

Hurononia Museum offering 'treasuries'

Hurononia Museum's centrepiece 1989 exhibition, Treasures of the Mission, will complement the larger celebration by Sainte-Marie among the Hurons of its 350th anniversary.

Treasures of the Mission opens May 17.

Curator Jamie Hunter described a display of unique and interesting artifacts drawn from the National Museum of Canada, the Royal Ontario Museum, the University of Toronto, Sainte-Marie, Huronia Museum's own collection

and several private collections.

The exhibition's focus is the material culture of the French Jesuits and the Hurons between 1634 and 1651.

Sainte-Marie was the headquarters of the Jesuit missions taking in a huge area which today is south and central Ontario.

The Jesuits were seeking converts among the Huron, Petun and Algonkian tribes.

The Sainte-Marie mission will be represented by 75 per cent of the artifacts.

Hurononia Museum art show (paintings of Gladys Robinson and Shirley Knowlton) opens April 1 for 1989. The Thought Our Eyes

on April 13.

The Indian Village opens on May 20.

In mid-June the 40th anniversary of Thor

Hansen's developing of

patterns and motifs for the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association will be marked by the

museum. Royal LePage Real Estate Services Ltd. is assisting with the Hansen anniversary.

Serenata

Choir singing popular songs

Phil LaPenna promises people they won't leave Serenata's Easter concert asking, "What was that song?"

LaPenna is the conductor of the Midland-based choir. The Easter concert program, he says, is filled with familiar music, "universally loved favorites."

"It's not a lot of the obscure repertoire that you so often get at concerts," he says, where the audience "just sits there bored to tears."

LaPenna knows a bit about boredom. He used to play the organ at Toronto Maple Leaf games in Maple Leaf Gardens.

"Some of the games were kind of dull," said LaPenna. He played at funerals during that period too. After a Leafs game, "I used to look forward to my next funeral."

The 35-member choir practices weekly in Knox Presbyterian Church in Midland. The Christmas Concert is the other big public performance of the year.

Serenata means to please. "We are not there to amuse ourselves," LaPenna said.

The audience on April 8 in Knox Presbyterian

Church will hear excerpts from the Easter section of Handel's Messiah; traditional hymns; and folk songs, mostly from Britain and two from the United States.

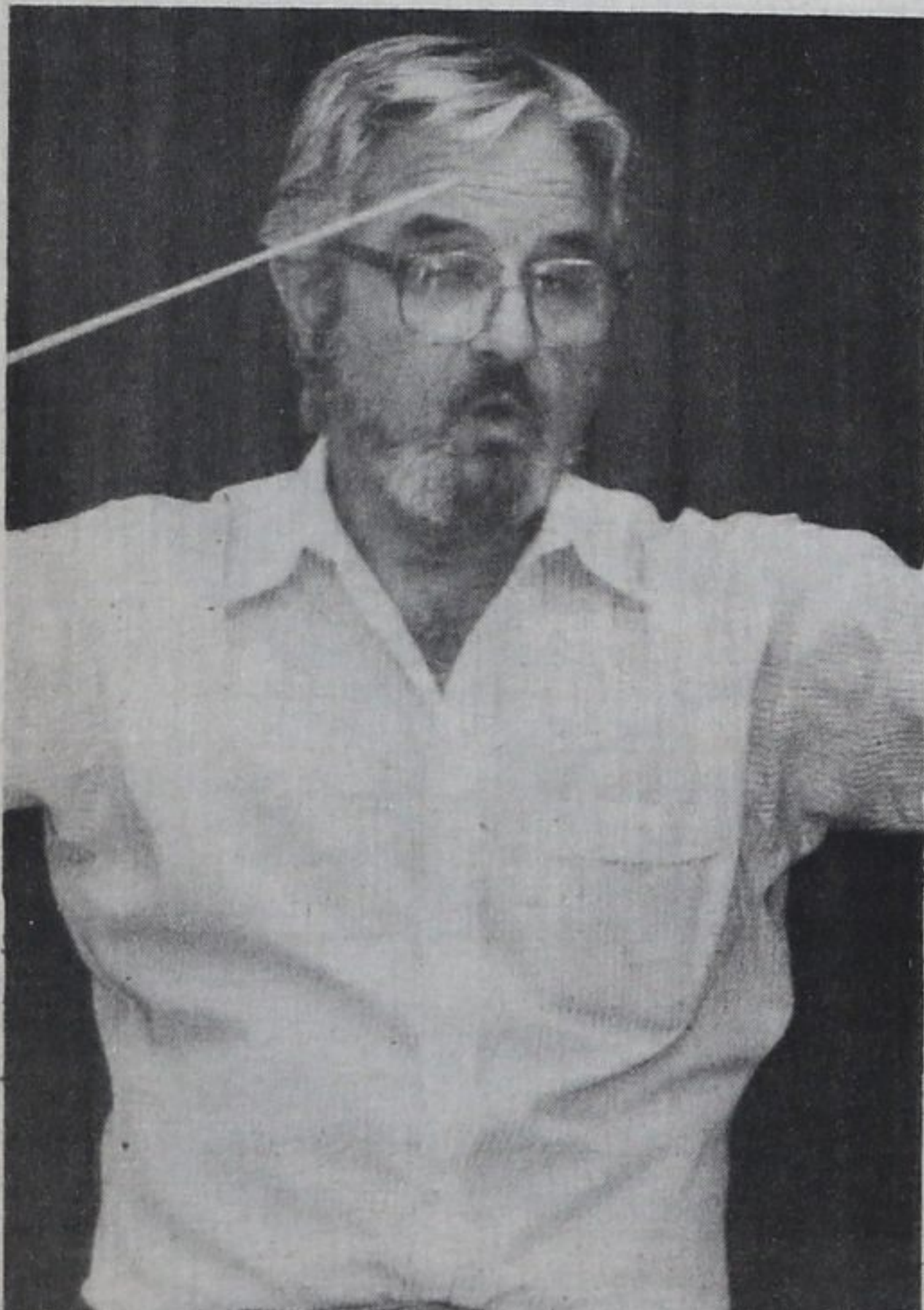
Ensemble and solo performances are planned. Two soloists will be Claudia Slama (piano) and Norman Garcia (trumpet).

Although Serenata is a typical community choir, the group has done well since its founding two years ago, LaPenna said.

Usually 10 years pass before a community choir evolves into a fine, tightly knit ensemble the graduate of Eastman School, Rochester, N.Y., said.

LaPenna pointed out Carol Brown, Christine Brodeur and John Coull as some of the talented members of Serenata.

As for the hockey world's cellar-dwelling Maple Leafs, LaPenna's opinion gained from four seasons behind the Garden's organ is shared by other observers of the fallen Leafs: they will continue to be boring "until certain people disappear from the scene. I won't mention any names."



Concert preparation

Phil LaPenna joined the Midland community choir Serenata as its director in its second year. The choir rehearses every Tuesday evening in Knox Presbyterian Church.



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