



The Tilted Steeple Coffee House

Friday, January 17, 2020 – 7:30 pm Admission: \$10

St. James Anglican Church Parish Hall, 20 High Street, Morrisburg, ON
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This month:

- **Michael Lewis**
- **Ted Guthrie**
- **Sam Moss**
- **Libby Hortop**

Happy New Year! First, a word of thanks to all those who attended our special event *A Classical Christmas* in December. The concert was a great success, and we were able to donate over \$2,100 each to Dundas Community Food Share and Today 4 Tomorrow, an Anglican appeal to help refugee in their quests to come to Canada. This month we ring in 2020 with a terrific lineup of new and returning performers. We hope you can join us!

MICHAEL LEWIS is a retired teacher currently living in Brockville with early roots in folk music, but also into rock and jazz, musicals, church choirs and barbershop quartet singing. After teaching in a French private school on Montreal's South Shore, he worked at the Kahnawake Survival School, then as Centre Director with the Cree School Board in Waswanipi, Quebec. In 2006, with three children aged 5, 8 and 10, he walked the Camino de Santiago from LePuy en Velay in France to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. The nearly four-month pilgrimage with two Pyrenean donkeys, camping gear and five instruments allowed him to teach his children how to meet and interact with people from various cultures, with evening concerts to entertain the weary pilgrims. After the pilgrimage, the Lewis family travelled around Europe in a Westfalia, bringing home a wealth of friendships and experiences.

This is **TED GUTHRIE's** fifth season as Tilted Steeple's sound man, for which we are most grateful. A retired Lutheran priest currently serving as Honorary Associate Priest at St. Paul's Anglican Church in Brockville, Ted worked for over 20 years in correctional and mental health chaplaincy, where he had many opportunities to lead group hymn singing and popular music singalongs. He played in a rock band in high school and performed at coffee houses on campus in the late 60s. These days he is regularly seen at Brockville's *Saturday Night Live* open mic evenings, in addition to being an annual guest of the Tilted Steeple Coffee House.

SAM MOSS is a lifelong area resident who grew up in a musical family, singing in a church choir before he could read and singing solos in Kinsmen music festivals as a young boy. A few years ago, he rediscovered the joy of singing, taking vocal lessons with Margaret Whisselle and joining the Seaway Valley Singers. Sam regularly performs as part of a duet with Isabelle Delage, but this month will be doing a solo set. We are very thankful to have him as a member of the TSCH organizing team, helping with setup and sound.

In 2014, **LIBBY HORTOP** bought an autoharp off Kijiji on a whim and began writing songs in the simplest, most uninhibited way possible. This marked a departure from her previous work, which included studying music at McGill and lugging a heavy electric piano to gigs. She has been writing songs since the late 1990s (time flies), and currently teaches voice and piano at Alcorn Music Studios in Ottawa. She can often be found wandering the woods of Gatineau Park near her home in Hull, Quebec. She will be accompanied by **Doug Hendry**, who is also a member of the group Fiddlehead Soup, which some of you may remember from the TSCH's first season.

A monthly Coffee House event in Brockville

"Saturday Night Live"

A great Open Mic evening (free!) the last Saturday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Wall Street United Church in Brockville. For more info or to sign up to perform, email pbullock@myhighspeed.ca

The Tilted Steeple Coffee House is organized in aid of refugee sponsorship and other projects. All performers donate their time and talent. For more information click on **Tilted Steeple Coffee House**