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The Roaring Gala Twenty '09 all set to rock Wood Buffalo!

Get ready to be ushered into the world of *The Roaring Gala Twenty '09* - which is all set to become one of the most beautiful memories of your life.

On November 7, Keyano's Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre will open its doors for Wood Buffalo's premier black-tie event at 7 p.m. and guests should be prepared to be dazzled by the sights, flavours and sounds of the 1920s.

Gala is an annual event that raises funds for scholarships, awards, program funding and capital improvements at Keyano College. Amanda Main, Annual Giving Coordinator, Keyano Foundation, said response from community partners and friends has been incredible.

"Ticket sales and sponsorships have dramatically increased over the last few weeks. We are very appreciative of every one's support," Main enthused.

So what can you expect from the party of the year? Everything fabulous!

"Guests can expect to be treated to an indulgent experience of the 1920s era, while supporting a great cause. There will be delicious food and decadent desserts catered by the Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre, drinks to please every palette, unique items to purchase, games of chance, outstanding entertainment, and the list goes on. The feature performance by six-time Juno award winner Colin James promises to be marvellous," noted Main.

Speaking of marvellous, the Foundation has lined up outstanding items for the live auction. Back by popular demand will be the Fireman's Dinner for 20. Other items include a vintage diamond ring donated by Coldwell Banker Fort McMurray, set in 18kt white gold, with three round brilliant cut diamonds (0.35 carat), and 76 round brilliant cut diamonds (.70 carat), totalling just over 1 carat!

The silent auction will include over 100 fabulous home decor items, including everything from hand sculpted art to furniture sets. Local businesses have also donated vacation packages, ladies wear and accessories, art, and more.

A new addition to this year's event will be a DJ service provided by Bullet Music after our headline performance.

"This wonderful addition will keep our guests dancing all night long," added Main.

Seven specialty bars will be available at the event. They will include local favourites such as Tavern On Main, Alexander's Lounge, Delaney's Irish Pub, Paddy McSwiggins, The Den at the Quality Hotel & Conference Centre, Moxie's complimentary champagne bar, Prudential Fort McMurray Real Estate Gin Bar, and Longshots Sports Bar & Lounge.

"We have added a 50/50 draw to this year's event, and only 500 tickets will be sold. One lucky winner has a chance to win up to \$5,000 in cash," explained Main.

There is still time to volunteer with positions available for the event night, as well as set-up and take-down prior to and after the event.

"A huge thank you to all who have sponsored or purchased tickets to the event. Donors do make a difference at Keyano College," Main enthused.

Tickets and sponsorship opportunities are still available. Visit www.keyano.ca/gala or call 780-792-5719.

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LIVE AUCTION ITEM

Moscow Ballet's Great Russian *Nutcracker* to headline Keyano Theatre fundraiser

A glittering world of beauty beckons as FT Services and Keyano Theatre proudly present Moscow Ballet's Great Russian *Nutcracker* for the first time in the Wood Buffalo region on November 14.

A holiday treat for the entire family, Tchaikovsky's classic ballet promises to be a dazzling and visually stunning show. A matinee performance starts at 1 p.m., while the evening show gets underway at 8 p.m.

Matinee ticket holders are being treated to the *Land of the Sugar Plum Fairies*, a complimentary pancake breakfast in the Keyano Cafeteria from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. courtesy of Eagle Ridge. Complete with children's activities, this is the perfect way for matinee ticket holders to start the day before heading to the performance.

Evening show patrons have the opportunity to purchase additional tickets to the pre-show wine tasting at 6 p.m., hosted by the Opimian Society of Fort McMurray. The Theatre lobby will be transformed into an enchanted forest displaying silent auction items in the *Nutcracker* theme.

"This is one of the most highly-anticipated spectacles for all ages, and this year local theatre lovers don't have to travel out of town for the *Nutcracker*," said Jon-Paul Walden, General Manager, Keyano Theatre. "We urge everyone to get tickets now. Keyano Theatre earnestly appreciates the community coming out and helping us present great international artists."

The performance will feature top graduates of the Perm, Vaganova, Moscow State Academic and Kiev schools.

"It is inspiring for our dancers to witness a performance of such calibre," added Sharon Price, Conservatory Coordinator, Visual & Performing Arts, Keyano College. The Conservatory sees 572 dance students every week in 60 dance classes, 24 of which are ballet classes. Price says the excitement is already palpable.

