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Entertainment

Acton school band to represent Ontario in Florida

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Only two bands in Ontario are invited to an international music festival in Florida next spring, and the Acton High School Band is one of them.

Between April 11 and 19 the school band will be performing a series of

concerts in the Orlando area as part of the Tenth Annual World Invitational Music Awards. When the band received their invitation in early September their director, David Sale, was a little surprised.

"I wondered why," he said. Mr. Sale learned the band was recommended by another director. "I

guess we (the band) have what they are looking for," he said.

Mr. Sale has been directing the band since they were formed 12 years ago. The band is made up of woodwinds, brass and percussion, and play all types of music.

As far as Mr. Sale knows, the music festival is not competitive.

"It's more a recognition of excellence than a competition," Mr. Sale said.

Two bands from each province and American state will be at the festival sponsored by the International Honor Musicians Society. Some directors and students will be leaving the festival with scholarships or fellowships to Martin Block Memorial College.

"We're really, really excited. I've never seen the students so happy about anything," Mr. Sale said.

Students will be bused to Florida. The ride there is straight through, but on return they hope to stop off in Ohio. Stryker, Ohio, is where a high school band that will be touring southern Ontario in April, comes from.

The Str'er band is invited to stay in Acton on their tour. Stopping off in Ohio would be a nice way to break up the long trip back, Mr. Sale said.

For five days the Acton High School Band will be playing four concerts in Florida. It is an honor to be chosen, and more than that it will be a rewarding experience, Mr. Sale said. The students will be seeing and hearing many bands they can't help but learn from, he said.

The trip won't be entirely geared to music. The first day students are taking a cruise. Other tourist destinations include: the Kennedy Space Museum, Disney World, the Epcot Centre and Cypress Gardens.

The band has the enthusiasm and talent for the trip. All they lack is the money. For the 30 students and four chaperones, expenses are estimated at \$17,712. Dollars short of that total

will be made up by the students.

"You name it, we're doing it," Mr. Sale said of the students' efforts to raise money. Nov. 21 the band is holding a marathon dance. Parents will be running another dance in February. Raffles and cheese sales are other ways the band hopes to raise funds.

So far the band has raised about \$1,000, Mr. Sale said. Cheese sales have been a big part of that revenue. Each student has their own customers, usually friends and relatives, Mr. Sale said.

The band hopes to get grants from the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

Although the band is mainly made up of senior students, all grades of the high school are represented. If enough money isn't raised some students probably won't be making

the trip, Mr. Sale said. The cost may be too high.

Some senior students trying to graduate with the best marks possible, won't be able to afford a week off school and won't be making the trip, he said.

The last time the band went on a far-away tour was in 1984. Then they travelled through Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia. In 1980 the band went to Edmonton and Calgary on a band exchange with an Edmonton school.

Opening night tomorrow



The first time Fiona MacLaren sees Tommy Albright, something magical happens. They are two of the characters in Globe Productions Brigadoon, which will be at the John

Elliott Theatre from Nov. 20 to Dec. 8. Seen here are actors (left to right) Helen Tobin, Dave Shrubsole and Peter Richards. For ticket information call 877-4323 or contact any cast

member. Tickets can also be purchased at Royal LePage at 170 Guelph St. in Georgetown. (Herald photo)

ARCTIC ANECDOTES Storyteller Houston delights crowd

A standing-room only crowd of children and adults greeted author and artist James Houston at Georgetown Public Library Nov. 13.

Mr. Houston's visit launched the Children's Book Festival, a week-long salute to Canadian writers of books for children.

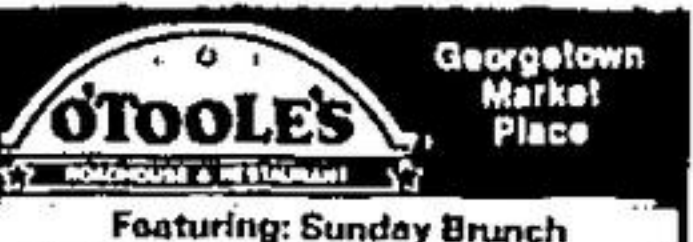
James Houston regaled the audience with many fascinating anecdotes, recounting his publishing career from its earliest beginnings up to the present. After serving in the Second World War, Mr. Houston bought a one-way ticket to Canso Bay, and ended up spending four years there. His sojourn in the Arctic furnished him with ample inspiration and subject matter for his writing and illustrating. He later returned to the Arctic as an administrator with the Canadian government, a position he filled for many years.

Mr. Houston demonstrated his fluency in the Inuktitut language - a difficult tongue, which few southerners have the opportunity or inclination to master. He addressed a mixed audience in terms of age,

likening the experience to storytelling which took place in the traditional Eskimo snowhouse, where tales were told to children and adults alike.

Many of James Houston's 23 books are written for children, and indeed it was the children in the audience who displayed a particular curiosity about his writing. His responses to their questions revealed a wealth of experience and adventures which many dream about, but very few seek out.

An autographing session followed James Houston's visit, and Oxbow Books had several titles available for purchase. The evening was co-sponsored by the Canada Council, the Children's Book Centre and Halton Hills Public Libraries.



Country Christmas

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There is nothing fancy about the decor, but it is tasteful with wood panelling and ceramic Chinese paintings adorned across one long wall.

The service is very fast. Although the restaurant serves a

variety of Canadian foods such as soups, sandwiches, chicken and steak, we decided on the Chinese combination plate.

My wife ordered the egg roll, sweet and sour chicken, chicken chow mein and chicken fried rice. I asked for the egg roll, breaded chicken (soo guy), beef vegetable and almond and chicken fried rice.

But first came the fresh, thick home-made egg noodles to go with our beef consommé. The noodles were delicious.

Our main course was heaped on our plates and we couldn't

complain a bit about the helpings. I particularly enjoyed the breaded chicken although the entire meal was very good. The egg rolls were definitely above average.

There's a wide variety of items on the menu including the special full course family meals. The restaurant also offers take-out and you'll receive a take-out menu when your bill arrives.

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