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## Tenor to get top billing this Sumptuous Sunday

World-renowned tenor and Mississauga resident Ermanno Mauro may have stopped performing in 1993, but April 11 he will again be found at centre stage.

That's when Ann Summers International and Gatsby's Restaurant in Toronto will present the fourth in a series of monthly Sumptuous Sundays that honor Canada's major artists.

Previous recipients have included Clarice Carson, Joan Dorneman, Louis Quilico and Mary Morrison. Mauro being recognized for his long and successful career.

"We have all these wonderful people sitting in our own backyard and we're not doing anything to honor them," said Summers.

Up-and-coming singing stars, including mezzo-soprano Lynn



Fidlar, baritone Steven Pitkanen and tenor David Pomeroy, will perform at the brunch.

Joining in the celebration will be the Giovanna Piccarretta, the vice-consul of Italy in Toronto, who will present Mauro with a plaque.

Mauro, who was born in Trieste, Italy, but has called Mississauga home for the last 17 years. He lives here with his wife and three children.

It's only been the last six years that Mauro hasn't been touring all over the world.

"I've been doing it for 35 years," he said. "I think that's enough."

Mauro was known in the latter part of his career as

the world's most noted interpreter of the role of Otello, which he performed in Dallas, Miami, San Francisco, Washington D.C., Toronto, Munich and Stuttgart.

Mauro spent 15 seasons at the Metropolitan Opera appearing in over 180 performances in 16 major roles. He came to Canada as a teenager.

The Sumptuous Sundays brunch starts at 11 a.m. at Gatsby's Restaurant in Toronto, located at 504 Church St., a block north of Carlton St. Tickets cost \$35 for adults, \$10 for children.