"The event has created excitement in our studio. A lot of community dancers perform on that stage, so to see professionals of this calibre in the same setting will inspire them," continued Price.

Kim Hurley, Director, Generation Dance Studio in Fort McMurray agrees. Hurley says the *Nutcracker* will not only be good exposure for her students, but it will also have educational aspects as well.

"*Nutcracker* is a traditional and popular ballet piece that encompasses every aspect of the genre. My students and I can't wait to attend," enthused Hurley.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.keyano.ca/theatre or by calling the Box Office at 780-791-4990.

Say Marhaba to Sook Ala Banaatek!

Marhaba! It means welcome in Arabic, and that's the response expected from the local Arabic community when they learn *Sook Ala Banaatek* (Lock up your Daughters) will be premiering on November 4 at the Recital Theatre in Keyano College.

A production of Studio 99, *Sook Ala Banaatek* is a famous Egyptian comedy, very popular in the Arab world. It is written by Lainain El Ramly and translated into English by Donia Sawwan. The play is full of physical humour and insightful truths that are universal and recognizable. It is an honest yet funny portrait of modern Arab society.

Jane Leavitt, Drama Instructor at Keyano College and the play's director chose *Sook Ala Bannatek* because it "offers a human perspective and a hope of changing or rather clarifying a monolithic misunderstanding of the Arab world and because Middle Eastern culture is a prevalent part of Fort McMurray's community."

"We need to reach out and offer entertainment for everyone in the community," said Leavitt, who has spent a vast amount of time in Dubai and has a Ph.D in Arab theatre.

The play, featuring seven Keyano Visual & Performing Arts students, is short: it runs for about 60 minutes. The comedy is set in Cairo - where the issue of survival comes down to society's expectations of three daughters who are not yet married. The comedic action entertains us as the three daughters sort out their lives and their father's.

Professor Ra'fat, the father, is head of the Science Department at Cairo University, and is in love

with Asmaat, but before he can marry he must find suitable husbands for his three daughters. However, his daughters have other plans. The eldest daughter has been engaged for seven years, the second daughter is a feminist and the third daughter is a strong minded high school student who wants to become a Bollywood star.

Leavitt has deliberately set the play in 2009 to offer a sense of reality. The musical comedy features popular Arabic wedding songs, belly dancing as well as the popular Bollywood and Academy Award winning number *Jai Ho* from the film *Slumdog Millionaire*.

"Through rehearsing and performing *Sook Ala Banaatek*, my students have learned Arabic words, thought, humour, belly dancing, Bollywood dancing and seen the complexities of Arab life through laughter," said Leavitt.

"I firmly believe that it is important to put a human face on a misunderstood and often feared part of the world and learn to respect the 'other'. You will enjoy this comedy and walk away with a smile on your face," she added.

***Sook Ala Banatek* is Rated G - for everyone. It is a family comedy. Preview night is November 4 at 8 p.m. The play opens on November 5 and runs through November 7 - all show times are 8 p.m. To purchase your tickets visit www.keyano.ca/theatre or call the Keyano Box Office at 780-791-4990.**



SOOK ALA BANAATEK

(LOCK UP YOUR DAUGHTERS)

BY LAINAIN EL RAMLY

Co-Creative Director of Dove Campaign for Real Beauty to headline Enbridge Famous Five Speakers Series event



We've all seen the commercials; now it's time to meet one of the brains behind the Dove Campaign for Real Beauty. Keyano College and the Enbridge Famous Five Speakers Series are pleased to welcome Nancy Vonk to its third event, slated for November 2 at 7 p.m. at the Sawridge Inn & Conference Centre.

Nancy Vonk and Janet Kestin are the creative minds that led one of the world's most successful ad campaigns to become a cultural phenomenon, changing the way we think and buy. This globally acclaimed creative director duo (Dove Evolution, Diamond Shreddies) has thrived in one of the least female-friendly professions by breaking the rules.

Vonk will relay some surprising and inspiring lessons about the positive impact motherhood has on leadership skills, mentoring, taking risks and powerful communication.

Nelda Schulte, Coordinator, Workforce Development, Keyano College, oversees the Enbridge Famous Five Speakers Series, which was launched by the College two years ago. She encourages everyone to attend or to sponsor participants.

"We encourage industry to buy a table of 10 and enable community members to attend the talk and the discussion following dinner. It's a great way to support the initiative," Schulte enthused.

