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**The Alton Mill Creative Arts Centre
presents the
TJ Whitelaw Band
as part of the Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival
Sunday, June 7th – 2pm to 5pm**

The Alton Mill Creative Arts Centre, in the rolling Hills of Headwaters, is proud to showcase the talents of guitar virtuoso **TJ Whitelaw** and his band, as part of the 7th annual Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival, on Sunday, June 7th from 2pm to 5pm in the Alton Mill Millrace Room.

The Alton Mill's Millrace Room, with its rough-hewn wooden beams and columns, and beautiful stonewalls provides an exceptional acoustic venue for this **free afternoon concert**. Audiences will delight in spending a Sunday afternoon in this 19th century mill, which has recently been renovated to exacting historical standards, and is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places in Canada.

TJ Whitelaw is a young guitar prodigy from Orangeville, Ontario, who has recently recorded his first album with some of Canada's top musical talent, including Gary Taylor (Downchild Blues Band), Sisters Euclid, Michael Fonfara (Downchild Blues Band & Foreigner) and Terry Brown (album producer for Rush & Blue Rodeo).

Whitelaw, known as a gifted improvisational instrumentalist, is gaining notoriety in the industry, and was recently the opening act for Lukas Rossi (Rock Star: Supernova). In July, Whitelaw will make his debut at the Toronto Beaches International Jazz Festival, as guest guitarist with the JP Saxe band. The TJ Whitelaw Band features Whitelaw on lead guitar, Brandon Williams on rhythm guitar, Devan Del Medico on drums, and Chris Villeneuve, keyboards & bass guitar.

The historic Alton Mill is the perfect showcase for music and art. According to Abraham Maslow, "a musician must make music, an artist must paint, a poet must write, if he is to be ultimately at peace with himself." What better place to find artistic peace than at the Alton Mill Creative Arts Centre where artists of every kind are inspired by nature, heritage and the environment.

According to Jeremy Grant, one of the owners of the Mill, "participating in the Orangeville Blues & Jazz Festival seemed like a perfect opportunity to showcase the Mill as an extraordinary musical venue, and to partner with a world-class regional Blues &

Jazz Festival, right here in our own community! Being able to present one of the region's rising young talents is the icing on the cake!"

TJ Whitelaw is destined to be one of this country's finest musicians. Audiences are encouraged to see this young prodigy and his band performing in this intimate acoustic venue, on Sunday, June 7th from 2pm to 5pm. Admission is free. Refreshments and a cash bar will be available between sets in the stunning Waterfall Courtyard.

TJ Whitelaw's first CD, "Electric Echoes" will be on sale throughout the afternoon, and is will also be available for sale at the Headwaters Arts Gallery in the Alton Mill.

For further information please contact the Alton Mill at 519-943-1149.
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