

Choral society prepares for Christmas

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Although there are several weeks left before Christmas, the Georgetown Choral Society under the direction of A. Dale Wood, is well into rehearsals for this year's Christmas concert. In addition to some interesting and exciting arrangements of traditional Christmas music, this year's program will feature Puccini's "Messa di Gloria."

The work of Giacomo Puccini brings to mind world renowned operatic scores such as "Tosca," "La Boheme" and "Madame Butterfly." Such theatrical endeavors helped Puccini to earn recognition as a brilliant composer, yet none are surpassed by the musical artistry of his most sacred work, "Messa di Gloria."

This mass was composed by Puccini in 1880 when he was only 18 years of age and served as a tribute to his family who had specialized in sacred music for four generations. The young artist's composition was received enthusiastically by music critics of the day and was considered quite brilliant but became overshadowed as Puccini sought to master the dramatic operatics for which he is famous today. The mass was thus put aside and virtually lost.

In 1951, some 72 years later, an

American priest travelled to Italy in order to do research for his book about Puccini's life. With the help of Puccini's musical secretary, the "Messa de Gloria" was rediscovered.

The score was brought back to the U.S. and in Chicago, July 12, 1952 the mass was performed once more. The years which had lapsed since its original performance did not hinder the music critics' praise, nor the overwhelming response of the audience.

Today, "Messa di Gloria" is performed again and again, a most romantic and often exciting blend of harmony and musical structure making the score one which has proven itself timeless and the musical artistry of Giacomo Puccini quite unforgettable.

The Georgetown Choral Society invites you to come and enjoy "Messa di Gloria" as well as a variety of other seasonal music as they present "Sounds of Christmas," Friday, Nov. 24 at the Second Christian Reform Church in Brampton (McLaughlin and Steeles) and Saturday, Nov. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 26 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$6 for seniors and students and are available from Oxbow Books, all choir members or by calling 459-4312 after 6 p.m.

Larry Westlake will choreograph Globe's Fiddler on the Roof

Larry Westlake is joining the Globe as choreographer for Fiddler on the Roof. Larry is Toronto born and bred and has directed and choreographed numerous shows across southern Ontario, including Dames At Sea, Pajama Game, How to Succeed in Business and many variety and cabaret shows.

Larry has also appeared on stage as Albert in Bye Bye Birdie, Felix in the Odd Couple, Paul in Barefoot in the Park, and Harry in Brigadoon.

Tickets are available at Royal LePage Real Estate, 170 Guelph St., Georgetown.

In Fiddler on the Roof, Larry is having to work with a large cast and his choreography is making it a lot of fun for everyone to come to rehearsals. His input will certainly help to ensure that Globe's audiences will be delightfully entertained when seeing Fiddler on the Roof at the John Elliott Theatre Nov. 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 29, 30, Dec. 1 and 2 with matinees Nov. 19 and 26.

Candlelight vigil

Friends of Georgetown youth Shawn McNeil, 17, who was killed after being struck by a vehicle last year, will be holding a memorial in his honor at Guelph Street and Maple Avenue Sunday night between 11:30 p.m. and 12:30 a.m.

This time and location marks where and when Mr. McNeil was killed. The memorial is meant to protest against what they say is a slow court system that has yet to bring the accused to trial. The youths are also protesting drinking and driving.



Toronto children's author Allen Morgan visited George Kennedy Public School last week and read from some of his books. Some of those who attended the reading were Grade one students Joey Stand-

field (left), Jeremy Baynes, Lauren Bendy, Patrick Potosky, Rebecca Fendley and Thomas Pallchuk. (Herald photo)

Federal government could help the recycling effort

The federal government's involvement in waste management could improve the recycling market, Regional director of waste management John MacKay said last week.

Mr. MacKay reacted to Halton-Peel MP Garth Turner's suggestion that the federal government should become more involved in waste management across the country, and should legislate nation-wide recycling.

The waste management director said if the federal government as well as the provincial and municipal governments have clearly-defined roles, the split power base on waste management could be successful.

Mr. MacKay said the federal government could control packaging in Canada. Most packaging is produced in Ontario for the entire country. If controls were placed on all packaging, recycling could be made easier, he said.

The federal government is presently involved with waste management in terms of producing environment-friendly packages that have a federal symbol to show they are approved.

There is also an incineration program called National Incineration Evaluation Program (NITEP) that has been going on for the past five or six years, Mr. MacKay

said. The program examines energy-from-waste - the burning of wastes used to fuel machinery.

The results of that incineration study should be available next year.

But in the areas of landfill management, Mr. Turner said there is "paralysis, there's nothing happening."

The town of Milton and the City of Burlington battled over which municipality would host the Regional landfill site chosen earlier this year.

"To me, that's a waste of taxpayers dollars," Mr. Turner said.

He said the federal government should also be involved in the greater Toronto area initiative (GTA) to select landfill sites for five municipalities near metro, including Halton Region.

"It is a serious enough issue that it's a national problem," Mr. Turner said.

The Region's waste management director said federal involvement in the GTA would be produc-

tive if each level of government has clear responsibilities to "avoid opposing policies."

Mr. MacKay agreed with Mr. Turner that the municipality's role is to collect and dispose of garbage.

The federal government could offer financial support in waste management across the country, Mr. Turner said.

"There could be money there. The environment budget was one of the ones that went up when the others went down," he said.

But landfill sites don't face money problems, he said.

"I don't think we have a lack of funds for landfill right now. We have a lack of vision in how we treat waste."

It costs Halton Region \$1 million a month to transport waste from Halton to Niagara and New York, Mr. Turner said.

Mr. MacKay agreed that when waste is shipped out of Ontario or out of the country it becomes a national issue. "Why shouldn't the feds get involved?" he said.

Correction

A headline on Page 4 in the Oct. 25 edition of the Herald read "Town orders woman to lay husband's headstone flat."

The headline should have read "Town orders woman to lay father's headstone flat."

The Herald regrets the error.

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