



## News release

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Culture & Heritage

Friday, November 3, 2006  
Independent Documentary Film Screening  
*Las Peregrinas...the women who walk*  
7:30 pm, Orillia Opera House

*Shoes too big to fill*  
5:00 – 6:30 pm, Orillia Opera House

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(Orillia Ontario) *Las Peregrinas...the women who walk* is a powerful and moving documentary that is being premiered in locations all around the world including Brazil, Australia, and Orillia on November 3<sup>rd</sup>! Produced and directed by local resident Sue Kenney (veteran pilgrim, author, and inspirational speaker), this film chronicles the stories of several modern North American women who walk hundreds of kilometres on a medieval pilgrimage route. 'It is about facing our deepest fears by questioning the value of everything that we were taught was important in life,' says Kenney. Krista Storey, City of Orillia's Manager of Cultural Development is so pleased to have major sponsor Casino Rama assisting the Culture & Heritage Department with this event. 'Of all the places in the world this film is being released that weekend, we are so proud that Sue Kenney will be attending our event,' she adds.

Admission to this special screening at the Orillia Opera House is free but donations will be gratefully accepted. All proceeds from the event will be given to the Green Haven Shelter for Women and the Orillia Native Women's Group.

*Shoes Too Big To Fill...men taking a step into the lives of women, for women* is getting a great response! Men from the community are **stepping** up to the table...or stage, as it were. **John Weber, Jim Storey, Steve Clark, Jim Dykes, Frank Matys** and **Craig Metcalf** are all encouraging others to get involved. Over the next two weeks, these men will raise pledges in the community to allow people to see them maneuver through an obstacle course on the Opera House stage **wearing women's shoes**. The obstacle course will consist of a variety of activities symbolizing the role of women in the world but wearing women's shoes will add an extra step of difficulty for these men. This will be a spectator event! All those that have sponsored these brave souls are invited to watch them as they teeter their way across the Gordon Lightfoot Auditorium stage.

Jim Dykes, President of Madison County Food & Beverage Co said, "I am very proud to participate in this special evening and the Madison County Team is behind any initiative that will help our community to deal with assaults. Now more than ever, we need to talk about and to educate our youth toward understanding that there is no place in our society for violence."

Men must raise a minimum of \$100 to enter. Anyone wishing to step up to the plate can obtain their pledge forms by calling Krista Storey at (705) 325-2098 or emailing [krista.storey@on.aibn.com](mailto:krista.storey@on.aibn.com)

"What an insightful way to launch November 2006th's Provincial Woman Abuse Prevention Month," commented Liz Westcott, Executive Director of the Green Haven Shelter for Women. "Women inspiring women to 'walk' their path to healing and self-understanding and men taking a moment to experience women's reality truly expresses our community's commitment to make a difference."

Mark your calendars for a fun-filled and inspirational event!