ENTERTAINMENT

The Georgetown Choral Society (GCS) sung in St. Mary's Church in Killarney (above) to appreciative audiences during a recent six-concert tour of Ireland and in turn, GCS members appreciated the wonder of The Giant's Causeway (right) during a sightseeing stop. *Photos submitted*

GCS hits high notes on Irish tour

The GCS returned recently from a very successful tour of Ireland.

"It is a beautiful country where music is part of their soul, and the trip allowed about a quarter of our group with an Irish link of some kind to connect with their roots," said GCS President Mark Burns. "We sang in many churches, some dating from the 12th century, and were moved by the appreciative audiences who often gave us standing ovations.

"Apart from the spectacular beauty of the Emerald Isle, the people are very friendly and shared our love of singing. We appreciated learning of their rich history, their wonderful stories, and the fact that the "Celtic tiger" is now a prosperous and peaceful country.

"Overall it was a terrific experience, and all of us thank all the people in Ireland who welcomed us so warmly and even directed us to secret places where we could look for leprechauns and fairies. I have to admit, we did not get to see any, but we did get to learn the vital distinction between "blarney" and "baloney".

The GCS looks forward to performing Handel's *Messiah* in its next concert in Georgetown, December 14-15.

Children's artwork on view at charity show and sale

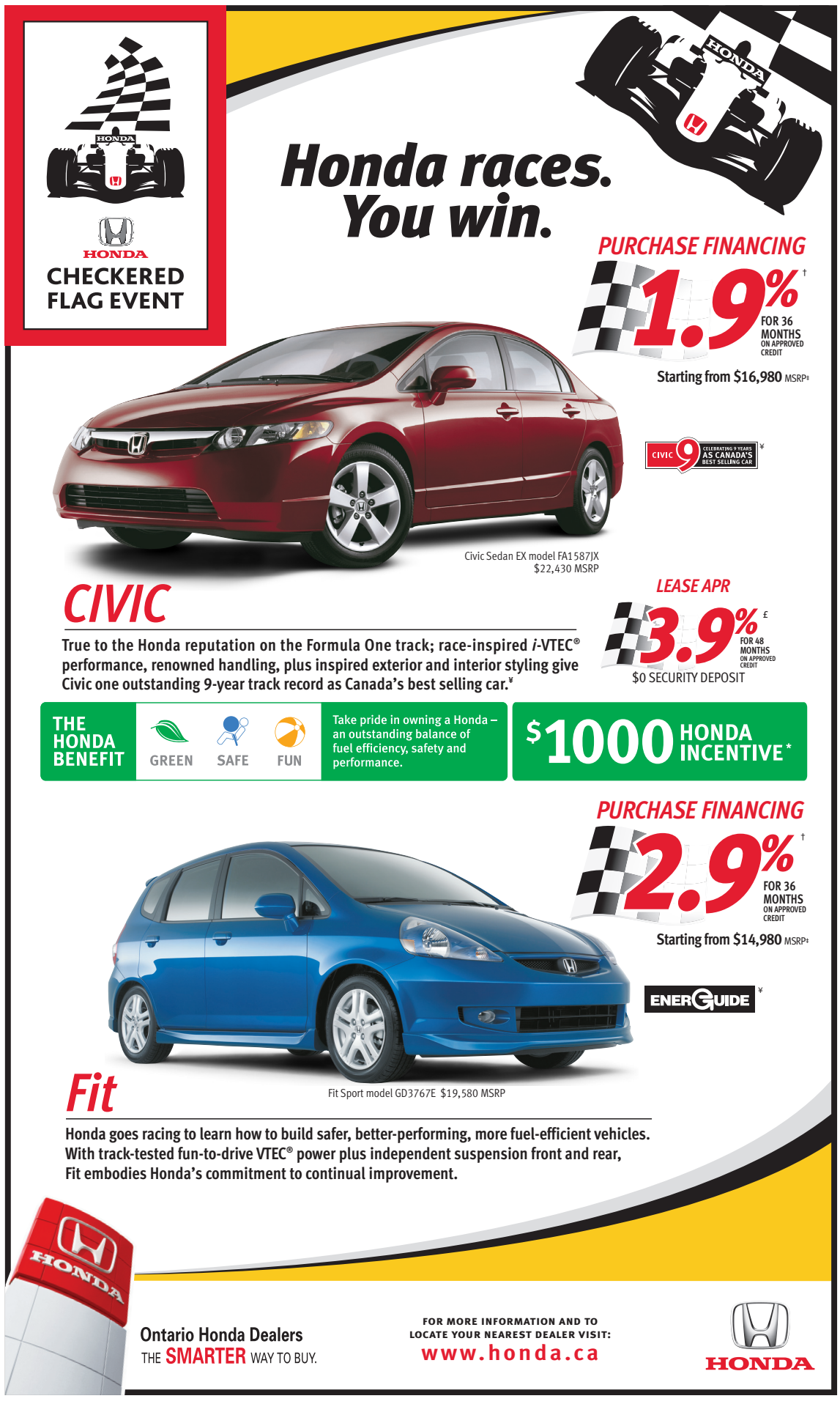
An unique art exhibition of children's work will be on display at the Main Street Inn Gallery in Georgetown unti July 30.

Scallywags is an annual event at the Main Street Inn, 126 Main St. S., showcasing local children's art. This year, Scallywag's collaborated with the Raise An Artist project— an Ontario community-based rural/urban learning exchange bridging inner-city children and professional artists (in this case, Georgetown artist Jeannette Lorito).

The purpose of this arts education program sponsored by the Ontario Arts Council, is to not only provide art skills workshops, but to educate the artists about the business of being a professional artist and the opportunities it can offer.

The result is the exhibit, See Differently— inspired by the idea that everyone sees differently. A variety of mediums will be showcased.

Artists will be in attendance for the opening and award ceremony at 11 a.m., on Monday, June 25. The reception will be that evening from 7-9 p.m.

All proceeds go to the artist and to the Regent Park community for future art initiatives.

Young artists participating in the Scallywags' children's art exhibition and sale at the Main Street Inn Gallery are (from left) Marco Mateus-Tomes, Karl Fialho-Downie, Carlos Gomez-Aranha, and Connor Judge. *Photo submitted*