









Monday, November 28, 2005 at 6:45 p.m.

"D" Day – Demonstration for the Arts

We need you! The arts need you! Show your support for the arts at the November 28th Ajax Town Council meeting.

The arts are a core value in every community in Ontario just as reading, seniors and sports are. Core values are demonstrated in these communities through libraries, seniors' centres, sports facilities and arts centres. Ajax and Pickering are the only communities of their size that do not have an arts facility for the use of the community. Lovers of arts are tax payers and deserve the same services as those provided for core values in other communities. If there is a change of location from the Town of Ajax Civic Centre, 65 Harwood Avenue S. we will post it on our website.

The Durham West Arts Centre has devoted two years and thousands of staff and volunteer hours towards the goal of building support for a permanent arts centre. We been recognized as a professional arts centre, run 90+ programs that directly touched the lives of 70,000 people and displayed the works of 365 artists. We did all this while we were setting up infrastructure and creating a profile for funding. We are now ready to move ahead.

Without your support, however, we cannot move ahead. The doors of the Durham West Arts Centre close March 31, 2006 unless we receive municipal support. The closing of the doors does not just mean the loss of arts programs; it means the end of a vision. The citizens of Durham can no longer anticipate that somewhere down the line they will have their arts needs met like their counterparts elsewhere.

November 28th provides one of those pivotal moments in history when the actions of individuals will make a difference. The presence of hundreds of taxpayers at the Ajax Town Council meeting indicates to your elected representatives that YOU DO VALUE THE ARTS. Be there to advance your own interests in the arts.

It is time for action and personal commitment. We need your attendance. It will make a difference if arts lovers demonstrate!!!

Angie Littlefield, Executive Director a.littlefield@dwac.ca

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Dance Theatre

Poetry

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