

# COLOURS OF LOVE

MAKING DREAMS COME TRUE

Agnes Kiesz



Her studio is a place where people feel beautiful, confident and comfortable with who they are. Capturing people the way they want to be seen, she's been making dreams come true for over 7 years.

**Maggie Habieda-Nowakowski**, an award winning photographer, recently took it to the next level. By putting her organizational skills together, she's made the dreams of four amazing artists a reality. Colours of Love is a one-of-a-kind concert featuring Maggie's former clients - Ivan Komarenko, Hector Hernandez, Shweta Subram and Grenville Pinto, artists as diverse as Maggie's talents.

Maggie Habieda-Nowakowski creates timeless art through the use of the newest technology. Her Oakville studio, Fotografia Boutique, showcases outstanding photographs of beautiful people. Throughout her career, Maggie has photographed celebrities and business professionals but also people leading normal lives. How did a talented photographer become the organizer of a multicultural show?

**Agnes Kiesz:** Maggie, the GTA community knows you as a photographer and now your studio is the organizer of the Colours of Love concert, which took place at Brampton Rose Theatre on October 27th. What is the story behind you becoming the mastermind of this event?

**Maggie Habieda-Nowakowski:** It started with an idea which came to me quite naturally. My work is helping

people. I make their dreams come true by capturing them the way they want to be seen. This is how I met Ivan Komarenko, the main star of the concert. When I met him, I was so struck by his talent that I not only had the desire to photograph him, but also to help organize an amazing concert which would showcase his abilities.

**Agnes:** What made Ivan so special to you?

**Maggie:** First and foremost, his amazing life story. I know firsthand how hard it is for people who come from small towns where opportunities are limited. But if we have a drive, a passion, a desire, we can achieve anything we want and nothing will stop us. Ivan is a true symbol of multiculturalism. He was born in Syberia. He has Korean blood running through his veins. He's a Polish citizen and he loves Poland. He had to wait 18 years for Polish citizenship! He's an amazing, talented and humble young man. Music is everything to him. He's the true inspiration of the Colours of Love concert.

**Agnes:** This event is different from other concerts we see throughout the GTA.

**Maggie:** Yes, it's a very special event. It's called Colours of Love, because colours are symbols of different cultures. Canadian multiculturalism has always been an inspiration to me and I love bringing different cultures together. That's why we will have four stars performing, each star of different ethnic

background. Ivan Komarenko is coming from Poland, Hector Hernandez is Cuban, Shweta Subram - is Indian and Grenville Pinto is of both Italian and Indian descent. Canada is the most multicultural country in the world and each nation is encouraged to celebrate their uniqueness but it's not very often that we have a chance to be a part of an event which showcases a variety of different cultures. That's why Colours of Love is a truly special concert.

**Agnes:** How did you manage to put such an event together?

**Maggie:** It all came from my belief that dreams come true and if we really put our minds to something, we can achieve it. My positive thinking got a lot of great people on board and together, through hard work, we made it happen! I'd like to thank all my amazing sponsors. It wouldn't be possible without them!

Colours of Love took place October 27, 2013 at the Rose Theatre in Brampton and received rave reviews. Colours of Love II is being planned.