

Camerata thrilled audience with some old-style melodies

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It is somewhat difficult to believe that a concert similar to the one presented by Camerata at Holy Cross Church Wednesday evening was typical of one that might have been heard in Georgetown at the turn of this century.

Inasmuch as the classical music of Beethoven, Brahms, Schubert and Chopin was popular 80 years ago, it would more easily be accepted that this community at that time would more likely have been listening to the rising sounds of American jazz from south of the border or the fiddle sounds of backwoods farmers.

However, through the more than two hours of classical chamber and opera music, Camerata thrilled the near capacity audience with what Camerata's members says was music typically heard here and everywhere during the transition from the nineteenth to the twentieth century. Yet they did point out that although the notes were the same, the instruments may not have been.

Perhaps, then, that is why the music performed by locals in days of old did not sound as sweet and gentle as the sounds that permeated the air in the Catholic church high above the altar that night.

The choice of instruments did make a sound difference. Camerata is a trio comprised of piano, clarinet and cello. On this night the ensemble also included the voice of opera singer Miss Fallis.

The quartet made its way through an opening Hungarian Dance piece of Brahms and included selected works of several of the major classical and opera masters, including Mendelssohn, Sullivan, Danzetti and Chopin, Beethoven and Schubert. The music would have made these distinguished gentlemen proud.

The evening program had each of the four provide solos accompanied by piano as well as the whole orchestra performing together.

It also included a short poem entitled 'Ode to Mammoth Cheese'. It is about a giant piece of cheese which was made by area farmers in Guelph, for a fair in Toronto late in the 1800's. A chap named McIntyre decided to write an ode to it.

Applications in for job

The Ontario Police Commission (OPC) is now reviewing applications it has received for the position of deputy-chief of the Halton Regional Police force.

Oakville Mayor Harry Barrett, chairman of the Halton Police Commission, informed colleagues at a meeting Thursday that he had been notified that applications had been received. The OPC said the Halton commission would be informed shortly on what process will be used with the applications.

The group of internationally-known soloists have between them travelled to 29 different countries as cultural ambassadors for Canada. They have accompanied Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau to several lands to inaugurate cultural relations.

Pianist Cathy Root told The Herald she met clarinetist Peter Campbell at the University of Toronto, where they were both studying music in 1972. Miss Root says she met the Hungarian cello player Conrad Blaemendal while studying in the United States. Thus, Camerata was born.

Since then, Ms. Root says the group has been on tour most of the time and has seen residen-

ces as the Shaw Festival, and York University where they would currently say they are "in stay". She says they have performed throughout Europe, including playing at London's Queen Elizabeth Hall at the Harragate, and the Three Choirs Festival of England. They have done radio broadcasts for Radio France and also given performances in Holland and Romania.

They have toured throughout Canada extensively and have done a couple of albums for the CBC. They can be heard this Friday evening on CBC-FM radio performing a concert they did in the Yukon last year. Later this year, the CBC radio

network will also carry their Beethoven birthday celebration from Toronto.

This was the third time Georgetown patrons of the arts have heard this highly-talented group of musicians in recent years. It was part of an original proposal for three concerts, the last of which was Thursday evening.

The evening passed by quickly and smoothly as the

artists matched musical talents with whimsical talents as well.

It ended with a more likely sound for turn of the century local enthusiasts when they bowed out with a short Dixieland rendition of 'Oh When the Saints'.

If audience reaction has anything to do with their return, Camerata can come marching into Georgetown anytime.

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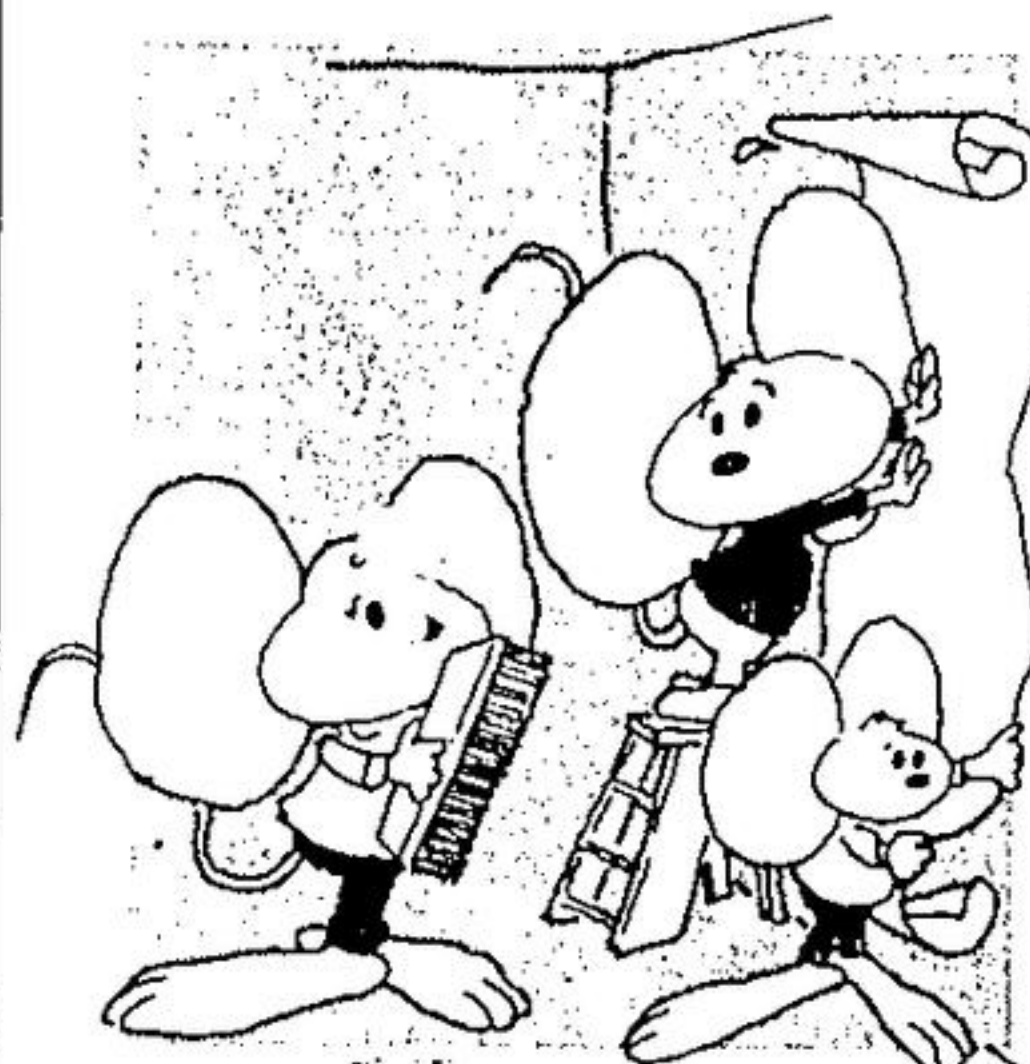
Town council approved a request from the recreation department Monday that a committee be organized to plan and promote the town's 1980 Recognition and Honor Awards Evening. The committee will be comprised of recreation department representatives, members of the general community and one council member from each of the four wards.

The first such awards evening was hosted June 2, 1977, and the occasion was an attempt to formally honor those individuals who had brought honor and recognition to the municipality, according to a background report by the recreation department.

"Since that evening," the report said, "various forms of honor and recognition events have been held annually, with varied degrees of success".

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