The purpose of Keyano's Enbridge Famous Five Speakers Series is to inspire and educate Canadians to become nation builders in the legacy of the Famous Five: Emily Murphy, Louise McKinney, Nellie McClung, Henrietta Muir Edwards and Irene Parlby.

These ladies fought for female suffrage, and are known for their successful appeal of the 'Persons' Case, which established the word "persons" as including both women and men. The Judicial Committee of the Privy Council of Great Britain then decided women were indeed "persons" and the Parliament of Canada ruling allowed women the right to vote on October 18, 1929.

For tickets call 780-715-3903.

New Aboriginal and Multicultural Counsellor keen on community



Community involvement is something Rey Singh grew up with, which is why he has been a community advocate all his life.

Singh is the newest addition to Keyano's Career & Counseling team. He joined the College on September 16, and is the new Aboriginal & Multicultural Counsellor.

"I am enthused to be working with such a gifted and multi-tooled group of people in the Career & Counselling Department, and to work in such a progressive environment that is Keyano College," said Singh.

Singh is a University of Northern British Columbia Master of Social Work honours graduate with 13 years of social work experience in Northern BC, Toronto, and Northern Ireland.

"My foci have been on community building with diverse ethnic communities, First Nations communities, mixed-race identity, anti-racist and decolonizing community building using indigenous and narrative social work ontology in clinical settings," explains Singh.

Singh's involvement with community has much to do with his own multi-cultural background he says.

"I have a strong sense of kinship with the Aboriginal community, because I grew up with them, and my own background is a mix of the tribal Hiligaynon of the Philippines and implanted Northern Indian from the Fiji Islands. This has given me exposure to south-Asian and South Pacific Tribal cultures and has given him an understanding of navigating unique postmodern realities presented by multiculturalism," adds Singh.

He learned about Keyano College while working in Ontario. Learning about Keyano's several initiatives to help the diverse communities in Wood Buffalo impressed Singh, and he wanted to help.

"Keyano College was an ideal fit to everything I wanted to do - help diverse groups, get people excited about education, and help students succeed using a holistic approach."

Singh is already approaching students to start diverse clubs on campus and says he wants them to know the Counselling department is here to help.

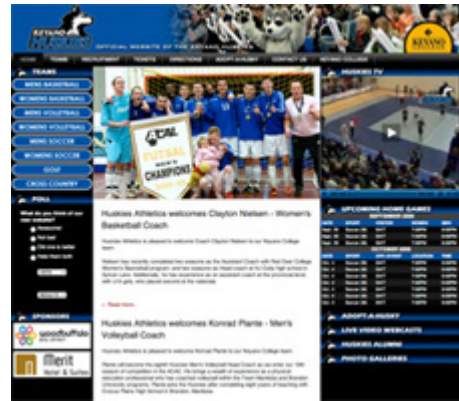
"I see myself as an information broker and like to provide information about community resources. I want students to know I'm here for them," enthused Singh.

Welcome to Keyano College Rey!

Go Huskies! New website keeps community updated

It's sharp, informative and chock full of information for Huskies aficionados - it's the new [Huskies website](http://www.gohuskies.ca).

Huskies Athletics launched www.gohuskies.ca last month. The web page, complete with pictures, athletes of the week, and even a Huskies Live TV, was designed by Choyal Brown from Web Wings, a British Columbia based web development company. Mark Oxer, Huskies Athletic Coordinator, Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre, Keyano College oversees the website.



"This was something I was passionate about even when I first interviewed for the job at Keyano College," said Oxer. He said Web Wings is an established sports web designing group, which has done work with a number of colleges, and understands the target demographic.

"We want to cater to high school students and offer all the social networking sites like Facebook, YouTube and Twitter access to the Huskies," explained Oxer.

Wayne Thomas, Director of Health & Wellness, Keyano College, says the website is not only an information vehicle but a major recruiting tool as well.

"A lot of our new recruits told us they visited the CCAA website during the volleyball nationals earlier this year and saw Sean McLennan's (Keyano's photographer) pictures, and it helped them decide on joining the College," said Thomas.

"This website is an important recruiting tool for us. There are webcasts and parents from all over the country can take part in the action. They'll see what a competitive and vibrant program we offer at Keyano College," said Thomas. He also thanked the College Executive for helping them launch the website.

Wade Kolmel, Huskies Sport Manager agrees. He says GoHuskies.ca is also becoming a portal to interact with the community and the media, immediately after games.

