

Osler Foundation to host community's first ever Holi Gala

Special guests, musicians, comedians and dance performers will help William Osler Health System (Osler) Foundation bring an exciting new event, Holi Gala ? The Festival of Colours to Brampton next week.

Tickets are on sale now for this unique benefit, which takes place next Friday (March 28) at the Grand Empire Banquet and Convention Centre at 100 Nexus Avenue in Brampton. Proceeds from the event will support Osler's three hospitals: Brampton Civic, Etobicoke General and the new Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness.

Dating back to the seventh century, Holi festivals celebrate the colourful arrival of spring. This gala will feature special guests and honorary co-chairs, wrestling legends Tiger Jeet Singh and his son Tiger Ali Singh, known locally as The Tigers. Guests will also enjoy a non-stop line-up of entertainment with Britain's award-winning music sensation Sukshinder Shinda, MC Rena Heer from CP24, comedian Jus Reign, international illusionist and magician Raman Sharma, Canada's Got Talent finalists Broken Dance, and dancing to a DJ. Gourmet food and an exciting silent auction will round out the evening's activities.

Osler Foundation President and CEO Ken Mayhew credits a committed and enthusiastic fundraising committee for the idea to create this new event.

?We are excited to be the first Ontario hospital foundation to celebrate Holi,? Mayhew said. ?Holi Gala promises to be an exciting, high-energy event that celebrates the sights, sounds and tastes of the Festival of Colours, while supporting Osler's three hospitals.? Holi Gala has already attracted support from ATN Media, the Punjabi Press Club of Canada, TD Canada Trust, RBC, CIBC, Grand Empire Banquet and Convention Centre, National Bank, BMO, and Scotiabank. Corporate and community sponsorship opportunities are still available.

?If you have something else planned, cancel it,? said wrestling superstar Tiger Ali Singh. ?Nothing is more important than supporting Osler's three hospitals on March 28.?

Learn more about sponsorship opportunities and how to book tickets by visiting www.oslerfoundation.org or by calling Osler Foundation at 905-494-6556.