

Dale Wood, director of the Georgetown Choral Society, will be directing both the society and the Oakville Symphony Orchestra when the two groups appear together at Holy Cross Church February 11 to present Brahms' Requiem. This is the

first time the two groups will perform together. Tickets to the performance are available from Georgetown Fabrics, Towels 'n Things, Image Fashions, and any member of the choral society.

Brahm's latest choral production

The Georgetown Choral Society and the Oakville Symphony Orchestra are hard at work rehearsing their collaboration on Brahms' Requiem, which will be presented at Holy Cross Church, February 11.

The work is something of a change of pace for the choral society, since their February concert in past seasons has been an occasion for works performed in a lighter vein. This time, however, the society is tackling a challenge in performing with the Oakville symphony for the first time. For the performance in Georgetown choral society director Dale Wood will be conducting the orchestra and the choir for the first time. The society and the orchestra will also be performing the Requiem in Oakville as part of the season's subscription series, for which tickets are already sold out. At the Oakville performance, Anthony Royse, director of the orchestra, will be conducting the orchestra and the society.

TWO REHEARSALS
The choral society and the symphony have been rehearsing separately, but they will be holding two rehearsals together before the performances.

The requiem was almost entitled "The Human Requiem" and was begun shortly after the death of Brahms' mentor, Robert Schumann, in 1856. Brahms' mother died in 1865, director Dale Wood said, and this intensified Brahms' work on the project.

"This is not a liturgical Requiem, Brahms was not a conventionally religious man, nor is there evidence that he was a Christian at all, yet his music indisputably tells us how much consolation he derived from the words of the Holy Writ as set here," Mr. Wood said. "Much of the music is sombre, but each movement ends in a spirit of optimism. The climax of the whole work is an offering of praise to God."

The performance is being held at 8 p.m. in Holy Cross Church with solos being performed by Bill Brush and Brenda McNeil. The choral society is appreciative of the use of the church facilities member Audrey Houston said.

but they're hoping the public will support this performance so as to back up the Arts Plus Committee's feasibility study for a cultural centre in Halton Hills.

Tickets for the performance are available from Georgetown Fabrics in the Moore Park Plaza, Image Fashions in

the Georgetown Market Plaza, and Towels 'n Things on Main Street. Tickets are also available from any member of the choral society.

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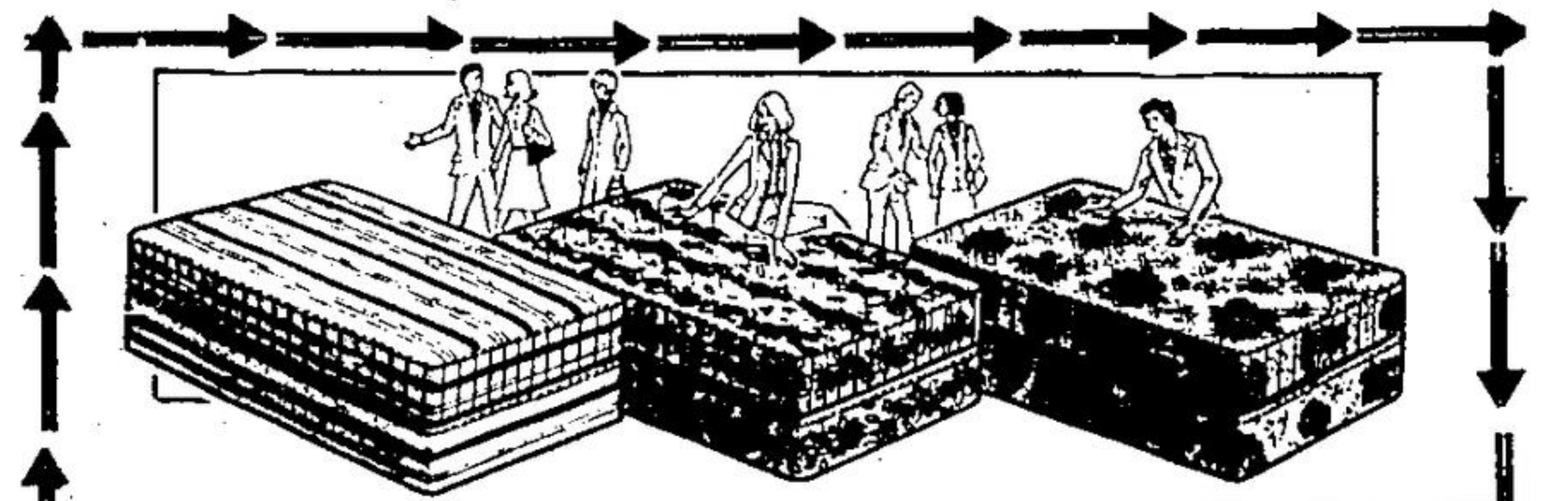
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