

School Students Music Contest

MUSICAL CONTEST BEGINS THIS WEEK

Here is the first contest in the series promoted by the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Read the article and keep it if you like. At the end of the seven articles, one of which will be published each week, contestants will be required to answer the questions in writing at an examination held in the schools. Answers to the questions are obvious after reading the article in connection. Read the rules below and watch for the contest article by Dr. F. S. Howwood, noted lecturer and musician, in next week's paper. Prizes to be donated by the Conservatory, Mr. Christopher Wood, Dr. Ralph Johns, Dr. C. S. Dunning, The Iron Fireman Co., Elliott's Drug Store, Willowdale; Dempsey Brothers, Dr. C. E. Hill, Dr. D. K. McAteer, Thornhill Hardware, Thornhill Bank of Commerce, and from Richmond Hill, Austin's Drug Store, Craigie's Store, Davies Dry Goods, Jones Coal Co. and Brathwaite's Hardware.)

YOU ARE A MUSICIAN

The usual dictionary meaning of the word "musician" is "one who is skilled in the science or practice of music" and I venture to say that most people would agree with this and classify the musician as one who either composed music, or who was a singer or a performer on some musical instrument. I have long felt that we should include under the heading of "musician" not only those who are skilled in the science and practice of music, but also those who are more or less skilled in the "listening" to music. As practically everybody likes music and enjoys listening to it, this would automatically include us all under the heading of musician. Let us proceed on this assumption and see how it works out.

In classifying musicians we would first of all mention the one who creates the music. We call him the Composer. His mind, his personality, his musical genius, his experience and natural gifts enable him to

find an expression in music, which he writes down through the medium of our musical notation. One of the greatest living examples we have of this class would be Jan Sibelius, the Finnish composer. Naturally, this class of musician is the smallest in number because creative genius is rare in any art.

The second class of musician I would mention is the Performer. This class is much larger, of course, and includes all who play the piano, organ, violin, or other orchestral instruments, singers and conductors (for after all, they really play on that greatest of all musical instruments, the orchestra). The Performers may have great international concert reputations, like Hoffmann or Paderevski, or they may just be folk who sing a little or play a little for their own pleasure and the pleasure it may give to others.

The third, and by far the largest class of musician, is the Listener, and surely he is of great importance in the realm of Music. What good would be the works of our great Composers and the performance of them by our great Performers if we did not have Listeners to appreciate and enjoy them? So many people do not feel that they are musicians unless they are Performers. This is a wrong attitude of mind. To be a good Listener requires not only natural gifts, but also experience, intelligence and good taste. One improves greatly as a Listener as one hears more and more good music, and is able to listen more and more intelligently and appreciatively. This class perhaps reaches its highest and most intensely cultivated stage in the professional musical critic. With him, listening is a business, and his critical faculties are very keen. But we can all exercise this faculty, and improve and elevate our good taste and appreciation.

Sometimes these three types of musicians are combined in different ways. Composers are often (not always) good Performers, like Mozart, Beethoven and Liszt, and often great Performers are quite good composers, like Busoni and Rubenstein, and all are good Listeners, of course.

In closing, may I say again, we are all musicians. If you are a Composer or a Performer, well and good. But if you are neither of these, don't forget that you are still a very important musician, and you have it in your power to get rich and full pleasure out of this wonderful art of Music. To listen well is a great achievement, and it needs lots of practice. Listen to good music. Find out why it is good, and why bad music is bad, and always be what a friend of mine calls an "improvable".

QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be a musician?
2. Who is a great living composer?
3. Are there a great number of really great composers of music?
4. Does it require intelligence to be a good listener of music?
5. Do you have to be a composer or a performer of music to really enjoy it?
6. How can you improve as a listener to music?

