

# Christmas music for all ages at the choral society concerts

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outstanding performance of this piece.

**GLORIA CHORUS**  
The second half of the programme was a rendezvous with Johann Sebastian Bach through his work, Bach Mass in B Minor. The introduction to

Chorus Number 4, Gloria in excelsis Deo, by the Chamber Orchestra and organist was artistically rendered. The organ pulsed confidently coupled with the sensitive interpretation by the strings.

The audience was alerted as the altos entered with assurance. The sopranos were very

controlled, the tenors sang lightly in good pitch on entry and the full choir built to exciting peaks.

The ear heard a pure sound in the soprano section. This writer was greatly impressed with the quality of tone, pitch and control in the soprano section which has developed

triumphantly over the last three years.

The under-estimated alto section sang the runs with mellow tones and their entries were strong. The tenors worked hard and they did perfect a pleasing blend and balance in most of this work. The timbre from the basses in the crescendo passages was appreciated. This piece escalated to a full, rich strong finish.

**BACH MASS**  
The Bach Mass in B Minor is an excellent test in oratorio expertise and the Choral Society passed with honors. Mr. Wood should be commended for his courage in preparing such a master-piece. The choir mostly amateur singers, performed with a high standard comparable to a professional choir.

The writer turns her pen to the Chamber Orchestra, whose members are representatives of the Toronto Symphony Youth Orchestra, associated with the Faculty of Music, Royal Conservatory of Music and affiliated with the Toronto Symphony.

One of the instrumentalists, David Harding, is the son of Bruce and Margaret Harding of Georgetown. The sensitivity and knowledgeable musicianship of these instrumentalists was awe-inspiring.

**PIANIST RETURNS**  
Joyce Hayward, a Milton resident, returned this year to the Choral Society as pianist. Mrs. Hayward is an official accompanist for the Peel Music Festival and artistically complemented the Choral Society with her sensitive expertise.

An additional treat was offered to the Sunday evening audience when the Youth Orchestra played the "Christmas Concerto" by Arcangelo Corelli after one-half hour rehearsal together with Mr. Wood prior to performance.

The programme finished with the "Westminster Carol" by Barry Gosse. This work allowed all parts opportunity to shine, which they did, with consideration for their counterparts.

Knox Church was filled to capacity Sunday afternoon for the special children's concert. A warm feeling of Christmas permeated the air as families together enjoyed the message of Christmas through song.

**DRUMMERBOY**  
The carol "Little Drummer Boy" started with a rhythmic lesson by Mr. Wood. Tambourines were given to a few children in the audience, a trial beginning made, then the choir came in with a beautiful musical beat of a drum by male voices as the altos and sopranos sang the tune in harmony. Many other children beat the back of the pews with in time with the director's downbeat.

Carol singing by choir and audience seemed very popular, although more Christmas songs for children by the choir would have been appreciated.

Carol of the Bells began with solid entry by altos and developed as full choir blended with the basses creating good solid timbre while the sopranos used control in the closing gentle passage. Bells were distributed to children and the choir with bell ringers sang the carol a second time at a faster tempo which was delightful.

**SANTA ARRIVES**  
While the choir went into the concert title song, "Christmas is for Children", Santa arrived with some of his reindeer as well as some of his helpers. Santa was confronted by a policeman who apprehended him for double parking his sleigh. During song, "Up from the Hometown", Santa received a hamburger, Mrs. Hayward, pianist, received a kiss from Santa Claus and Mr. Wood received a diaper for the coming arrival of little Wood and he also was subjected to a spanking by Santa with a bunch of twigs, on his backside, European style.

The Georgetown Choral Society will perform Beethoven's Mass in C Major with The Oakville Symphony Orchestra next February 17. Mark this coming event on your calendar today to avoid missing another musicale of quality.



## CERAMIC CHRISTMAS TREE

Gail Martin applies the Christmas lights to a ceramic Christmas tree at the ARC Industries open house in Hornby last week. The open house is held each year to show the kind of work being done in this sheltered workshop operated by the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded, and to show the gift items which are for sale in the workshop's gift store. (Herald photo)

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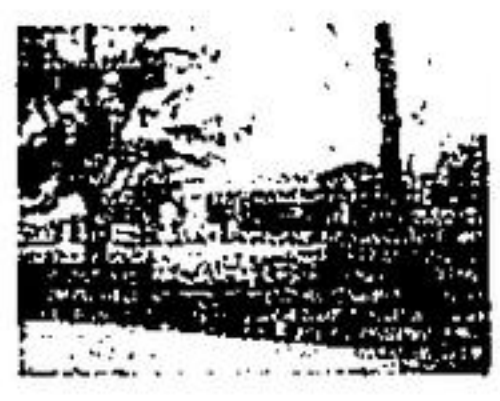
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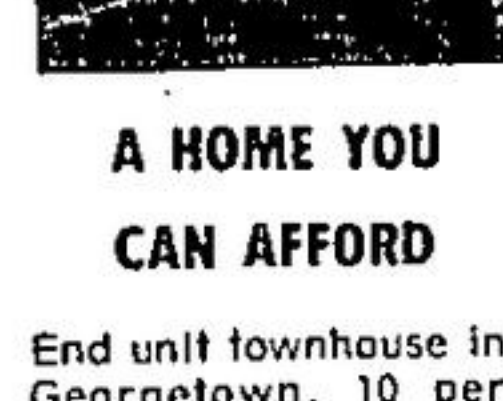
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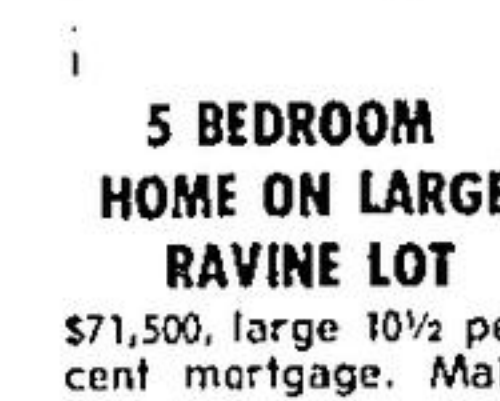
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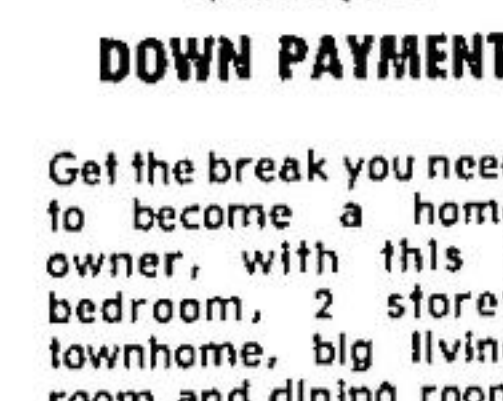
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