



St. John's Organists Betty Nixon and Elaine Foris with the new grand piano recently delivered to the church.

Grand piano arrives at St. John's United

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The grand piano is here! It was almost like another Christmas morning as the beaming group of onlookers watched the magnificently beautiful black instrument be rolled into the St John's

Church sanctuary and set up.

When Mrs Ledgley, the piano salesman's wife, sat down at the keyboard and filled the sanctuary with rich dulcet tones, all present knew that we had acquired the perfect piano for this auditorium.

With \$15000 in donations already received and a special

time-limited year-end offer from the Kawai Piano Company for a six foot one model, the committee decided it had to order the piano just the day before Christmas. And it's already here!

Now, the priority is to raise the final \$5000. Donations are still needed, The next three fund raising concerts are in various stages of planning. The first concert is on the afternoon of Sunday, February 19. "A Grand Day For Singing" will feature the very popular Tara Stanton.

Back by popular demand will be flutist Brynne Ferenczy. Other well known volunteers will be Alex Murchie, Christine Shelkey, Jim Ring, Dave and Bill Nixon, Betty Nixon

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and Elaine Foris.

Then on March 19, again a Sunday afternoon, the concert will be a "toe-tapping type" concert featuring fiddles and Irish type music.

Tentatively a third concert will be in late spring. The Georgian Bay Woodwind Quintet that Sterling MacNay performs with has volunteered to entertain our Wiarnton musical community with an instrumental concert as long as they can arrange a time when they are all available.

The Grand Piano Fund Raising Committee wishes to express a big "thank you" to all who donated to the fund in 2005. Whether you were a large donor, a buyer of a black or a white key, a smaller donor or a donor at the door of each concert, each one of you was essential for this combined church and community project to progress to this stage. Thank you!