

BONE, Dan

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**Dan gets to perform
for a hometown crowd**

What started out for one young man as a saxophone position with the school Band at Moira Secondary School has led Dan Bone to a career as a full-time musician.

For Bone, the past weekend Waterfront Festival was a special occasion. Now considered one of the leading woodwind players in Toronto area music circles, it gave him the opportunity to strut his stuff in front of his hometown crowd, which included his mother and several other family members and friends.

Bone was sitting in as a guest saxophonist with the famous and popular Commodores Orchestra as they played for the Sailpast at Meyers Pier Sunday afternoon.

For Bone, it was the kind of big band music he enjoys playing, and at which he has had considerable experience. Apart from nine years with bands in the Canadian Armed Forces, he has more recently, since getting out of the forces in 1986, played for such well-recognized Toronto bandmen as Guido Basso and Russ Little.

As a Belleville-raised boy, Bone says he has heard plenty about the Commodores. "My parents used to go to their dances frequently in the former Club Commodore," he said,

quipping, with his mother standing by, "in fact I was probably conceived after one of those dances."

As a free-lance musician, Bone can testify that it is a life of abnormal and often long hours and anything but security or benefits. "but I like what I'm doing," he stresses.

He keeps busy with shows and band engagements in the Toronto area, but really enjoyed his weekend in his home town and hopes to play in the area more often. And, he says, he was particularly pleased to play with the band about which he heard so much in his teenage years.

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