

Cantante shores up Yule spirit

By PAM DOWLING
Herald Correspondent

With only a few days left until Christmas, the absence of snow on the ground Friday had somewhat dampened the Christmas spirit for many people.

That night, though, the Cantante Singers awakened that holiday spirit in a small but enthusiastic audience with "A Time for Joy".

This festive musical presentation by the 25-voice, all-girl choir was joyfully received at the John Elliott Theatre and was given a standing ovation at the end.

The stage was simply set with a small, decorated tree on either side. Conductor Dale Wood provided the sole musical accompaniment on piano as the angelic, moving voices of the choir harmonized beautifully through "Do You Hear What I Hear" and "Star of Bethlehem".

Soloist Jane Timleck seemed a bit nervous, but her voice carried well through "Mary's Boy Child".

The audience was then



Photo by Stacy Wheeler

given the opportunity to exercise their vocal chords during the first of two sing-alongs that

night, and many of them had very good voices.

The audience's singing blended nicely with the

choir in some familiar carols including "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" and "The First Noel".

"Joy to the World" was sung by the choir in a different arrangement and tune which made it virtually unrecognizable. It was a weak attempt to modernize the traditional carol.

After intermission, the presentation took on a less formal tone as the girls returned to the stage dressed for cold weather in heavy sweaters, hats, scarves and mittens.

The second sing-along of the night benefited from this relaxed atmosphere. It had the air of a friendly get-together about it and the girls to the choir began to look up from their song sheets and make eye contact with the people in the audience while singing familiar songs such as "Deck the Halls" and "Silent Night".

the night was a duet by Sheila Frouse and Brenda Archer. It was a beautiful and charming presentation of "Silver Bells" which the audience loved.

As Mr. Wood said at the close of the performance, "Every good thing must come to an end", and he was right, but there is always next year...

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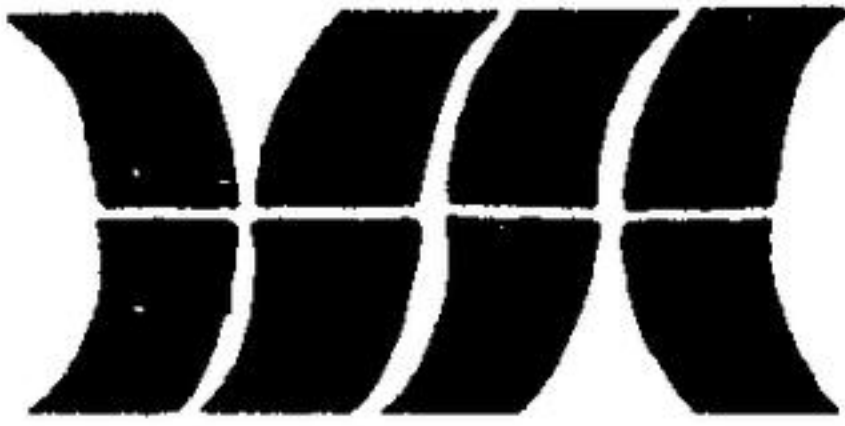
Wishing everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Happy holidays

Christmas is hustle bustle and run Christmas is laughter and cheer Christmas is friendship and gifts and fun A wonderful time of the year Fill it with presents, parties and plays Music and songs of joy But spare a thought; a prayer perhaps For that special baby boy

—By Pat Hretchka

On behalf of the Halton Hills Arts Council, a wish for a happy and safe holiday for all.



COMING EVENTS

Wednesday (tomorrow) - "Curious George" A Christmas treat for children, sponsored by Halton Hills Public Libraries. John Elliott Theatre at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 877-3881.

The Georgetown YMCA presents "Christmas Holiday Happenings"

Dec. 23 - Kids Craft Day and Swimming

Dec. 27 - Ontario Place - "Winter Magic" - Ice Skating, bring skates - Cinesphere - Magic Show - Santa's Workshop

Dec. 28 - Magic Workshop with Jay Sankay and movies at Georgetown Odeon Cinemas 3

Dec. 29 - Ontario Science Centre

Dec. 30 - Wildwood Manor - Farm visit, hay rides, cross-country skiing, skating, tobogganing etc.

For information regarding costs and times call the Georgetown YMCA at 877-6163.

CONTINUING

Until Dec. 31 - Cultural Centre Gallery - Deborah Winter - Watercolors

the HERALD Entertainment YMCA winter courses

By NANCY SHORTILL
Y publicist

The Georgetown YMCA has a number of pre-school programs for the upcoming winter season.

It is important to pre-register at 89 Mountainview Rd. S. Monday to Friday 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. for all programs. Mail-in registrations will also be accepted.

Playschool will be held at the Y Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1 to 3 p.m. for 3 to 5 year olds.

Playschool will also be held at St. Alban's Glen Williams, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. for three and a

half to 5 year olds as well as for 2 to 3 year olds at St. Alban's Tuesdays and Thursdays 9:15 to 11:15 a.m.

French Playtime provides 4 to 5 year olds who do not speak French with an introduction to the use of French in games, songs, stories and crafts. French Playtime is held Tuesdays from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at Knox Church. Our Pre-Maternelle Francaise is also held Tuesdays 9:15 to 11:15 a.m. at Knox Church.

Kindergarten will be held Mondays from 1:15 to 3:15.

Wednesdays it will be held at Knox Church at 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. and Fridays at the Y from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Kindergarten is for all 3 to 5 year olds.

Parent and Tot Kindergarten will be held Mondays 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Wednesday 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

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