‘A celebration of music and poetry, a gathering, he said, of friends old and new and they called it the March Hare... He invited me to attend.’

‘He’ is Al Pittman. ‘Me’ is Paul Durcan. The quote comes from Paul Durcan’s diary (Dublin, 2003).

John Ashton sang at the first March Hare gathering and many thereafter. His favorite March Hare event was Elaine’s Hare Breakfast; John was always the first to show and among the last to go. This year’s gathering will be the lesser for John’s not being here to sing and to hear. Some March Hare presenters and patrons were not born in 1987, others have longer memories and more treasures in storage.

March Hare 2009 was a joy in the making. We have added a show for high school artists to present their celebration of words and music. They will join the other fifty-three presenters (and, no doubt, seeing as how once added a show has always stuck, will become a tenth venue). [This is not the time to note that April 11, 2010 will mark the 70th anniversary of Al Pittman’s birth. Surely that will be worth a show or four next April 9th, 10th, and 11th.]

Other than that there are too many artists, keen to present, and too many patrons, keen to attend, Randy and Rex do not have a care in the world. Here in Newfoundland you can only golf in the summer and it would not be right to be idle. No bother. Enjoy the gathering. And, thanks.

Randall Maggs, Artistic Director
Rex Brown, Project Manager
March Hare West

Brass Taps, College Street
8:00 P.M., Friday, March 6

HOST: DAVID MICHAEL     EMCEE: REX BROWN

Gerald Squires  Nicole Lundrigan  Tom Dawe
Stephanie McKenzie  Anita Best  Kelly Russell
Kelly Russell  Alayna Munce  Anita Best

March Hare West
MATINEE

Brass Taps, College Street
2:00 P.M., Saturday, March 7

HOST: DAVID LATHAM     EMCEE: REX BROWN

Kelly Russell  Gerald Squires
Alayna Munce  Anita Best
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Thursday, March 12
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Albatross Hotel – Salon Gander, NL

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7:30 p.m., Thursday, March 12

HOST:
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Isabel Blackmore
Susan Sinclair
Dominique Gaucher
Ellen Power
Des Walsh
Kathleen Winter
Tom Dawe & Gerald Squires
Neil Oldford

The Byrnes
AND Baxter Wareham
Paul Dean
Monica Kidd
Arch Bonnell
Billy Ramsell
Mark Callanan
Michael Winter
Tickle Harbour

SWGC Reading

Art Gallery, Sir Wilfred Grenfell College
1:30 p.m., Friday, March 13

HOST & EMCEE: Stephanie McKenzie

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A TRIBUTE TO ANITA BEST

Royal Canadian Legion, West Street
8:00 p.m., Friday, March 13

HOST & EMCEE: REX BROWN

Anita Best  Pamela Morgan
Des Walsh  Tom Dawe & Gerald Squires
Kathleen Winter  Monica Kidd
Stan Dragland  Larry Small
Daniel Payne  Andy Jones
Mark Callanan  Michael Winter
Paul Dean  Tickle Harbour
Baxter Wareham  ‘Towards the Sunset’

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Arts & Culture Centre, Corner Brook
1:00 p.m., Saturday, March 14

Hosts & Emcees: Elinor Benjamin & Ron Richards

- Elinor Benjamin
- Daniel Payne
- SWGC Acting Troupe
- Ellen Power

High School Hare

Arts & Culture Centre, Corner Brook
2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 14

Host: Rex Brown
Emcee: Stephanie McKenzie

- Annamarie Beckel
- Jillisa Stuckless
- Logan Organ
- Natasha Pennell
- Katie Donavan
- Emma House
- Ivy Parsons
- Ellen Power
- Stephanie McKenzie
- Allan & Matthew Byrne
PITTMAN’S FANCY

Arts & Culture Centre, Corner Brook
8:00 p.m., Saturday, March 14

HOST: RANDALL MAGGS
EMCEES: RANDALL MAGGS & MARTIN WARE

Robin McGrath
Doug Gough
Andy Jones
Dominique Gaucher
Tickle Harbour
Adrian Fowler
Billy Ramsell
Daniel Payne
Susan Sinclair
Pamela, Anita & Ellen Power

PITTMAN’S FANCY

King Henry’s Pub, Glynmill Inn
11:00 p.m., Saturday, March 14

Charlie Payne
Daniel Payne
Des Walsh

AND

Guests
**SUNDAY SOIREE**

*King Henry’s Pub, Glynmill Inn*

*2:00 p.m., Sunday, March 15*

**HOST:** Rex Brown

**EMCEES:** Clyde Rose & Pat Byrne

Lloyd Bartlett  
Anita Best  
Clev Best  
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