

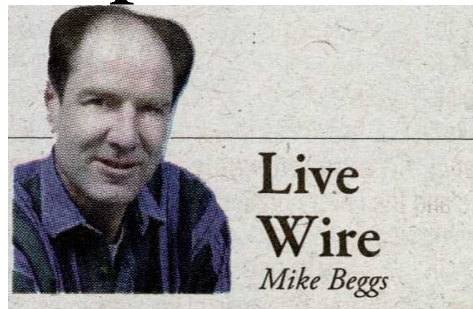
Culture Days come to City Centre square

Live music will be front and centre when the City of Mississauga presents the free Take 2 arts and culture blowout in Celebration Square on Oct. 1. It's part of the second annual national Culture Days festivities, running Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, offering more than 70 free things to see and do across this city.

Entertainment will be running from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. in the new-and-improved downtown civic square.

"It was a juried call for all musicians, theatre groups and visual artists. And there will be 27 artists on the schedule," says Paola Poletto, the City's supervisor of arts and culture programs. "It's amazing."

Each band will play a 20-minute showcase. Highlights will include "the frighteningly beautiful" vocals of Donita Sabater, a native of the Philippines (3:40 p.m. at the amphi-



theatre), the radio-friendly smooth jazz of guitarist Rob Tardik (11 a.m., amphitheatre), the Mississauga Symphony performing *Voyage To The East* (11:20, main stage), Vandana Vishwas with her sweet vocals and melodies of India (1:20, main stage), and the opera pop group Naria doing its CD release launch (3:20, main stage).

"We have younger to established acts," says Poletto. "It's pretty sweet to see this great mix."

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