"Choyal Brown understood what we needed from this website, and did a great job," Kolmel added.

What's going on in Art & Design?

By Robin Smith-Peck, Art Instructor

This September proved to be the most spectacular fall we've seen in a long time. Not only does it make all of us a little brighter in our daily activities but for our Painting students it was particularly advantageous.

Garry Berteig, Painting Instructor, Keyano College, was able to instruct students in 'plein air' painting over a series of six classes. This type or approach to painting where the artists paint on site in the landscape is rare in Canada. Not because we don't have beautiful landscape; but rather because generally the first year painting classes are too large to coordinate out into the landscape or our temperatures are too cold.

Here at Keyano, our studio capacity is limited to 10 students so it is easy for us to organize and instruct a session outdoors when the weather cooperates. And this year it did! The canvases produced are wonderful and our students' understanding of observation and interpretation of light, form and colour was increased.

You may have noticed the addition of three new display cases in the hallway outside the Library and Registrar's Office. These were locally built and installed over the summer as a vehicle for our students to share their work with the College community.

The new work installed on October 2 represents a portion of work from students of the Art 393 Media course, which was completed in the first month of the semester. These images are built around questions of portraiture, communication using graphic elements, colour and composition and have been created using Photoshop and printed on a large format Epson printer. Stay tuned for more to come.

Yes, it is time for the dreaded 'Perspective Project' in Erin Schwab's Art 240 Drawing course. Every year the drawing students infiltrate the College hallways and stairwells looking for a composition to construct a perspective line drawing.

This is a grueling process of interpreting a three-dimensional space using the linear elements of form. It requires many, many hours of looking, measuring, adjusting and drawing. The purpose of the project is to begin to train their eyes to see relative form, size and location on the picture plane. It is one of the first steps in beginning a career as a visual artist or designer. So, when you encounter them nestled in the corners of our campus, smile sweetly, ask questions and please offer words of encouragement!

Finally, one of our second year students, Jennifer d'Entremont, has had three of her photographs selected for purchase by the Alberta chapter of the Canadian Institute of Planners. These photographs will be presented to three long time volunteers at the upcoming ACCIP Conference here in Fort McMurray.

Congratulations Jennifer!

Time for *Be Fit Keyano!*

As you think about the holidays - yes it's just a few weeks away now - think about getting healthier with *Be Fit Keyano*.

Be Fit Keyano is a wellness program for Keyano College employees. Launched in 2007, it includes fitness assessments, goal setting and various learning opportunities throughout the year.



"You accumulate points based on activity and lifestyle behaviours that improve your quality of work and home life; then you trade in the points for great prizes," explained Karen Larkin, Fitness & Wellness Manager, Syncrude Sport & Wellness Centre, Keyano College, who oversees the program along with Natasha Walsh, Be Fit for Life Coordinator.

The session, which kicked off on October 19 with 30 staff and faculty members, will feature a second intake in December.

Participants can accumulate three points daily for 30 minutes of exercise, drinking a litre of water and eating daily recommended servings of fruits and vegetables. According to Health Canada that's

eight to 10 fruits and vegetables for men between the ages of 19 and 50 and seven to eight for women in the same age group.

"People will challenge themselves more this year with their diet, meaning we are setting the standard to follow Canada's Food Guide with regards to eating enough fruits and vegetables," explained Larkin.

This year the program will also entail more nutrition courses, a course on meditation, massage and yoga, and extra Monday and Friday sessions that can be attended for a bonus point. Monday sessions will run from noon to 1 p.m. and Friday sessions from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m.

"We expect to have higher attendance as we are offering the same session twice a week, with sessions running every week throughout the program. Prizes will be given away at each, with a give-away for the month as well," Larkin added.

Weekly challenges attached to the sessions are also on the agenda. For example, following the healthy lunches session, attendees might be encouraged to try a new recipe, a new food or bring their lunch to work.

"We want every participant to expand their knowledge and challenge themselves to become healthier. We have participants who are just starting to look after themselves and others who are masters of self-care -- with weekly challenges all participants can improve their health and/or their lifestyle. All challenges are subjective and appropriate to the individual," Larkin continued.

Larkin encourages those who are registered to bring a friend, or to invite a new employee to join with them.

