

# First Class shoots for the 'Stars'



GEORGETOWN HIGH

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On Saturday, Jan. 30, local high school rock band, First Class, are performing at the Concert Hall in Toronto as part of the "High School Star Search '88". Shortly before the concert, at a band practice, the band relayed their feelings towards the competition in which they were also competitors last year.

How are the new songs working out?

Bruce Duggan: "We play them over, and over, and over again because we like them so much."

Your show at the Concert Hall, how do you feel about that?

Tracy Harding: "It's a very important gig for us."

Mike Bellinger: "We're looking forward to it. There's record companies there, agents, bar owners. Lots of neat people there. They'll have special guests, possibly Neil Peart (of Rush), the Platinum Blonde boys, possibly the (Killer) Dwarfs. Maybe Kim Mitchell, too. Roger's Cable will be there videotaping it."

I understand the guitar solo from your song "Set the stage", appeared on a "Pizza Pizza" commercial. Can you fill us in?

Bruce: "Yeah! My guitar solo on the radio, man!"

Mike: "A little while ago they (Star Search officials) asked us for a tape so they could use it for a commercial advertising the Concert Hall show. Ours was one of 6 or 7 tapes and we got picked for it. That was being 'aired' on CFTR, CHUM FM, CFNY, and Q107."

Could you tell us a bit about your experiences last year in the competition?

Tracy: "It was a learning experience."

Mike: "We learned a lot. It was a total team effort. We had to get used to working with professionals. Last year we had Greg Hinz from Helix introducing the band."

What are your plans for this year at the Concert Hall?

Greg Onoprijenko: "We'll come in second so Tracy can win a drum set - hahaha..."

Tracy: "Yeah, that'd be nice, too... I don't know if I speak for the rest of the band, but I think, even if we don't win, it'll be good to get recognized by all the record companies and agents, and get signed."

Rychie McKown: "Duke St. Records remembers us from last year, and they're coming back to see us."

Mike: "As well as WEA, RCA, A and M, MCA, and a lot of independent labels, too."

What about your plans after "Star Search"?

Greg: "To get into the bars and go on a short tour over the summer."

Is that by yourselves or with another band?

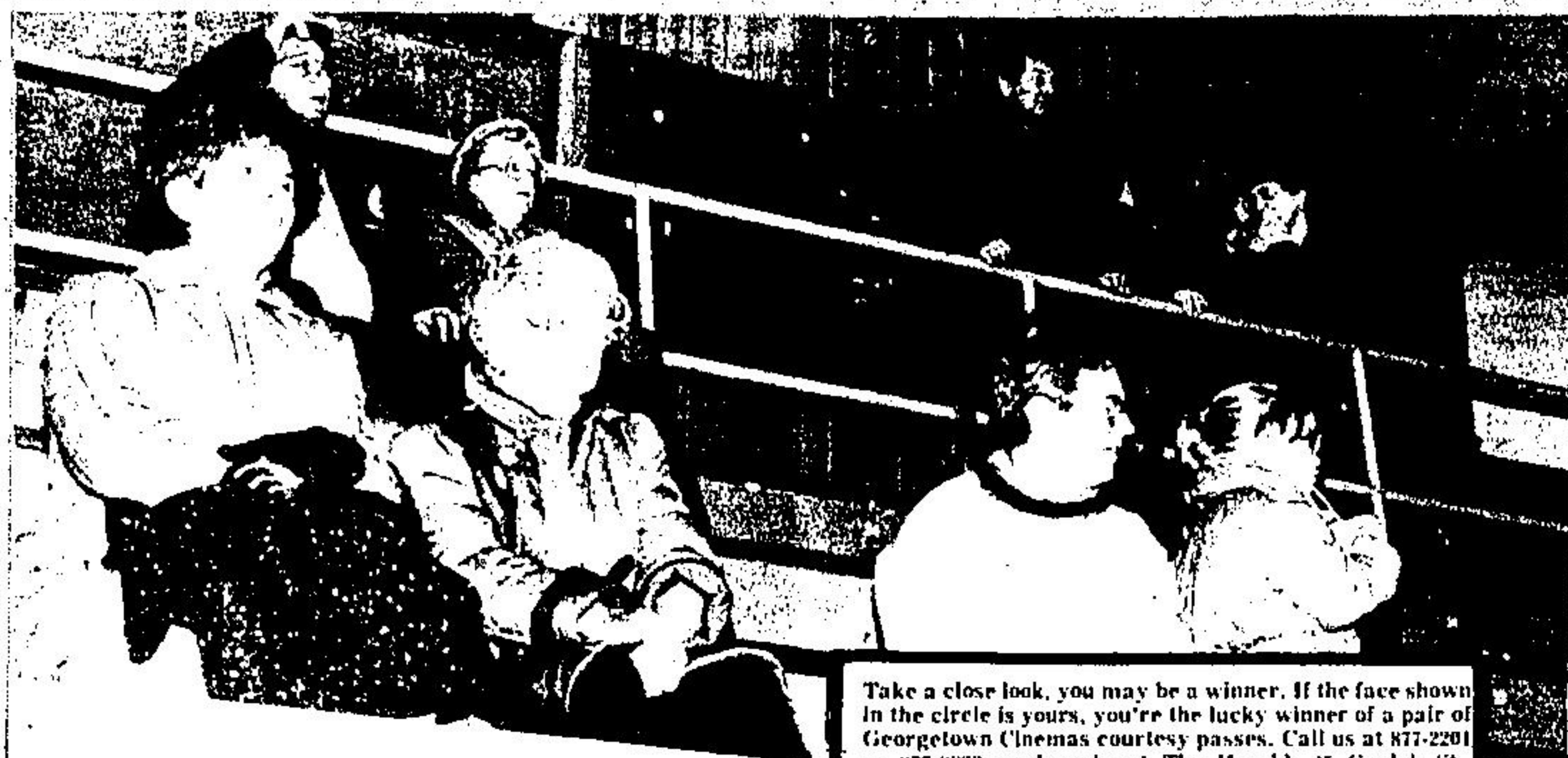
Mike: "We can't really say right now, we'll just play it by ear."

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A 1987 award recipient from the University of Guelph/Waterloo had, yet, to be announced.

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