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International Celebration of Robert Burns all set for January 18

The Toronto Colony Hotel will be the venue for this event on January 18, 2003. Funds raised will support the Scottish Studies Foundation.

If you attend only one Burns Supper, this should be the one!

The Scottish Studies Society promises you a full weekend of activities including the best of Burnsian entertainment and luxury overnight accommodation at an unbelievable low rate for those wishing to stay over.

The Supper will have an international flavour with guests from Scotland, England, the USA, and across Canada and will include none other than the President of the Robert Burns World Federation, Jim Robertson, and his wife Eileen who live in Yorkshire, England.

The Robert Burns World Federation is promoting a special 7-night package from the UK at the wonderful value of £468. And the Toronto Colony Hotel has an attractive package of \$260 per couple for overnight accommodation, two tickets for the event, two full Scottish breakfasts and all taxes and gratuities. Tickets for the Supper alone are \$80 each.

Arrangements for the weekend are under the direction of our own Gordon Hepburn. Back in the 1970s, under the auspices of the Burns Federation, Gordon organized a regular series of unforgettable Burns Suppers for about 400 Scottish and Soviet participants in the banqueting hall of the Moscow's Intourist Hotel in the then Soviet Union.

Gordon has great plans to make this a truly memorable evening with most of the players already in place. On the Saturday afternoon, there will be real homespun ceilidh-style entertainment.

At the actual Supper in the evening (reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7), entertainment will be provided by the rousing pipes and drums of the 48th Highlanders under the direction of Pipe Major Sandy Dewar. The Tunnochbrae Dancers will delight us with their Scottish terpsichorean arts, Danielle Bourre will thrill us with Burns' songs, and music for dancing the night away will be provided by the incomparable Sandy MacIntyre Trio.

And, of course, there will be the traditional Toasts to the Haggis, the Immortal Memory and The Lassies. Gordon tells us he is planning a new format for delivering the Immortal Memory.



Robert Burns, Scotland's National Bard

Sunday morning will see a full Scottish breakfast table for those staying overnight and an approach has been made to the Reverend Malcolm Sinclair to see if he will conduct a Burnsian service at 11 a.m. at the Metropolitan United at 56 Queen Street East in Toronto (a 10-minute walk from the hotel.) Malcolm is currently first Vice-President of the St. Andrews Society of Toronto.

Come and enjoy the Burns Supper of a lifetime!

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their heritage in Canada
are invited to join*



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For the hotel package please contact Krystyna Bebee at the Toronto Colony Hotel (Telephone: 416-385-3160) or e-mail : kbebee@colonyhoteltoronto.com.

Supper tickets only (\$80 each) can be ordered from Gordon Hepburn, Scottish Studies Society, 1 Clark Avenue West, Suite 1003, Thornhill, ON L4J 7Y6 (Telephone: 905-881-5780). Cheques should be payable to the Scottish Studies Society.