

King's 'Diva in the Rough' holds 1940s-style CD release event

By Mark Pavilons

Laced with nostalgia, King's 'Diva in the Rough' Catherine Hughes will take us on a sentimental journey during her upcoming CD release gala.

Paying tribute to 'our boys over there,' Hughes will be singing and swinging songs from her brand new CD, and special songs from the 1940s with piano man Don Guinn. The duo will be presenting a USO-style radio show, sending out wireless love to the men and women in uniform.

The event, sponsored by the Schomberg Lions Club, will be June 13 at the Kettleby-Pottageville Lions Hall on the 7th Concession of King. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the action getting under way at 8. Visitors are encouraged to come dressed in period attire and be part of the 'mess hall' crew. There will be a prize for the best costume. Tickets are \$20 and can be ordered by calling 416-577-5686, or going to www.schombergions.com

This promises to be an unforgettable experience, so join the fun.

Hughes's 14-song album includes many legendary songs, such as 'Am I Blue?', made famous by Ethel Waters in the 1929 film *On With the Show*. Hughes performs the American torch song 'Cry Me a River', made famous by Julie London in 1955.

A little out of her element, Hughes recorded a marvellous French version of 'La Vie en rose', the signature song of French cabaret singer Edith Piaf.

The general theme is relaying a story about love and speaking to the human heart. The album also includes some surprises, as well as a 'hidden' live track, recorded at a previous show in Toronto.

Hughes was joined by her long-time partner Don Guinn, talented pianist and 'straight-man.' She praises Guinn, who steals the limelight. 'His playing is nuts,' she beamed. 'He did a beautiful job.'

Hughes is thrilled by the support of the local, Kettleby 'dream team' - Kathy Cartan, Joanne Duclos and Elaine Kitteridge - who are helping her market the new CD.

CDs will be available for sale at the local event.

Hughes gives back when she can. She will be performing at the second annual Sip & Savour fundraising gala for the King Township Food Bank. The theme for the October event is 'Hurray for Hollywood.'



The CD cover of *Diva in the Rough* by Catherine Hughes.