

Friends of Meaford Library Summer Concerts 2023



Concert #7 by Allan Johnson on Sunday, 06 August 2022

Allan originally hails from the Bahamas and has strong roots in the traditions and music of the Caribbean Islands. His own stylings of tunes made popular by the likes of Harry Belafonte and Bob Marley are mixed in with some personal musical creations derived from his own life experiences. Allan was formally introduced to the community when he won the song writing contest for the Municipality of Meaford's centennial celebration. It has been adopted as the official song for Meaford. This recognition not only brought distinction to Allan but he also won \$500 for his effort. Allan, as well as his music, has been socially active in a number of areas particularly in fighting the scourge of AIDS in Africa and under-developed nations. As part of a committee that sought fund-raising opportunities, he organized a speaking engagement to have Stephen Lewis, the long-time advocate for AIDS relief in Africa, come to Meaford to raise money. This highly popular and successful endeavour raised \$30,000.00 for the cause. In keeping with his musical talents, he also wrote a song for that occasion, a song titled, "Tell Me Why." He has several CDs to his credit and has been a popular performer with the Friends of Meaford Library summer concerts ... usually holding the spot on the Sunday evening of the August long weekend. That is the spot he holds again for this year.

For more background info go to <https://allanjohnsonmusicman.com/bio>