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Randy Broten and the BronteSound Project

A window on the past, a mirror of the present, a looking glass to the future

Milton has many creative and innovative people in occupations that give no hint of their artistic side. One of these is Randy Broten, a former bank manager who now operates the Edward Jones financial investment franchise on Main Street. This thoughtful and experienced financial advisor is also an artist. Randy has made a significant contribution to the local music scene, originally as a performer and now as a song writer and founder of a song writing collective "The BronteSound Project".

He says that, "What I like best about the ARTS is the myriad of ways you can contribute. While we might all like to be great singers, musicians, dancers or actors; the reality is sometimes genetics don't cooperate. Yet there are means and ways for anyone with the interest and love of the ARTS to make a significant and inspiring contribution."

As a youngster in Cambridge, Randy

Broten would sit in front of an old radio on Saturday mornings and listen to his father sing Wilf Carter songs on a radio show broadcast live from Brantford. In the 1960's as a teen Randy took up the guitar and performed folk music in the coffee houses of that era. For a time he toured on the "folk circuit" eventually branching off into country music and rock. He joined a number of bands over the years.

Broten remembered that "my dad and mom had good singing voices but they decided not to pass that down to their kids. In fact, I had to overcome a tendency towards tone deafness which hampered me as a singer and musician. Even with years of lessons, my vocal range still limits the songs I can perform. What I did learn to do well was song-writing."

Broten worked hard to develop his craft. He found singers and bands who wanted to distinguish themselves with good quality original material. There were theatres, play-writes and advertising agencies as well. He even wrote special songs for couples planning their wedding ceremonies, although he says that can be "an intense writing experience". He earned enough in royalties and fees to set up a computerized home-recording studio.

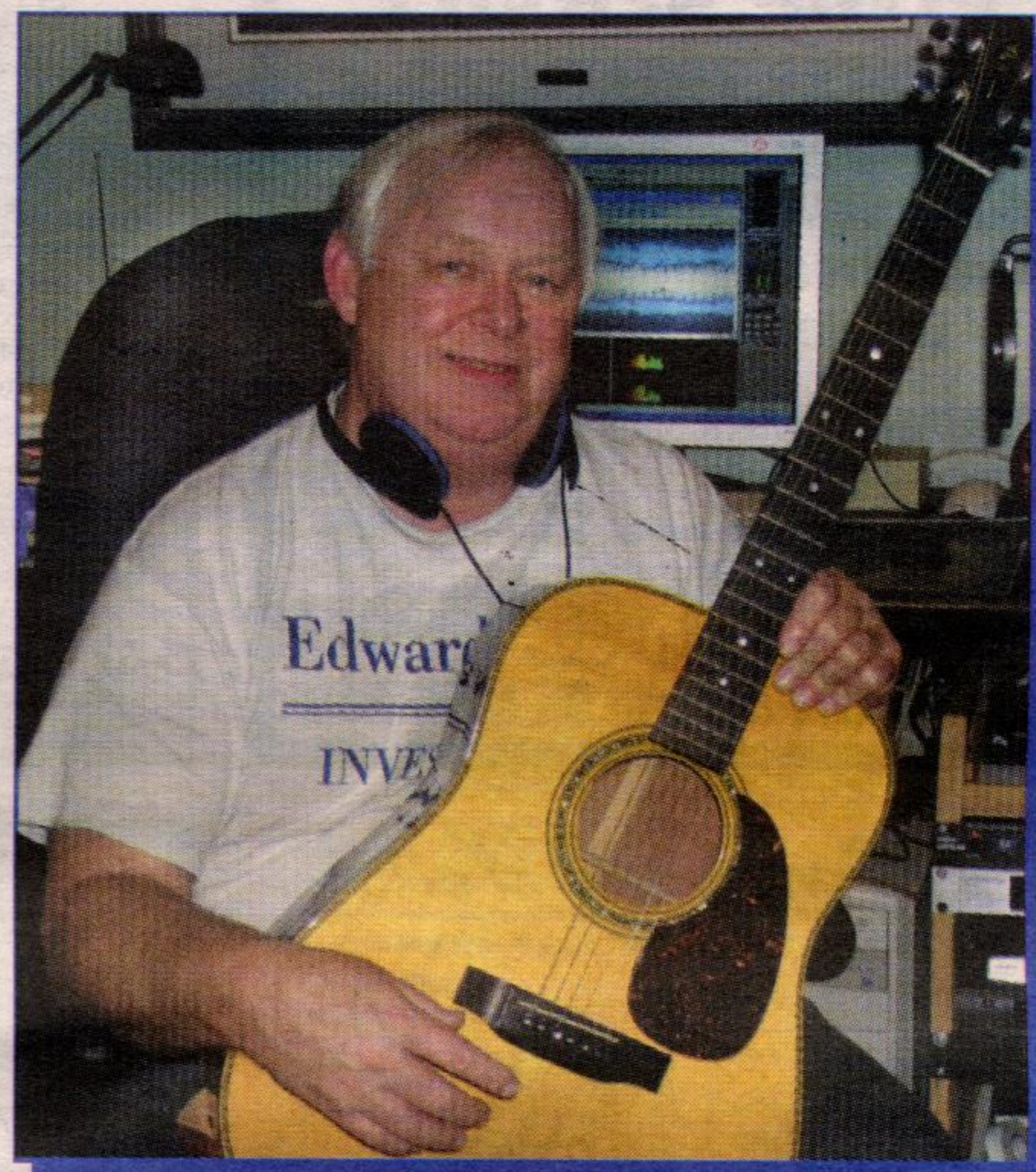
One of his songs was showcased on CBC radio and that led to his being involved in an arts support group in Halton called The BronteSound Project (BSP). Their goal is to become a showcase and resource for

