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## **The Crier's Tour**

Walking the walk and talking the talk, with Stephen J. Travers



## **Heather Heyer**

Green Party and associates exploit her murder for the second time

**\*\*\*17th Anniversary Issue\*\*\***

**Chuck Berry, painting, politics and pinball**



# The Town Crier's Walking Tour of Barrie



The City of Barrie's Town Crier, Stephen J. Travers, at The MacLaren Art Centre, after having told a story of the city's past, which is available in the VIDEOS section of our website, [www.thecrowe.ca](http://www.thecrowe.ca).

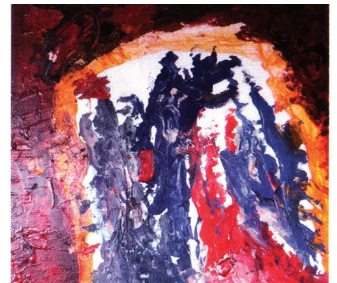


## EARLY LIFE

As well as an Abstract Artist, Thelma Morrison was a professional writer, award-winning journalist, author, poet and historical archivist, residing most of her life in Ontario.

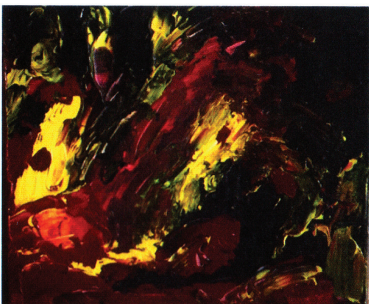
## INSPIRATIONS

While heavily influenced by her love of Wasaga Beach, late in her literary and artistic career, she found creative motivation while living in Venice, Italy. The sounds, colours, shadows and light gave her inspiration. Thelma worked in bright, bold, sweeping colour fields — expressing in the content of her works unhesitating intimacy — stimulated by the rich Italian ambience.



## THELMA MORRISON

### ABOUT THE ARTIST



She is the author of five books. Her poems and prose have been published in well known literary magazines such as Canadian Forum, Quarry and Event. She wrote for newspapers as diverse as the Toronto Star, London Free Press and the Stratford Beacon Herald.



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## LATER LIFE

In the final decade of her life, increasingly isolated as she valiantly fought the debilitating diseases that ravaged her body, her art became increasingly important — and eventually her only — means of both creativity and communication.

Thelma Morrison's late body of artwork attests to her indomitable, creative spirit ... splashed, scrubbed, streaked and trembled across "life's canvas".

There is currently an exhibit of paintings by Thelma Morrison at the Barrie City Hall Rotunda. The late artist has no website, so we shot video of the exhibit and posted it in our VIDEOS section.

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# Chuck Berry's new album



**Yours Truly, with the CD**



**Inside of CD jacket**

Charts [ edit ]

Chart (2017)	Peak position
Austrian Albums (Ö3 Austria) <sup>[16]</sup>	19
Belgian Albums (Ultratop Flanders) <sup>[19]</sup>	61
Belgian Albums (Ultratop Wallonia) <sup>[20]</sup>	39
Czech Albums (ČNS IFPI) <sup>[21]</sup>	21
Dutch Albums (MegaCharts) <sup>[22]</sup>	61
French Albums (SNEP) <sup>[23]</sup>	39
German Albums (Offizielle Top 100) <sup>[24]</sup>	31
Italian Albums (FIMI) <sup>[25]</sup>	72
New Zealand Heatseekers Albums (RMNZ) <sup>[26]</sup>	7
Scottish Albums (OCC) <sup>[27]</sup>	10
Spanish Albums (PROMUSICAE) <sup>[28]</sup>	23
Swedish Albums (Sverigetopplistan) <sup>[29]</sup>	34
Swiss Albums (Schweizer Hitparade) <sup>[30]</sup>	14
UK Albums (OCC) <sup>[31]</sup>	9
US <i>Billboard</i> 200 <sup>[32]</sup>	49
US Independent Albums ( <i>Billboard</i> ) <sup>[33]</sup>	2
US Top Rock Albums ( <i>Billboard</i> ) <sup>[34]</sup>	9

## Charts

Although Chuck Berry's latest album of new material in 38 years was released in June, it was not until September that I got it, because I insisted on buying it from a real record store. It cost me \$14.68 with tax. And for the review? If you appreciate rock and roll and guitar players, as I do, the review is really easy: This album is great. I mean, like, you know Chuck, right? I bought the album and did not get it off a friend from the internet for free, because I owe the man, and everyone who digs his music, owes him. The least you can do, is buy the album for real.