"We are very excited to get the program up and running; we have such fun with this program. It has received great feedback - so we are looking forward to building on our success. In a survey we conducted - 94 per cent of the respondents said they felt the quality of their work life has improved. This is one of the main goals of *Be Fit Keyano* - to have healthier, happier employees."

Local schools excited about Huskies Men's Volleyball team visits



Andrew Sauciei couldn't stop jumping around with excitement when he saw his favourite Huskies. The seventh-grader at Dr. Karl A. Clark school was ready for a game of one-on-one with the Men's Volleyball team.

"My mom was a Husky," enthused Andrew, 12, who wanted to learn all about over-hand serving.

Veronica Ephgrave, also in Grade 7, however, just wanted to learn it all.

"I really like volleyball and want to improve my skills," said the 11-year-old.

Earlier this month, Keyano College's Huskies Men's Volleyball team, led by Coach Konrad Plante began visiting local schools for volleyball clinics and to promote the sport of volleyball within the community.

Stacey Elser, Co-Captain Huskies Men's Volleyball Team helps a student at Dr. Clark school during one of the clinics.

"This is our chance to go one-on-one with the children and promote Huskies Athletics," explained Plante.

About 18 seventh and eighth graders came out to practice after school in the Dr. Clark gymnasium on October 6 and learn the fine points of serving and shooting the volleyball, among many others tips.

Students who participated in the clinics also received Huskies Athletics swag, such as shirts, volleyballs and other items.

Tammy Dingwell, a Grade 8 teacher at Dr. Clark School came out to support her students. She said the Huskies visit was an emblem of good citizenship.

"We are excited to see the experts come in and teach the children. To see the athletes and coach volunteer their time is a great example; it's great to see Keyano College involved with the community," said Dingwell, who teaches English and Social Studies.

Pascal Guenette, a second-year right-side for the Huskies Men's Volleyball Team says visiting the school was not only a great chance to promote Keyano College and Huskies Athletics but to also encourage attendance at future games.

"We want kids to come to our games, and these visits will help us do so," said Guenette, who is a University Studies student at the College.

The last clinic was held on October 14. "We were able to see about 250 kids in the community," enthused Coach Plante.

"We promoted Keyano College and took pictures with kids ranging from pre-school to grade eight. We truly believe we impacted their day. All in all, a great success for Huskies Volleyball and for Keyano College," Plante said.

Mission: Impossible 2 Possible

He's at it again. Blake Crossley doesn't believe in taking a break. In March 2010 he is planning to run the winter road on Highway 63 all the way up to Fort Chipewyan along with three of his friends, proving if you have the will any impossible mission can become possible.

Crossley, along with Phil Meagher, Brenda Erskine and Alex Middleton, will be covering the estimated 300 kilometres in a week, averaging 50 to 60 kilometres per day. He came up with the idea last year, along with Erskine. Their goal is to raise money and collect sporting equipment for the youth of Fort Chipewyan.

The run will take place under the impossible2Possible (i2P) banner; i2P is led by Ray Zahab, a well-known ultramarathoner. The group uses adventure to cultivate a generation of leaders, whose direct experiences and education will prepare them to lead social and environmental action all across the world.

"I'm the newbie," smiled Crossley, Network Administrator, Keyano College. He ran the Ironman last year in Newfoundland. His co-runners however, sport impressive athletic resumes.



Meagher is a Wood Buffalo Sports Hall of Fame inductee and is a city councillor. He has won 47 marathons and held a world record for the longest crawl on hands and knees back in 1979, (14.3 miles).

Erskine, the lone female, has completed a number of challenging marathons, including one at the base of Mount Kilimanjaro following an ascent of Africa's highest peak, and most recently a half ironman.

"This run will be my long goodbye to Wood Buffalo," said Erskine, who is pulling up stakes after 28 years in Fort McMurray. "I've always wanted to drive the winter road but never got around to it. Now I'm running it instead, and Fort Chipewyan is the perfect destination. It's one of my favourite places."

Middleton has competed in numerous triathlons and marathons and is the young gun of the group. He is pretty excited about the adventure and feels it will be a life changing experience.

Crossley said running the winter road will be finding out about endurance and personal limits. Inspired by Ray Zahab, who is also training him, Crossley said, "It's not about speed. It's about getting there."

The group is looking to the community for help with filming the trip, and are looking for a producer/videographer as well as other volunteers.

For more information contact: nfldrocks@telus.net.



Clockwise: Blake Crossley, Alex Middleton, Brenda Erskine and Phil Meagher.

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