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# Entertainment

## Downtown Georgetown hosts yuletide events



**MERRY MAKERS**-The Georgetown Choral Society presented two concerts at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown (this past weekend). The choir of about 50 directed by Dale Wood called their concerts Sounds of Christmas. (Herald photo)

### Choral Society delivers powerful Christmas gift

**By SANDY CAMPBELL**  
Herald Staff

A Christmas package was delivered to Georgetown this weekend. It came in the form of over 50 voices whose message will last well into the holiday season.

The package was a Georgetown Choral Society presentation, Sounds of Christmas. The gift was clear, bright, harmonious music. Performances were given at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown, Saturday and Sunday.

Led by choir director Dale Wood, the group sang a selection of popular and less familiar pieces. French folk songs, a mass in Latin and a Negro spiritual were part of the show. It was a celebration of the individual voice, the voice of the choir and, above all, Christmas.

In total, 17 songs were sung, and at least half of them touched the audience in a special way. My own program had stars beside seven songs.

Choral mastery was established early in the program and peaked near the end with selections from George Friedrich Handel's Messiah, which has been referred to as having some of the greatest choral arrangements of all time.

The Georgetown Choral Society did justice to two highly acclaimed selections from the Messiah (And The Glory of The Lord, For Unto Us A Child is Born). The audience was tingling with anticipation, waiting to hear the famous melodies. During that waiting, patrons were beating

out time with programs, feet were restless and heads were rocking.

It was an exciting moment when the masterpiece unraveled. That kind of tension was not sustained throughout the performance. It was a well timed performance with quieter pieces, notably the solo, Sweet Little Jesus Boy, by Carolyn Simmons.

So often when a Negro spiritual is attempted by a Canadian it seems flat and insincere. Ms. Simmons carried the pure message of 100 voices with her own. It was beautiful.

Other soloists who carried message and mood were Lou Darce and Anna Burke. Their joint effort on Franz Schubert's Mass in G was particularly strong.

In that mass the musical artistry of Dale Wood was most clear. His light touches on the piano key board were without fail in place and of the right tone and volume.

He is a very expressive and physical player who has the task of directing the choir while playing. And they were his choir, well trained and controlled.

The choir showed their versatility throughout the night. They had power and passion.

The audience got their chance to be part of that choir during two sing-alongs. The church, with its long pews and large choir loft of oak crowned by organ pipes, seemed much smaller and more intimate at these times.

And as Dale Wood slung his arm over the back of his chair behind the organ one could even imagine being in a place as intimate as a car; a car with the radio playing wonderful Christmas music and passengers singing along, a car travelling toward Christmas.

You'll be able to find the Christmas spirit in downtown Georgetown.

The Business Improvement Area is sponsoring a number of seasonal activities for young and old and invites you to take part.

Youngsters to 12 years of age are eligible to win prizes in a coloring contest. There's a \$25 gift certificate

for the winner in the two to four years old category, the winner in the five to eight years old group and the winner in the nine to 12 years old group.

Prizes will be presented to the winners at a breakfast for Santa Dec. 13. Tickets are now on sale for the breakfast at the McGibbon's banquet room. The breakfast costs \$3 per person and tickets are available at Fletcher's Shoe Store, Penlesworth and Oxbow Books.

Three surprise gifts will be awarded in a draw from the breakfast tickets.

As well, after breakfast, there'll be free color photos taken with Santa, between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to meet Santa and have their picture taken. Attendance at the breakfast isn't a prerequisite.

Actually, free photos with Santa are also being taken Dec. 6 at the Union Gas Office on Main Street, again between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

For downtown Georgetown shoppers, there's a chance to win one of two travel vouchers worth \$250 in a draw. Downtown shoppers can participate in the draw at participating businesses until Dec. 24. The ballot boxes are white with red bows.

Dec. 13, the winner of the best Christmas window among the downtown merchants will be announced. The judging takes place Dec. 9 between 3:30 p.m. and 5 p.m. by the Georgetown District High School marketing club members (MECCA).

Of course, a good carol-sing rouses up the spirit. Dec. 18, at 7 p.m. join in with the Georgetown Centennial Alumni Choir downtown.

### Dance, drama auditions

The Halton Co. of Performing Arts is once more holding auditions for their March production. Auditions will be held Saturday, Dec. 13 at the Jill Evans School of Dance, 69 Main St. South, Georgetown (entrance from the Municipal car park).

Drama students, age 9 and up, should attend at 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. There will be a \$3 audition fee. One parent of each child should be in attendance at 1:30 p.m. to obtain further information should their child be successful.

Ballet students working on Grade II R.A.D. Method or equivalent are eligible. They should come dressed as for a class at 2:30 p.m. There will be a \$5 audition fee and one parent per child should be in attendance at 3 p.m. to obtain further information should their child be successful.

Rehearsals for both the dance and drama will commence in the New Year and continue up to the time of production.

For further information phone 877-1187.

### Award for conservation

At the 23rd meeting of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority several groups and individuals were honored with the Authority's first Conservation Award of Distinction.

Trout Unlimited, Ontario Chapter was recognized for their continuous support in both funding and assistance to the Authority in the completion of many projects relating to our Credit River fisheries management program.

Mr. Charles Sauriol, special adviser for the Nature Conservancy of Canada was honored for his assistance to the Authority in the acquisition of key properties within the Credit River Watershed.

The Rattray Marsh Protection Association were also recognized for their determination in the past and their present continuous efforts to preserve the Rattray Marsh Conservation Area.



### TOP TEN MOVIE RENTALS

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Temple of Doom    | 6 <sup>th</sup> Back To The Future |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jewel of the Nile | 7 <sup>th</sup> Target             |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> The Money Pit     | 8 <sup>th</sup> Runaway Train      |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> Out of Africa     | 9 <sup>th</sup> Gung Ho            |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> Iron Eagle        | 10 <sup>th</sup> Wild Cats         |

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### GDHS musicians show their stuff

If the snow and prospects of receiving gifts doesn't get you excited about Christmas, perhaps the GDHS Christmas Concert can.

Under the direction of Anita Blake and Katie Kirkup-Ortolan, 185 Georgetown District High School students will perform Dec. 10.

There are eight bands or choirs performing at the high school cafeteria. Tickets cost \$5 per family or \$2 each. They may be picked up from performing students or at the door.

The concert is an opportunity for young musicians at the high school to showcase their talents. The audience will appreciate the chance

to hear some outstanding music some new repertoire and the popular "old chestnuts".

There's even an old-fashioned carol sing for the parents, community and students!

One highlight of the show, Ms. Kirkup-Ortolan says, will be the jazz choir, a "fledgling group" performing difficult vocal music in the jazz style.

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