

ENTERTAINMENT

GCC and Nova Scotian teen band to perform joint show on Friday

In the words of Rita MacNeil, "She's called Nova Scotia...you'll discover a treasure no other has seen."

This rang true for members of the Georgetown Children's Chorus (GCC), who toured Nova Scotia in early April. Forty members of the Senior choir, ages 11 to 18, and eight chaperones were hosted by families in Middleton, N.S. and experienced the warm hospitality that Maritime folk are famous for.

They toured Halifax, Annapolis Royal, Digby, Lunenburg, Peggy's Cove and had a shore party at the ocean. The choir sang at three concerts and also experienced a trip to Frenchy's, where the kids bargain hunted for used clothing and helped local charities with their purchases. Our Georgetown area teens had a blast and made lasting friendships.

Now it's the choir's turn to host 60 members of the Middleton High School band, when they arrive here Wednesday for a week's visit. The NS band and GCC choir members will visit Stratford to see *Kiss Me Kate*, go to Niagara Falls, Wonderland, attend Much Music and perform a joint concert on April 30. The Middleton High School Band will also perform at two area schools.

The friendly emails are flying and every-



Middleton High School band members welcomed members of the Georgetown Children's Chorus, who were touring Nova Scotia in early April. The Nova Scotian band is visiting Georgetown

this week and will perform with the GCC in a 7 p.m. show at the Acton Town Hall, Willow St., on Friday. Admission is free and advance tickets are not required.

one feels like they know each other before they arrive. Trip organizers Lois Fraser, Beatrice Sharkey and Sharon English are thrilled with the outcome of this exchange.

"Our choir has travelled to Europe several times and we love to see Canada too, having toured Whistler, Ottawa and now Nova Scotia. What a wonderful opportunity for our young people! Plans are in the works for another trip next Spring," said Fraser.

The world can be a small place and this trip proved it. A choir member met two ladies walking their dogs in Annapolis Royal who asked where she was from. She said Georgetown, Ontario and one said, "That's near Acton, isn't it?" Then she smiled widely

and said, "It's worth the Drive."

Another wizened old fellow, sitting in a restaurant in Halifax, said to Haydn Evans, "Oh you're from Georgetown, eh? How are the Raiders? I used to scout hockey players at the Alcott Arena."

Another cute story was when an owner of a small bookstore in a rural Annapolis Valley town, begged Fraser to tell her where she got her Olympic jacket from. She was going to Machu Picchu and had been desperately seeking one online so she could let the world know she was Canadian. Fraser told her she got it at the Zellers in Georgetown just before attending the Olympics with her family. She promptly removed

the jacket and gave it to the lady to take to Peru, along with the Olympic spirit. The delighted recipient promised to mail it back to Georgetown after her trip.

The Children's Chorus invites everyone in Halton Hills to their joint concert with the Middleton High School Band at the newly refurbished Acton Town Hall on Friday, April 30 at 7 p.m. Admission is free and advance tickets are not required. Since these are teenagers, there is, of course, a pizza party afterwards.

Choir members are counting on everyone to welcome these talented Nova Scotia teens to our province and our town!

— Georgetown Children's Chorus

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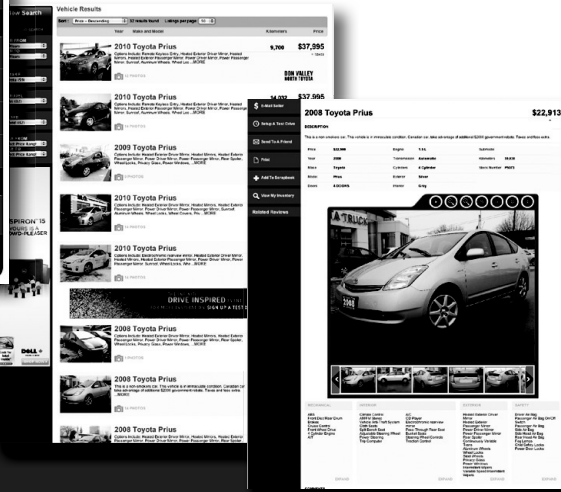
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