose to present. Her friendly sense of community combined with her professional stage presence and her stories of personal experiences made her performance most entertaining. The Warkworth Lilac Festival would welcome Heather back to the Lilac Room anytime".

In one sentence I would describe the lady as a rare red haired diamond whose many facets leave her audiences mining for more.....