The liner notes are legit. They were all written before he passed on. The album was ready to go, and was announced on Berry's 90th birthday, October 18, 2016, with a release date in 2017. Got some quotes:

"If you want to play rock and roll – or any upbeat number – you end up playing like Chuck. There is very little other choice. He's really laid down the law." –Eric Clapton

"*Chuck Berry Is on Top* is probably my favorite record of all time; it defines rock and roll. A lot of people have done Chuck Berry songs, but to get that feel is really hard. It's the rock and roll thing – the push-pull and the rhythm of it." –Joe Perry

"Chuck Berry is the first singer-songwriter I know of." –Roy Orbison

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# The Heather Heyer vigil is now officially being used for the local Green Party's campaign literature



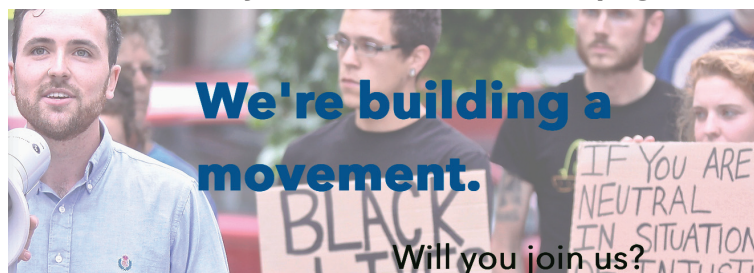
## Community, Activism & Empowerment.

Keenan Aylwin is a Young Greens of Ontario activist, community organizer and has worked as an urban farmer. He grew up in Barrie where he got his first taste of political activism fighting alongside the community to save Prince of Wales Public School and Barrie Central Collegiate from closure.

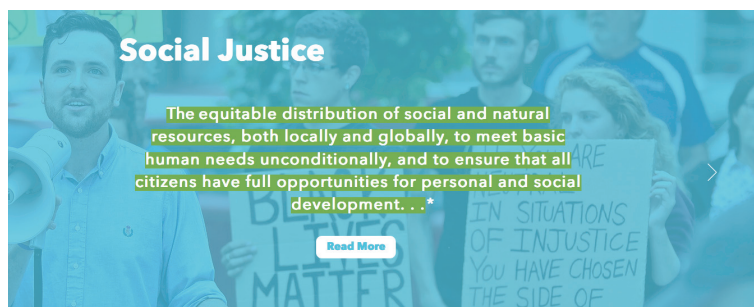
Keenan is running for MPP in Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte because he is fed up with the current state of Ontario politics and he knows people are ready for politicians that prioritize honesty and integrity over political gain. He is excited to help people realize the



Keenan Aylwin's "Meet Keenan" page



Keenan Aylwin's "get involved" page



Keenan Aylwin's "values" page



Keenan Aylwin's campaign Facebook page



With Keenan Aylwin, top left, looking on, his guest, Shelly Skinner of Barrie Pride, reminds us that "next year, is an election year!"



Heather Heyer

No, this is not about one picture of Heather Heyer on one sign, this is about the entire vigil/rally, which was held on August 18 of this year, for Ms. Heyer, and against, white supremacy. Barrie City Hall was the place, and the speakers included Mayor Jeff Lehman, himself. As soon as I heard that the event was being organized by the Green Party, and would feature speakers, I knew something was afoot.



Left: One of the three event organizers, Lauren Maclachlan. Right: Maclachlan with local Green candidate, Keenan Aylwin; Ontario Green leader Mike Schreiner; federal Green leader, Elizabeth May

I wrote about it, last month. If you want the full story, go to my website, [www.thecrowe.ca](http://www.thecrowe.ca) and the PAST ISSUES section. I do not want to rewrite the entire story, here. Suffice to say that when I wrote it, the story looked more than a little judgmental. It looked mean. I, the local Libertarian candidate for the same riding, was not contacted by Keenan Aylwin and company, to speak. He wasn't fair. He wasn't diverse. He wasn't inclusive. He is running for office, and he kept this chance to hold the spotlight, for himself, and his friends. One of his friends, Shelly Skinner of Barrie Pride, called the City of Barrie, an "ultra-conservative, closed-minded, uncultured white town."

That was undeserved, and false. Why did she say that? To make herself look like a hero. I spent the bulk of the previous edition, proving that. Yes, even a black, pansexual woman can be wrong, and it does not make me a "hater" to say so.

There was something that I missed, with that earlier issue. Skinner ended her speech by reminding everyone that next year is an "election year," and to "make your voice heard!"

And now, this month, Aylwin has taken the photographs of himself at that event, and used them for his campaign website, and his Facebook page for his campaign. Aylwin's history of political activity in this riding has a depth that can only be measured in millimeters. The people who attended for the event were there for Heyer, and the local radio stations that advertised the event were doing so for Heyer and the tragedy of her senseless murder. They were not doing it for the Green Party, or Aylwin, or to be told by a leftist sex toy salesperson, that next year was an election year.

**Heather Heyer did not die for the Green Party, or Barrie Pride.**

Aylwin did not tell Mayor Lehman what he planned to do with the event, and the backdrop of Barrie City Hall, to use it for political purposes. I blame Aylwin for his dishonesty, for misleading our mayor, I do not blame Mayor Lehman for anything.