

Culture cafe presents Femmes Musicales

Drop by the Alton Mill Arts Centre next Friday (Feb. 27) from 7 to 9 p.m. to enjoy an evening in celebration of the female voice. Four multi-talented local singer/songwriters will paint the night with music, performing both originals and covers.

Orangeville's Erin Bolton, "a gentle force to be reckoned with," has immersed herself in many musical collaborations, including her new band, DIVES. Her "spitfire folk songs" are hauntingly familiar, delivered with a voice and lyrics full of indie soul.

Also on the bill is the low down, bluesy sound of Nicole Robertson, who brings youthful style to classic blues ballads, delivering raw passion and honest sorrow through her smoky voice.

"I don't go for a trendy approach," she said. "What I do is blues!"

The alternative rock of Alton born and now Toronto-based Hannah Chaplain reflects a young career that spans two full albums, as well as a series of EPs.

Chaplain writes all her own music and she has experimented in several genres, but she recently found herself going back to her roots as an alternative rock artist.

The evening will be rounded out by the spirit-filled songs and keyboard stylings of Guelph's Sue Smith, an original Bird Sister, a founder of Hillside Festival and recipient of Guelph's 2013 Woman of Distinction Award in Arts and Culture. Her debut album was described as a "stunning collection of heartfelt pop songs."

Four talented women. Four distinctive voices. One evening to remember.

Tickets are \$10 at the door. Nibbles will be provided by Shaw's Creek Café. For more information, go to www.altonmill.ca