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Choristers' upcoming show has amusing twist

Silly Side of Singing slated for April 1 at Knox Church

April Fool's Day is right around the corner, and the Milton Choristers are working hard to put together a suitably themed concert.

On April 1, the Choristers will present *The Silly Side of Singing* from 3 to 5 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church, 170 Main St. E.

This concert of humorous choral music is aimed at audiences of all ages and will include Stephen Lawrence's 'Concerto for Singing Chickens', Rossini's 'Cat Duet', Ernst Toch's 'Geographical Fugue' and Allan Robert Petker's 'The Feast'.

Special guests will be members of the Bishop Reding Secondary School Choir under the direction of Karen Caruana.

This is the second concert in the Choristers' 38th season, and will feature the talents of artistic director Sonja van de Hoef and accompanist Norman Reintamm.

Tickets cost \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and seniors and \$10 for kids aged 12 and younger.

The Choristers is a community choir made up of men and women from Milton and the surrounding area. It presents a varied repertoire of both classical and contemporary music, and performs concerts throughout the year as well as bringing music to residents at Milton District Hospital and nursing homes.

For tickets or more information, call (416) 708-7973 or visit www.miltonchoristers.com.

Anyone interested in joining can call (905) 878-1632.



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IN FINE TUNE: Seen here performing at a Christmas concert, members of the Milton Choristers are ready to delight music lovers once again on April Fool's Day.



Kerry Stratton

Stratton ready to dust off old classics March 23

Concert to feature favourites from salon era of '20s, '30s

Milton will be reverberating with the sound of music's salon era at an upcoming concert appropriately titled *Puttin' on the Ritz*.

Milton Concert Presentations hosts the concert, which will take place March 23 at 8 p.m. at a location to be announced.

Music will be courtesy of noted conductor Kerry Stratton and his orchestral guests.

Salon era music is from the 1920s and '30s, a time when smaller orchestras entertained guests of hotels such as the London Savoy Hotel, the

New York Plaza and the San Francisco Palace Hotel.

The approach to the music was unique and the melodies charming or bittersweet.

The sole purpose was to provide music that complemented the food, drink and conversation of the time.

The upcoming concert will include such timeless classics as *Charleston*, *Blue Danube*, *Anything Goes*, *Embraceable You*, *I'll be Seeing You* and *Puttin' on the Ritz*.

Since 1988, Stratton has been conductor and music director of the Toronto Philharmonia, the orchestra-in-residence at the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

During his tenure, Stratton has developed the orchestra from an amateur ensemble to a fully professional orchestra, with a season of main series concerts, educational programs, fundraisers and a province-wide touring schedule.

In the course of his international career, Stratton has conducted orchestras in Europe, North America and Asia.

Tickets to *Puttin' on the Ritz* cost \$30 for adults and \$25 for students and seniors.

For more information on the concert or Milton Concert Presentations, call (905) 878-1526.

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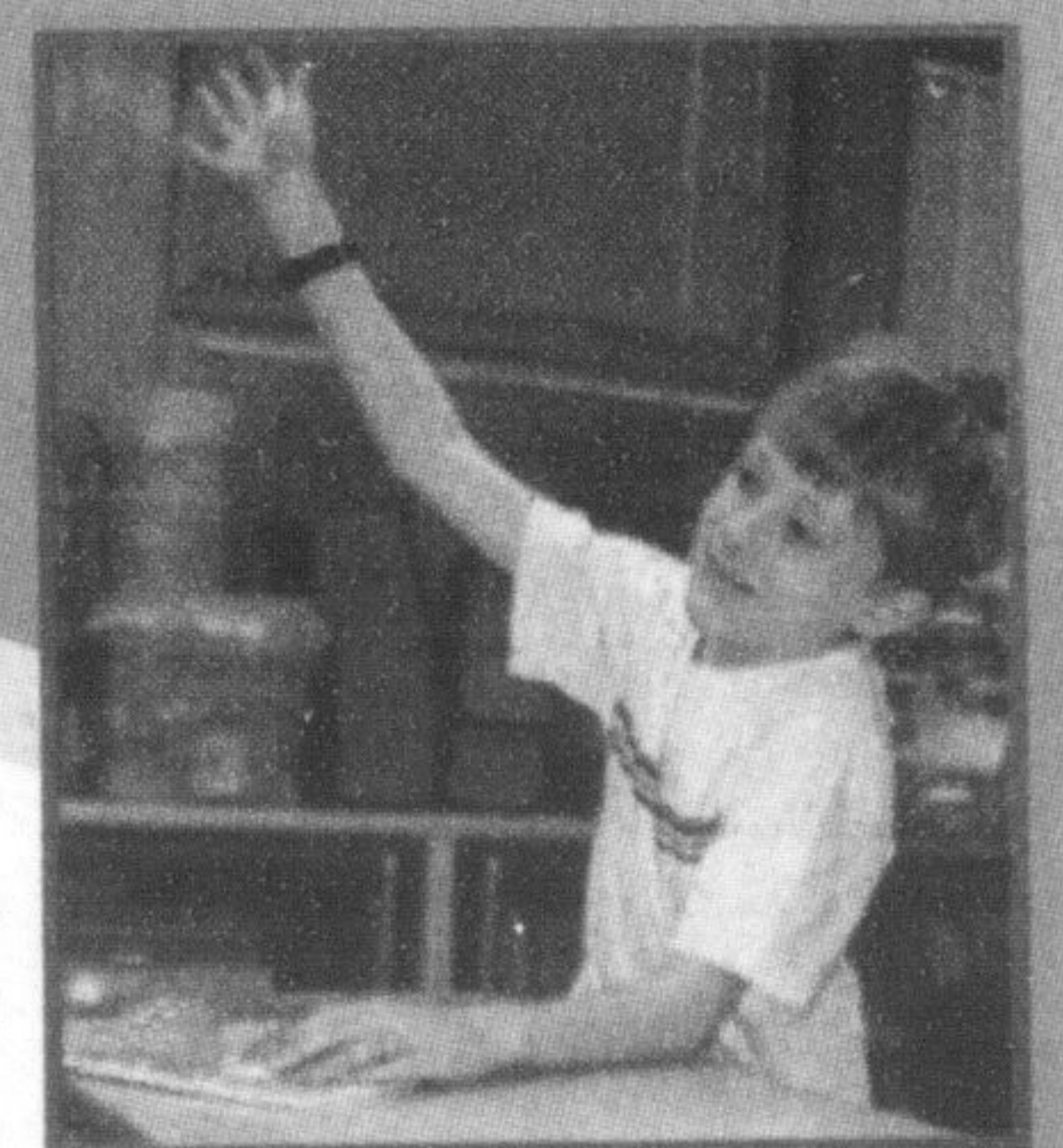
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