

# Wes Mason headlines Knox Presbyterian Church's Art's Benefit Concert



Acton High's Jazz Band



Robert Little Public School

By: Alex Hilson

Knox Presbyterian Church's Arts Benefit Concert returned for its seventh year this past Saturday, January 13. The event showcased

local talent and raised funds for scholarships that those with an affinity for the arts can apply for.

This year's show had 16 separate performances and was

headlined by Wes Mason. Mason, who lives just outside of Acton and attended Acton District High School, was "Best Young Songwriter" at the 2016 Toronto Independent

Music Awards and was named one of the "Top 20 Artists Under 20" in CBC's 2016 Searchlight Competition.

"I mean, it's huge. The whole community's here. I know so many people, I've seen so many familiar faces", said Mason, who announced that he was flying to California for a two week recording session the next day. Mason's family was also in attendance.

The show's MC was Pat Kentner, and acts included: the Robert Little Glow Choir, the Acton District High School Jazz Band, the Acton Town Hall Players, Leanne Monaghan, Natalie Longpre, Heather Mascarin and The Hazzards. Local artists

also displayed their work, including Cora Bailey, Janet Wilson, Laura Taylor, and Trudy Priede.

Marjorie Britton, who organized the show with a committee of volunteers, said, "It's not only helping the arts community, but I'm really thankful for the community in our church that makes this happen because there's a lot of people who put time into getting this ready."

The show raises approximately \$1,000 every year for local artists. The money can go towards equipment, lessons and school costs. Many years, money is left over because people don't apply for what is available. Local Artists interested in writing an application for a scholarship can call Knox Church in Acton at (519) 853-2360, or visit their website for the application form.

## A Family Skate

Sunday January 21st  
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Acton Arena and  
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Dufferin Rural Heritage Community Centre  
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