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Foo Fighters play Georgetown... ...garage!

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One of the world's most popular rock bands paid a visit to Halton Hills last Thursday for an exclusive concert that only about 100 people were able to witness.

Hornby resident Nick Perry, a 29-year-old musician and aspiring firefighter, won a contest sponsored by BlackBerry that scored him a 90-minute concert in the garage of his parents' farm by the chart-topping American group Foo Fighters.

Perry was invited on stage to play a few songs with the band in front of 50 family members and friends as part of the Foo Fighters' Garage Tour.

"I'm still on cloud nine. Actually it feels like cloud 50 and I haven't started to come down yet," said Perry, a member of the Milton-based punk rock band Dead Celebrity.

"All around, it was the best day of my life and I don't know if anything will be able to top it. It was like winning the lottery, except it was my favourite band that was the prize. If I did win the lottery, I'd pay the Foo Fighters \$50 million to play here in my garage. But they did it for nothing."

Proclaiming himself the Foo Fighters' biggest fan, Perry has all of the band's releases and never misses attending their concerts or public appearances when they visit Toronto, and several times he's gone on road trips to places such as London, Ont. and Ottawa to see them play live.

To win the contest, Perry "went completely overboard" and sent in pictures in a collage of the 2,000-square-foot garage and had to submit a 25-word essay about why he deserved to host frontman Dave Grohl and his crew for an afternoon of music and socializing.

Perry also had to call on a few friends to do some spring cleaning of the garage in order to get it ready for the production.

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Foo Fighters front man David Grohl gives a playful hug to Nick Perry while drummer Taylor Hawkins looks on. The multi-million record selling U.S. group visited Perry's parents' Hornby home last Thursday night after the local man won a contest to have the group play a gig in his garage. For more photos visit www.edge.ca/ConcertsAndEvents/FooFighters/Index.aspx. Photo by Pina the Inside Edge chick/102.1 The Edge

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