songwriters and performers in the region. BSP's first project was to support the release of a fund raiser CD called "Tears of a Thousand Years" in response to the 911 disaster. The CD featured artists such as Valdy, David Bradstreet, Lynn Harrison and others.

The most recent project is a compilation CD, "This Old Harbour Town", and copies still are available from Randy. It's sixteen tracks of original material feature local songwriters and performers. Funding for studio time was arranged for those artists who needed it. This has proven to be an excellent showcase vehicle for both writers and performers.

Broten says, "While I love to play and sing, my biggest thrill comes from hearing someone perform a song I have written - or better yet, hearing one of my tunes on the radio. I am currently collaborating with Sandra Margolese of Oakville to release her CD in the spring. Sandra has an established career in musical theatre - she played Carlotta in the "The Phantom of the Opera". She also sings jazz and is moving to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates in 2006. We plan to release her CD in Dubai as there is a good market for western style music in the Middle East."

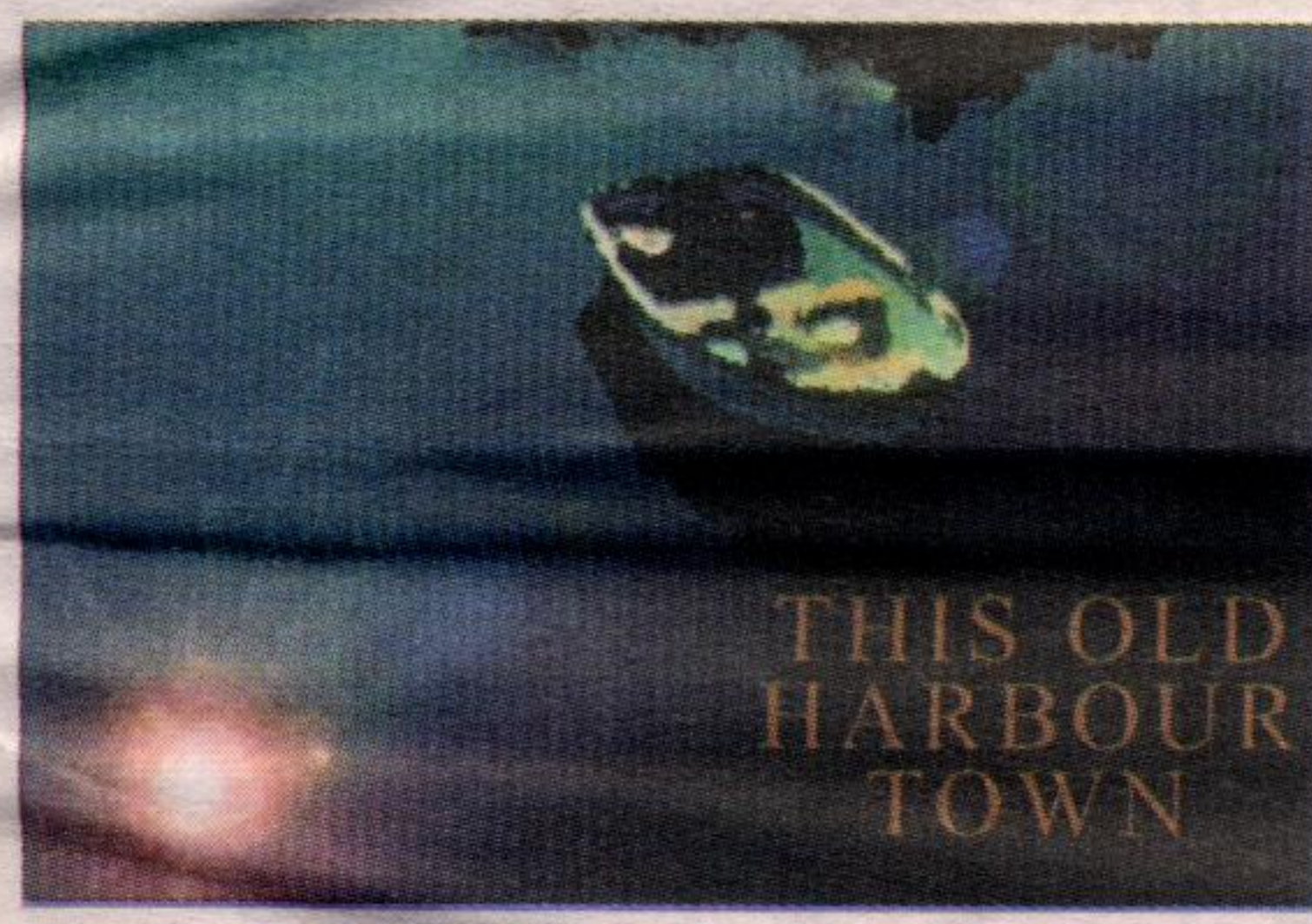
Randy closes with, "while it would



be very nice to be a great singer or write hit songs, I get all the satisfaction and fulfillment I need just by having someone perform and enjoy my music". For more information on song writing visit www.brontesound.ca.

On the business side, Randy Broten opened his Edward Jones investment office on Main Street in Milton in October of 2004 and has a very busy and growing practice. While the needs of the new office are consuming, a disciplined approach to time management allows him to continue to write and seek outlets for his music. For investment advice call Randy at 905-864-6959 or visit www.edwardjones.com click on "your branch" and type in "Milton".

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Sat., November 19, 2005 10 am to 4 pm,
and Bus Tours start at 3:30 and at 4 pm
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Sat., November 19, 7:00 pm
Halton Museum Foundation:
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Nonie Crete and friends, featuring Eugene Rae of Ireland's famed Sands family, returns to kick off the holiday season in true Celtic style. Nonie's range covers traditional to contemporary folk, Celtic, country and acoustic blues. \$45/person. Cash bar. **ADVANCED TICKET SALES ONLY.** 905-875-2200 ext. 21.

Thurs., November 24, 7 pm - 9 pm
Milton Music Teacher's Association:
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In our free monthly recitals students gain confidence to play in public.
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Sat., November 26, 8 pm - 10 pm
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