



Our talent shines at home and away

IN OUR ANNUAL Arts and Entertainment issue, we like to introduce readers to interesting people who contribute greatly to the cultural life of this community.

Some, like CTV journalist Lisa LaFlamme, shine on the national stage. Some, like acclaimed choreographer Peter Quanz, play on the world stage. We also like to update readers on gifted people we have profiled in the past.

Peter Quanz returned to his parents' home in Baden for a short break and talked to us about choreographing ballets around the world. You can read this fascinating story about the international dance world on page 104.

Grand writer Barbara Aggerholm interviewed Lisa LaFlamme at the CTV News studio in Toronto. Lisa has replaced Lloyd Robertson as chief anchor and senior editor for CTV National News. Those are big shoes to fill, but this Kitchener-raised dynamo thrives on action and remains grounded by her family. Learn more about her new job and life on page 42.

Artists, musicians, actors and

performers are constantly honing their skills. Some discover their passion at an early age and pursue it all their lives. Diane Eastham came to it much later.


Writer Veronica Ross talks to Diane about transforming herself into a full-time artist after retiring early from a successful teaching career. Diane speaks about the creative spirit and how it rests in all of us (page 110).

Cameron Shahbazi, a music student at Wilfrid Laurier University, certainly has a creative spark. The talented singer is studying music while also producing his own line of jewelry. He sees fashion and style in his future, too. Nancy Harper profiles the confident young man, talking to him about his focus on "beautiful" things (page 64).

Musician Alysha Brillinger agreed to model beautiful outfits in our fashion pages (page 69). The setting was the new condominium development in the former Arrow Shirt factory in Kitchener. Model suites are open and the trendy space was the perfect spot to feature some funky fashions from local stores.

Alysha held her poses for long periods, letting our photographer take advantage of the light and décor in this cool new residential development. In a nod to the building's heritage, there's a description of its history in the lobby.

To complete our latest Arts and Entertainment issue, we catch up with our cover subject from January 2011. Scott Campbell was previously photographed in New York City, where he appeared on Broadway in *Jersey Boys*. He talked to us then about his roots here and his dream job in the Big Apple.

Grand editor Kathy Storrings chats with Scott in our *Where Are They Now?* feature on page 160. He's moved on from *Jersey Boys* and is totally "stoked" about the latest chapter in his career. It's a fitting close to a magazine issue dedicated to talent born and nurtured here at home. 

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