

Rowing club aims to hone future talent

It was a chance encounter that brought Olympic champion Marnie McBean into the sport of rowing.

Rowing coach Dominic Kahn hopes the Bayside Rowing Club will lessen the odds of a future talent like McBean falling through the cracks.

Kahn, a former Canadian champion, founded the Bayside club in Toronto in 1993. Yesterday, he unveiled plans for a 20,000-square-foot boathouse at a new park site being developed at Carlaw and Commissioner Sts.

One of the club's main goals is to create opportunities for inner city and disabled children to get involved in rowing.

The club is launching a "Buy a Square Foot" fund-raising campaign at \$30 for a unit, the estimated cost per square foot to build the unique, boat-shaped structure designed by architect Don Loucks.

A gala benefit featuring principal dancers Kimberly Glasco and Chan Hon Goh of the National Ballet of Canada will be staged Sunday, March 24 at the Harbourfront Centre.

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