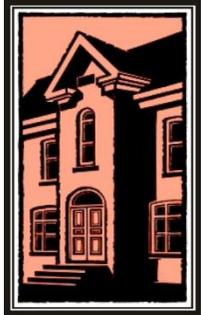




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**SINGER-SONGWRITER RON SEXSMITH at Whistling Gardens Amphitheatre Presented by The Waterford Old Town Hall**  
**"2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Off-site Concert June 24, 2017 - An Artistic Match Made In Juno Award Winning Heaven"**



(Wilsonville, Norfolk County Ontario Canada – May 23, 2017)  
 After presenting Sarah Harmer to a sold out crowd in the stunning Whistling Gardens (WG) Amphitheatre in July 2016, The Waterford Old Town Hall (OTH) is delighted to present internationally acclaimed singer-songwriter and three-time Juno award winner RON SEXSMITH June 24, 2017. "We have struck creative gold with this partnership," says Wanda Heimbecker, Co-owner of WG. "After the brilliant success we had working with the production team at the OTH to bring Sarah Harmer to our garden amphitheatre last summer, we instantly realized the peak potential of our annual collaboration, which mirrors the caliber and diversification of other iconic Canadian botanical gardens."

Canadian Folk/ Pop Icon Ron Sexsmith released his new album, **The Last Rider** April 21, 2017, immediately followed by a live tour. This, Ron's thirteenth studio recording was co-produced at The Bathhouse Studios in Kingston, Ontario by longtime drummer and collaborator Don Kerr and Sexsmith. The album is his first self-produced album and the first to include Ron's touring band which will appear with him onstage at WG. "At this point, it's just second nature for me to write short, melodic songs that say everything I want to say," muses Sexsmith. "But having my band totally involved on this album maybe brought out more in the songs than on other recent albums. It felt special, anyway."

Since making his major-label debut in 1995, Ron Sexsmith has become recognized worldwide as one of Canada's most renowned songwriters. He counts among his fans Elvis Costello, Elton John and Paul McCartney and has amassed no less than eight Juno Award nominations as Songwriter of the Year. Claire Senko, OTH Artistic Producer says "Ron Sexsmith is one of our most beloved musicians, and an artist who's been on our radar for some time. Working with WG to create a musical garden experience is a dream, and presenting Ron and his band against that backdrop will be perfection". The concert is the culminating social event as part of a month long Peony Festival "Bloom" introducing North America's largest public peony collection introducing over 1,000+ varieties."

The Concert will begin at 7:30PM, Saturday, June 24th General Admission is \$40 with the gate opening at 7:00PM. A special VIP experience awaits those who choose the \$75 ticket rate, with early 6:00PM admission and free access to all areas of the Gardens including a mini garden tour, meet & greet with WG Peony donors in which North America's largest public collection should be near its' season's end bloom, complimentary local wine, beer and cider tastings, hors d'oeuvres served by Chef Tracy Winkworth, and premium concert seating.

Tickets are now on sale at The Old Town Hall - Waterford; Whistling Gardens - Wilsonville; Serafina Good Food - Simcoe; Cottage North Soapworks - Port Dover, and online at [ticketscene.ca/OTH](http://ticketscene.ca/OTH).

"The OTH continues to elevate and create; assembling award winning partnerships with wineries and celebrated partner businesses willing to introduce innovative ideas for your enjoyment while fostering new markets for Norfolk County. New conversations we need to continue, we're just scratching the surface. The artistry of our gardens, value of our plant collections, and supportive national garden enthusiast communities are well-positioning our destination's growth as a local economic driver. In our north-east municipal area of Norfolk County, it's not about the lake front but healthy business hub connectivity. We're now attracting many international visitors and bus tours from the United States to experience the best of Ontario's Garden. Imagine the economic potential for our region!" Wanda Heimbecker, Co-owner of WG.

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