

Choral Society's gift to you

# Concert pools best of Christmas music

By HEATHER DICKSON  
Herald Special

The Georgetown Choral Society has an extra Christmas treat for its fans this season: its "Fantasia for Christmas" concert Dec. 3, 4 and 5 at the John Elliott Theatre sees the choir teamed up with a chamber music orchestra made up of musicians from the Toronto Youth Symphony and National Youth Orchestra of Canada.

The program being presented by the choir this year - again under the direction of A. Dale Wood - will be varied.

Six choruses from the Christmas portion of Handel's "Messiah" will be performed. Handel wrote both the vocal parts and orchestration in about 28 days after experiencing a "slow period" as a composer and performer. Handel studied the Bible for weeks before writing this masterpiece, which actually tells the Christmas story in music.



**'Fantasia for Christmas'**  
Dec. 3, 4, 5

From "Hodie" ("This Day"), by Ralph Vaughan Williams, a difficult but very uplifting cantata, two unaccompanied choruses will be performed.

For the conclusion of the first half of the program, the choir and orchestra will present "Fantasia on Christmas Carols", also by Ralph

Vaughan Williams. Dave Shrubsole will be the baritone soloist. The music is based on traditional English carols.

Four choruses from "Midnight Mass for Christmas" by Marc-Antoine Charpentier will also help us get into the Christmas spirit. This is scored for soloists, for part mixed chorus, flutes, strings and organ, and is without question one of the most charming masses since most of its music is based on French Christmas carols. It will be sung in the traditional Latin.

This year as their guest artist the Georgetown Choral Society is pleased to present flautist Susan McNally, who recently joined the choir. Susan will perform the very difficult and charming Suite in B Minor scored for chamber orchestra and harpichord by J.S. Bach.

The conclusion of our performance will be the glorious "Amen Chorus" from the Messiah.



**GREAT AS GIFTS**

Look, ma, it fits! Georgetown District High School student Natalie Zeldler was checking out the hand-made items at the Credit Valley Artisans sale in the Cedarvale cottage Saturday. She said she and her mom were out looking for Christmas presents to send to relatives in Germany.

(Herald photo)

# Three shows already sold for Globe's extravaganza

By BETTY CHRISTIE  
Globe Publicity

Well, everything's up to date in "Oklahoma" - I beg your pardon - in Georgetown, with Globe Productions, that is, now in full swing with rehearsals for their upcoming musical "Oklahoma".

When you say? Feb. 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 4, 5 benefit nights for Georgetown Rotary Club.

Knox Church walls are ringing with music in one room and the floors are thumping with dancers in another. But not all is work, work, work - there is "time-out" for a few joyful moments, such as

birthday congratulations to Maureen Walker, Linda Parker and Enid

in hospital - keep laughing there, Gertie. Announcer (Al Gottlieb)

there are only 60 tickets left and to be entertained by a cabaret for only \$67 Eats at midnight.

If all you theatre buffs wish to get tickets for "Oklahoma" get on the wagon, as they are going fast - three nights have already been sold out. Get off your horse and call 877-6441 and arrange for your tickets now.

Well, ta ta (or should I say "do re me fa") for now. From your "first time" (hopefully not the last) on-the-spot reporter.

**Globe's 'Oklahoma'**  
Feb. 4, 5, 9-12, 16-19

Williams-Nicholas - birthday cake and sweets all around, folks (with coffee of course).

By the way, have you ever had Happy Birthday sung to you in four-part harmony?

Also, congratulations went out to Dave Walker on his engagement. But alas, not all is merry, poor Chris Gorin is away

gave us the lowdown on the new T-shirts advertising our "Oklahoma" musical, and the upcoming Christmas social event of the season - Globe members and friends welcome - Dec. 11. But hurry,

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# Bateman to visit

Renowned wildlife painter Robert Bateman of Rockwood will be guest speaker at a future meeting of Arts and Crafts of Georgetown, members learned recently.

The event, to be held at the Halton Hills Library-Cultural Centre, will be open to the public, all proceeds going to the Canadian Wildlife Association.

As well as heading the current campaign to restore an old Indian Village at Crawford Lake in Milton, Mr. Bateman has gained worldwide recognition. He was commissioned by Ottawa to paint a nature scene as a wedding present for Prince Charles and Diana and also painted for the late Princess Grace of Monaco.

Arts and Crafts members learned of the artist's visit - set for next May 19 - at their recent regular meeting, held at Evelyn Charles' RR3 Georgetown home.

Charter member Jen Thompson recalled for newer members, how the government became concerned about the shortage of home crafts following World War II, when most wives stayed home and knitted. The province, she remembered, sponsored a local weaving class, supplying eight looms and a teacher so that enabled the Arts and Crafts of Georgetown to launch its weaving section.

From that small beginning, members have explored numerous crafts. The new year will see two more added to group courses: quilting and stained glass.

Convenors for the recent annual exhibition at North Halton Golf and Country Club gave their reports and were duly thanked by President Patricia Beer. Social hostesses for the meeting were Nellie Beatty, Wendy Del Greco, Jennifer Barnett and Annabel Bird.

# It's that time of year again!

I held off as long as I could, but now that Santa has arrived in town, resistance is useless. We're about to be inundated with Christmas sales, bazaars, displays and entertainment, so we might as well sit back and enjoy it. If you're the sort that can't wait for the festive season, there are many treats in store. On the other hand, if you're the "Bah, humbug" type, a sampling of these pre-Christmas delights may change your mind.



The Georgetown Choral Society presents "Fantasia for Christmas" Dec. 3, 4, 5 at the John Elliott Theatre. The program consists of four parts: Fantasia on Christmas Carols by R. Vaughan Williams, Hodie (This Day) by R. Vaughan Williams, Messe de Minuit pour Noel by Marc-Antoine Charpentier and Messiah by G.F. Handel. Tickets are available at the theatre box office Thursdays from 7:30 to 9 p.m. or phone 877-6839.

Noetic Studio Productions will be presenting a program of readings entitled "The Warmth of Christmas" Dec. 6 at the North Halton Golf and Country Club courtesy of the Rotary Club of Georgetown and Dec. 8 at Oxbow Books. Phone

877-0643, for more information.

Georgetown Little Theatre and Peel Panto Players are collaborating on a Christmas children's presentation, "Hickory, Dickory Dock," at the John Elliott Theatre Dec. 10, 11, 12. Call 877-3700 for ticket information.

Between Dec. 11 and 18, Santa will be dropping in at the Georgetown Library at various times. Call the library for details.

Also at the library Dec. 11, Holiday Crafts for children five to eight years old at 10:30 a.m., and at 2 p.m. for those nine and over. Dec. 14 has the Pre-school Holiday Crafts for those three and up.

Gallery House Sol presents its annual Christmas exhibition. This year it's entitled "Miniatures" and concentrates on small Arts and Craft creations for gift giving at a time when money is less plentiful. Running from Dec. 4 to 18, it should not be missed.

These are just some of the seasonal delights available to you. With all this going on, if you can't get into the Christmas spirit, you just aren't trying.

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