

Community

Optimist music competition

The Optimist Club of Oakville, together with the Oakville Symphony Orchestra, David Miller conducting, are pleased to announce their 3rd Annual Young Artists Music Competition to be held in the Spring of 1991.

Open to young people interested in music as a career who live, study or have family residence in Halton Region, the contest offers three cash prizes. The contest is open to young people in three age groups (under 14, from 14 to 17 and from 18-24) with cash prizes of \$400, \$700 and \$1,000 respectively. Winners may also be invited to perform with the Oakville Symphony Orchestra.

The Optimist Club and the Symphony are both very excited about this event which has proved successful in the past. It is believed that the competition will assist those aspiring to a musical career, and that it will also help to develop a pool of talent with links to the Oakville Symphony Orchestra.

Although the Optimists are underwriting the prize money and other costs involved with the competition, Don MacDonald, Chairman, Youth Activities for the Optimist Club of Oakville says that they would welcome assistance from interested corporations, service groups and other individuals. Since the development of the musical talent of young people will prove beneficial to the community as a whole, the Optimists and the Symphony are on the lookout for financial aid and for ideas as to how the program could be improved or expanded.

Those interested in competing

may do so by completing an application form which is available through schools, music teachers, music stores, libraries and at the Oakville Centre. Briefly, the principal rules are as follows:

Eligibility: Open to music students living anywhere in Halton Region who have not attained their 25th birthday by March 17, 1991.

Music/Tape Specifications: Either cassette or reel-to-reel format is acceptable. Up to three selections to a maximum of 30 minutes must have one movement or work from three of Baroque, Classical, Romantic or Contemporary periods. All selections which require accompaniment must have accompaniment on the tape.

When: Tapes must be submitted by 6:00 p.m. March 1, 1991 to Optimist Club of Oakville, c/o Don G. MacDonald, 1305 Rebecca Street, Oakville, Ontario L6L 1Z3. Judging of the tapes will take place March 3, and all entrants will be notified of the results by March 5, 1991.

Finalists: To perform for a jury, March 17, 1991 from 7:00 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at the Oakville Centre. Finalists to provide own accompanists as required.

The Optimist Club of Oakville which works extensively with young people in various types of programs, including sports activities, oratorical and essay contests, provision of scholastic awards, etc. is proud to be part of this initiative and hopes that there will be a good response from the youth of Halton Region. For further information about the competition or about the Optimist Club please call Don MacDonald at 827-3763.

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Foodbank destruction

Vandals who broke into the Love and Christ Foodbank at the Mountainview Baptist Church in Georgetown used the fire extinguisher to destroy, among other things, 250 pounds of potatoes, Thursday night. Foodbank director Laura Ellison was forced to use a surgical mask during the clean-up Friday because the foodbank was covered in the fire extinguisher's sawdust-like discharge. (Herald photo)