

# Serenade Chamber Ensemble comes to Milton

BY LEILA WILLS

The front of St. Paul's United Church gets a little cramped with a full orchestra, but it is the perfect size for a small group like Serenade Chamber Ensemble. The ensemble performed on November 11, the third concert of Milton Concert Presentations' current season.

To acknowledge Remembrance Day, thanks was given to the veterans in attendance for their sacrifice and bravery before the audience settled in for an evening of entertainment.

Headed by lead violinist Arkady Yanivker, the eight-piece ensemble included first and second violin, viola, cello, double bass, clarinet, bassoon and French horn. Music included selections by Beethoven, Mozart, and Tchaikovsky among others.

Yanivker described the music of the serenade for the audience. "Serenade is written for celebrations. It is the music of delight and love."

Highlights of the evening included Trio for Clarinet, Bassoon and Horn by François Gebauer. Bassoon player Joella Amar acknowledged it was an "unusual combination", but it was a treat for the audience to see these wind instruments step up from the shadows and take centre stage.

Concert goers are reminded that MCP's next concert, A Celtic Christmas, has been moved from Knox Church to Bishop Reding Secondary School to accommodate a larger audience. The concert will take place on Saturday, November 26.

## What's up guys?



PHOTO BY PETER MCCUSKER

Emcee Jason Blanchard with Hot Rods Comedy Night lineup of Brian Hope, Gilson Lubin and Martin O'Brien.

## from the bookshelf

A REVIEW BY DIANE DINEEN

### The Long Long Way

Sebastian Barry, Viking, 2005, hardcover, 292 pages

Can there be a beautiful book about war, beautifully written but about that most terrible of events? Prose so clear and flowing and precise that it is almost like poetry as the story of war is told - the mud and the dysentery and the blown-up men, the shared cigarettes, the songs, the missing of families and girlfriends, the comradeship, everpresent death and the senselessness of it all.

*Birdsong* by Sebastian Faulks is one such book, another is *The Long Long Way* by Sebastian Barry.

Before and during WWI Ireland was part of Great Britain; when Britain went to war in 1914, tens of thousands of Irishmen joined the British army and were sent to Flanders. In 1916 the Easter Rising took place in Dublin when another attempt was made for Irish independence. The British government put down the Rising by using British regiments composed mainly of Irish volunteers who were ordered to fire on their countrymen.

The hero of this story is Willie Dunne who has joined the army because he is too short to be a police officer. Having fought at Ypres, having survived poison gas and shelling and the loss of many in his regiment, Willie is one of those soldiers who must shoot at "his own". Back in the mud of Passchendaele Willie questions what he has done. Is he betraying Britain because he regrets killing Irishmen? Will Irishmen see him as a turncoat for his part in crushing the rebellion? How will he fit in when he goes home?

Sebastian Barry based this book on the experiences of his grandfather. Short-listed for the Booker prize, it is a beautiful, powerful book about a war and the men caught up in a changing world.

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**Thursday, November 24, 7:30pm**  
Fr. Mark Curtis: IN CONCERT  
Christmas Special to be filmed by COGECO,  
Rockwood United Church, 519-856-9043

**Friday, November 25, 8:00 pm**  
Fr. Mark Curtis: IN CONCERT  
St. James Anglican Church, Fergus, 519-843-2141

**Saturday, November 26, 8:00 pm**  
Milton Concert Presentations:  
A CELTIC CHRISTMAS  
A magical evening of traditional Celtic music and dance, especially for the Christmas season. Rob Crabtree, a multi-award winning bagpiper, will be joined by the Scottish Dance Company of Canada with fiddle, guitar and piano, in this sight and sound spectacular.  
Bishop Redding Secondary School, Main St, Milton.  
\$30/adults \$25/seniors-students. 905-878-4732.

**Saturday, November 26, 8:00pm St. John's United Church, Georgetown.**

**Sunday, November 27, 3:00pm St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East.**  
Georgetown Bach Chorale:  
GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO  
The Chorale performs with the Baroque Chamber Orchestra. Conductor: Ronald Greidanus, Trumpet: Norman Engel. Missa "Assumpta est Maria" ~ M. A.

Charpentier. Brandenburg Concerto No. 2 in F major ~ J. S. Bach. Gloria, RV 589 in D ~ A. Vivaldi  
\$25.00. 905-877-8321

**Friday, December 2, 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm**  
Just Milton Folks: GREGG LAWLESS IN CONCERT  
Gregg brings his guitar and his exceptional songwriting skills to Milton. He promises to bring some of his French flair along with his rock and country-influenced folk music to town.  
\$20 Hugh Foster Hall 905-876-2645  
rose.brooks@sympatico.ca www.justmiltonfolks.ca

**Thursday, December 8, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm**  
Milton Music Teacher's Association:  
STUDENT RECITAL  
Milton Senior's Activity Centre, 500 Child's Dr Milton,  
905-878-5980.

**Sunday, December 11, 2:30 pm**  
The Children's Hour: MARITIME MARIONETTES  
String operated puppets always delight the young audience. Watch as the mystery unfolds with MOLLY & THE OAK ISLAND TREASURE  
Tickets: \$10 adults, \$7.50 first child, \$5.00 for each additional child. Wheel chair accessible,  
Milton Bible Church, 200 Main St E.,  
Kymm 905-878-7962 or Rick 905-875-1364.

**Friday, December 16,**  
Milton Youth Theatre Productions:  
CHRISTMAS SHOW  
Milton Senior's Activity Centre, 500 Child's Dr.  
www.miltontheatre.com 905-875-7674

**Saturday, December 17, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm approx**  
CBC & Literacy North Halton:  
DICKENS' - A CHRISTMAS CAROL  
St John's United Church, Georgetown, 905-873-2200  
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Saturday November 26, 2005  
\$30 adults • \$25 senior / students  
Bishop Redding High School - 8pm.