

Musicians join choir for Messiah

Choristers set for ambitious performance

The Milton Choristers present their most ambitious event ever Sunday at Holy Rosary Church.

The 45-member community choir will perform Handel's Messiah on the first Sunday of Advent at 7 p.m.

A 17-piece orchestra will accompany the choir made up of violins, cello, harpsichord, bassoon, trumpets, and timpani.

"The event is a new benchmark in the choir's growth with the addition of orchestral accompaniment," said Chorister Karen Davidson.

Besides well-known song *Hallelujah*, the choir will perform *All We Like Sheep Have Gone Astray*, *Lift Up Your Heads, O ye Gates*, and *Worthy is the Lamb that was Slain*.

"Usually, this is the premier event of the Christmas musical season, and this year we've positioned the performance to kick off everyone's holiday schedule," said choir director Dr. Patricia Phillips.

"This year also happens to be the 250th anniversary of Handel's work."

Four soloists will perform at the event. Soprano Carolyn Sinclair will be joined by alto Terese Sirek, tenor Frederick Pitt, and bass Bernard Jackson.

Tickets, which cost \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students, are available at Peggy's, Delacourt's, and Coulter's Music in Milton, and Granfalloon's in Campbellville.



Photo by GRAHAM PAINE
Could it be the ghost of Handel? The composer's Messiah will be performed by the Milton Choristers Sunday. The choir will be joined by an orchestra and professional soloists.



FOCUS ON HALTON

November 27

LIGHTING OF THE TREE OF HOPE

Begin the Christmas Season with the lighting of the Tree of Hope at civic Square in Burlington. Procession begins at the Village Square at approx. 6:30 p.m., with the Teen Tour Band leading Santa. For more details, contact (416) 333-9868.

November 29

CHRISTMAS COMMUNITY OPEN HOUSE

Toast the season with refreshments, eggnog, punch and homebaked treats at Joseph Brant Museum in Burlington, decorated as a home of the 1890s. Sunday from 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Admission is by donation. Contact (416) 634-3556.

December 1-30

CHRISTMAS AT ERCHLESS

Oakville Museums holds their month long celebration of Erchless, The Chisholm Family estate house, which is lavishly decorated in 1920s style. Toy exhibit, Christmas Tree, Tours, etc. Sat.-Sun.: noon-5 p.m., Tues.-Fri.: 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Admission: Adults \$2.00, Seniors & Students \$1.00/ Children \$.50, Family \$4.00. Contact (416) 845-3541.

December 5-6

CHRISTMAS IN THE COUNTRY

A journey into Christmas past complete with horse and sleigh rides, a fireside tea, craft show and musicians at Halton Region Museum in Milton. Admission: Adults \$4.00, Seniors, Students & Children \$3.00, Family \$10.50. Contact (416) 875-2200.

December 6

BURLINGTON CHRISTMAS PARADE

Parade will feature 100 entries, Burlington Teen Tour Band and Miss Canada. Start time is 2:00 p.m. For route details, contact (416) 335-7704.

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CHRISTMAS FIESTA

Enjoy the Christmas season with Santa, mulled cider, vintage 1920s streetcar rudism and special foods at the Ontario Electric Railway Museum in Milton. Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission: Adults \$5.25, Seniors & Students \$4.25. Contact (519) 856-9802.



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A Christmas Tradition

4th Annual Community Bazaar Sat. Nov. 28th

Over 25 local Community Groups from Milton and Halton Hills will be joining us at Milton Mall this Saturday.

Monies from the sale of handmade gift items, crafts, baked goods and Christmas decorations are used to promote community awareness and raise funds for these many worthwhile organizations.

Come join us at Milton Mall between 9:30 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

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