

News

## Entertainer helps Simcoe Hall Settlement House

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OSHAWA -- A local entertainer will be helping out Simcoe Hall Settlement House this month.

Heather Whaley, of Whitby, a storyteller, singer and songwriter, will be performing at Simcoe Hall's 5th annual Children's Benefit Dinner Auction on Oct. 25. And \$2 from each of her CDs sold that night will go to Simcoe Hall's afterschool programs.

Whaley has worked with children at an afterschool program and even had some of them perform on some songs for her new children's CD, Let's Sing This Little Tune Together.

"They had the experience of going to a professional studio and working with engineer Alex Paris of Artist Development Studio," Whaley said. "It was tiring as they had to re-sing several verses to get things right but they hung in like pros! I am very proud of them."

Singing on The Ugly Duckling and Aiken Drum are Spencer Cobourn, Hayley Moore, Shianne Tremblay, Shayla Tremblay, Manuela Ramirez and Pearl Zuba, participants in Whaley's storytelling program at Simcoe Hall.

The CD is a compilation of Whaley's favourite songs for young children and families.

Whaley and the young singers will perform at the benefit dinner auction (live and silent.)

A second CD by Whaley, Origins of Halloween, includes spooky stories and songs and is for older youth and adults. Percussionist Robert McMaster performs on the song track.

Whaley performs for children and adults in schools, at festivals and family reading nights with her stories and songs.

For information on the dinner auction event, call 905-728-7525.



Jason Liebrechts / Metroland OSHAWA -- Heather Whaley, top, will be singing a song from her new childrens CD, with Manuela Ramirez, left, and Spencer Cobourn at a charity auction October 25th at Simcoe Hall Settlement House. Oct. 10, 2007