

# Choral society is echoing "Sounds of Christmas" now

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Monday evenings and now Sunday afternoons as well, you'll find the Georgetown Choral Society music in hand, at Knox Presbyterian Church as they rehearse for their upcoming concert "Sounds of Christmas." In addition to several selections of traditional Christmas music, the choir will feature Puccini's "Messa de Gloria."

Since 1975, the driving force and constant source of motivation for the Choral Society has been director Dale Wood. Mr. Wood has an extensive background in music having started playing piano at age three. At age 14, he began formal training at the organ and in 1963, received his teacher's degree from the University of Toronto. He conducted a 25-voice girls choir prior to becoming assistant conductor and accompanist for the Etobicoke Centennial Choir, a position which he held until 1977.

Currently, Mr. Wood is organist and choir director of Grace United

Church in Brampton and choral director of the Achill Choral Society in Tottenham. As if his schedule was not busy enough, he still finds time to do some of his own composing as well as giving private lessons in piano, voice and composition.

It is no wonder the Georgetown Choral Society feels confident with Dale Wood as director especially when tackling a difficult work such as "Messa di Gloria." Challenge is not a new word for the choral society however, as they have successfully performed other difficult scores such as John Rutter's "Requiem," "Chichester Psalms" and of course Handel's "Messiah." It is Mr. Wood's feeling that such challenges are necessary in order to "broaden the scope of the choir as well as the audience, while simultaneously presenting something exciting and enjoyable to both."

"Although Messa de Gloria is a mass, it is almost operatic in nature and very listenable," says Mr. Wood. "By performing works such as this one you get the most out of the choir. Most members have not had any formal training and come from all walks of life: truck drivers, teachers, homemakers, whatever."

In addition to having such a competent conductor, the Georgetown Choral Society's Christmas concert will be enhanced by their guest accompanist, Clement Carelse. Mr. Carelse is a native of Cape Town, South Africa and has lived in Canada since 1966. He too

has an extensive musical background having studied music at Trinity College, London, The Associated Board of Royal Schools of Music in England, the University of Cape Town College of Music and the Royal Conservatory of Toronto. Mr. Carelse also has a music degree from McMaster University in Hamilton.

Presently Clement Carelse is organist and choral conductor at Islington United Church, as well as being an accomplished organ recitalist. He is also employed by the Quebec based company Casavant Freres as an organ builder. Mr. Carelse has accompanied the choral society in the past and the choir feels very fortunate to welcome him back with them once again.

The combination of capable choral director and accompanist plus the very hard work and dedication of the 65 voices which comprise the Georgetown Choral Society will create a Christmas concert well worth attending and is sure to be another sellout.

Don't hesitate to get your tickets for "Sounds of Christmas" to be held Friday, Nov. 24 at the Second Christian Reformed Church in Brampton (McLaughlin and Steeles), Saturday Nov. 25 and Sunday, Nov. 26 at Knox Presbyterian Church in Georgetown. 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. Performances begin at 8 p.m.



Come back here!

No, the surf isn't up. Spencer Delhi, 11, of Stewarttown Public School practised some skateboard strategies behind Georgetown Memorial Arena Saturday. Spencer's skateboard shows the wild designs of the '80s. (Herald photo)

## Winter sand, gravel delivery cost \$30,536

JC Duff Ltd. of Limehouse was knocked out of the running to win a contract for Halton Hills road sand service this winter.

Ian Duff appeared before town councillors recently to say that the town's original tender process earlier this fall was unclear. The tender did not indicate whether the town asked for prices on a package deal project of supplying, delivering and mixing sand with the town's salt, or a bid on each separate service.

McNicholl Trucking of Erin bid on the items as a package deal and

was originally awarded the tender project. But the town voted to tender the contract again, leaving both McNicholl and JC Duff out of the running.

The tender accepted Oct. 25 showed that Rockwood company Eramosa Sand and Gravel bid the lowest price for this winter's sand supply and delivery at a total cost of \$30,536. JC Duff bid slightly higher at \$31,680 and McNicholl Trucking bid slightly over \$32,000.

Three other companies - all from outside the Halton Hills area - bid from \$33,000 to \$42,000.

## Fisheries biologist speaks at next POWER meeting

Guest speaker at POWER's next general meeting will be Jacob Imhopp, who is a fisheries rehabilitation biologist with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. Mr. Imhopp will be speaking about river systems - how they operate, how they are affected by human intervention, and how our watersheds can best be managed for environmentally sustainable development.

The meeting will be held on

Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 8 p.m. in the Limehouse School gym.

All members of the public are encouraged to attend.

POWER's next social event is a dance to be held Friday, Nov. 24 at the Acton Legion, featuring the music of Marions Country Band.

Tickets will be available at the POWER general meeting or by calling 877-2101, 873-1546 or 853-0039.

## Treasure bazaar

Acton's Robert Little's parent association will be hosting a Christmas table-top treasure bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Robert Little Public School, 41 School Lane, Acton.

## Emblem stolen

Someone stole a \$500 emblem from a 1986 944 Porche car, parked on Main Street in Georgetown sometime between Oct. 18 and the next day, police say.

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