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St. Xavier performing with Honeymoon Suite

Local rockers St. Xavier, who had great success in November and December when they released their self produced, self engineered 10 song album titled "The Saint Comes Rockin In."

Their music has attracted the attention of some major recording companies, which was one of the goals set by the band when the pro-

ject was first started last year. January and February was devoted to finishing another five songs for their latest demo. Again recording was done at Metalworks studio, who also produced and engineered the tape, the finished product is probably the best material the band has put together to date. All was completed last weekend.

Now, it's back to some live performances and St. Xavier has its biggest challenge so far when they will front for top Canadian recording artists Honeymoon Suite at Monahan's in Oakville on Thursday, March 26.

More shows are being arranged and the band hopes to be in Brampton in April.

Band members are Andrew Stoddart, Russell Gray, Dax Urbstadt and Neale Bradley.

Quilt Show

The Halton Quilter's Guild presents their fourteenth annual quilt show, "Quilts, The Art of Recycling", April 24, 25, and 26 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the River Oaks Recreation Centre, Oakville. Featured will be "A Canadian Friendship Quilt", merchants' mall demonstrations and door prizes. Admission is \$2.50.



Etten, Holland, choir is set for a return trip to Canada and Roy Thomson Hall.

Friends in concert

Etten choir set to return

By LOIS FRASER

Special to Halton Hills Weekend

Citizens from Etten, Holland and Georgetown have struck up a choral friendship that has been very rewarding over the past few years.

It started in 1979 when the Etten Mannenkoor came to Canada for an eight day concert tour. Eleven years later, the Georgetown and Achill Choral Societies made a 10-day trip to Holland.

In May, Etten will be back here again with performances scheduled in London, Ottawa and the highlight will be Roy Thomson Hall in Toronto.

Now for the geography lesson. Etten is even by Halton Hills standards, a small place. This Dutch village of only 1,800 people, has produced a 100-voice male choir, a female choir, mixed choir, children's choir, church choir, a citizen soldiery and a brass band. Etten must certainly be the most musical village in Holland.

Georgetown Choral Society director Dale Wood commented on this high level of interest. "It's incred-

ible. In Canada we have hockey. In Holland they have choir."

The Etten Mannenkoor was founded in 1913. It was started by 18 singers in the local church choir, growing to 100 voices by 1960 and has maintained this enthusiastic participation. Much of the credit goes to Pierre Smeets, who has their conductor for 45 years from 1932 to 1977.

Apart from the war years when members were busy serving their country the choir has flourished and has been on many concert tours. Etten first travelled to Germany in 1923. They have represented Holland in the International Singing Concert in Austria. In 1979 at the invitation of Dutch emigrants they made a five-concert tour of London, St. Catharines and Toronto. In 1983 they travelled to England and hosted a return visit from an English choir in 1991.

Tickets for Friends in Concert at Roy Thomson Hall are selling fast but are still available from all choir members and at Allstate Insurance, 360 Guelph St.

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