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MacIntyre joins big names on Christmas CD

Musician featured on *Canadian Christmas 3*

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Appearing on a CD alongside such famed musicians as Diana Krall and Bryan Adams is something most musicians will never experience.

But, as Milton resident Kelly MacIntyre is finding out on a regular basis, you should never underestimate the power of a dream.

"Don't give up on your dreams. They can come true," MacIntyre said.

She should know.

Earlier this month, the holiday compilation CD 'A Canadian Christmas 3' was released in stores nationwide. And sandwiched between songs by Matt Dusk and Jim Brickman with Michelle Wright is 'Everything I Need This Christmas' by MacIntyre.

The song is an original tune from her 'Christmas in Nova Scotia' album.

"I was so excited to be asked by Universal Music to have my original Christmas song as part of their compilation CD," MacIntyre told *The Champion*.

The song, which began enjoying radio airplay two years ago on 97.3 EZ Rock, quickly became a requested favourite for many listeners.

MacIntyre said she credits much of

its success to the popular soft rock radio station.

"I would love to thank everyone at 97.3 EZ Rock for their tremendous support," she said.

Also included on the CD are holiday tunes by Take Three, Anne Murray, Bruce Cockburn, John McDermott and Rita MacNeil, among others.

But 'A Canadian Christmas 3' isn't all that's getting MacIntyre excited lately. There's also the upcoming release of her new jazz CD, 'You Don't Know Me'.

The album, recorded in Nova Scotia, will be released the first week of December and will include four original songs, plus a slew of traditional jazz favourites.

It'll be distributed in Canada through www.skynetmusic.com.

MacIntyre's also looking forward to a Christmas concert hosted by the CBC at the Cape Breton Symphony in Nova Scotia December 20. "There is an orchestra scoring two of my original Christmas carols and a full children's choir singing with me," she said.

For more information on MacIntyre, visit her Web site at www.kellymacintyre.ca.

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CHRISTMAS CROONER: Kelly MacIntyre is excited about being part of a Christmas album with such popular musicians as Diane Krall, Bryan Adams and Michelle Wright.

Youth symphony hits the stage

The Halton Youth Symphony (HYS) will present a concert Sunday designed to put its audience in a Christmas mood.

The concert will take place at 4 p.m. at Nelson High School, 4181 New St., in Burlington.

A special highlight will be Jaclyn Obermeyer, a talented local fiddler and dancer. The concert will also invite audience members to join together for some Christmas Carols.

Tickets will be available at the door.

The HYS is comprised of two orchestras —

The Halton Youth Chamber Orchestra and the Halton Youth Symphony Orchestra. Both will be playing in the Christmas concert.

The chamber orchestra will be performing several pieces, including music excerpts from the *Pirates of the Caribbean*.

And the symphony orchestra will perform pieces from Bizet, Ketelby, Gershwin, Handel and Offenbach. The HYS includes young musicians from across the region, including Milton.

For more information, call (905) 616-2760 or visit www.haltonyouthsymphony.com.

Reading of holiday classic set

Residents will be able to attend a dramatic staged reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* with CBC Radio December 9 to ring in the holiday season.

The event — which is a fundraiser for Literacy North Halton (LNH) — will take place at St. John's United Church, 11 Guelph St., in Georgetown at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$20. The second annual event will feature guest reader Kevin Sylvester, CBC Radio sports broadcaster

with Metro Morning.

He'll join local talent including members of the Georgetown Little Theatre and the St. John's United Church Choir. The event isn't suitable for children under 12.

Tickets — which sell out fast — are available at Milton Public Library, St. John's United Church. For more information, call the Georgetown library at (905) 873-2681. To find out more about LNH, call (905) 873-2200.

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