RULES

1. Students attending High, Public and Separate schools from York Mills to Richmond Hill are eligible.
2. Applications must be made by the end of the fifth article through music teachers in the schools. Rural teachers may obtain application forms by applying to the office of this paper.
3. Each article will contain six questions. Public School pupils may answer any three questions of each series, High School pupils will be required to answer all six.
4. All contestants will be required to write this contest at examination centres which will be specified later.
5. Answers will be submitted to judges appointed by the committee in charge of this contest. Decision of the judges will be final.

Further information may be obtained from the following members of the committee in charge: In Lansing, Miss Edythe Lewis; Willowdale, Mrs. John Harrison; Thornhill, Miss Lorraine Davidson; Richmond Hill, Miss Lola Jones.

Social and Personal

Miss Mollie Ferguson of Toronto spent the week-end with Miss Madge Sayers.

Rexall 31st Birthday Sale is now on at Scotchmer's Drug Store, Richmond Hill.

Mrs. W. Wellman and Bruce of Omemee are visiting friends in the village this week.

Mr. Roscoe Cauthers of Preston, formerly of Richmond Hill, called on friends in the Village Wednesday morning.

Richmond Hill Presbyterian Y.P.S. are holding a Skating Carnival at the Richmond Hill arena tonight (Thursday).

Dr. W. J. and Mrs. Mason, Dr. James L. and Mrs. Langstaff spent several days the past week at Mt. Tremblant Lodge, Lac Mercier, Que.

Twenty members of the Red Cross who volunteered as hostesses for the month of February have contributed a round of delightful social events in the village this month.

Wilson Beresford this week received an interesting letter from Lance Corporal Gordon Armstrong, formerly of Richmond Hill now serving at the R.C.A.M.C. in England.

Mrs. Lloyd Foote who was injured by a fall at the arena last Saturday night is making favorable progress, and we are pleased to report it is not expected that her injuries are serious.

Mr. Harold Moss of Toronto, who along with eleven others met death in the air-liner crash at Armstrong, Ontario last Thursday, was brother-in-law of Mrs. Richard Edmunds, Richmond Hill.

Mr. J. Beresford, Arnold Street, Richmond Hill, was bereaved last week in the passing on Friday, Feb. 7th of his brother Samuel Beresford, 1 Hocken Ave., Toronto. The funeral was held Monday afternoon.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of Royal Black Preceptory No. 96, Toronto, of which Mrs. W. Sayers of this village is the president, turned in \$65.00 this week to the British War Victims Fund. This is the second donation made by the auxiliary.

A dance will be held in the Richmond Hill High School, Thursday evening, February 27th, the entire proceeds to be donated to the British War Victims' Fund. Max Boag's orchestra will provide music and refreshments will be served. The event is sponsored by a local committee who invite the co-operation of all interested in contributing to this very worthy cause. The committee sponsoring the event are: J. R. Herrington, T. H. Trench, J. A. Greene, R. D. Little, D. M. Chamney, J. E. Smith, Mrs. J. R. Herrington, Mrs. J. E. Smith, Mrs. D. M. Chamney, Mrs. H. J. Mills, Mrs. J. A. Greene, Mrs. G. H. Glenn, Mrs. R. D. Little, Mrs. O. L. Wright.

CARD OF THANKS

Mrs. G. D. Collin and family wish to thank the Veterans for their sympathy and kindness in acting as pallbearers at the funeral of her late husband.

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Misses Frances and Elizabeth Brown wish to express their sincere thanks and appreciation for many acts of kindness, and messages of sympathy received from friends, neighbors and relatives since Frances Brown's painful accident three weeks ago.

RED CROSS NOTES

RED CROSS TEA

Mrs. Alexander, Arnold Street, is holding a tea on Friday, February 14th from 3 to 5 p.m. in aid of the Red Cross. Collection. Everyone welcome.

RED CROSS SALE

Saturday, February 22, Mrs. Jerry Smith, Yonge Street, will hold a sale of homemade marmalade and buns. Entire proceeds for Red Cross.

BOYS OVERSEAS EXPRESS THANKS

The following letters express thanks to the Richmond Hill Red Cross of Christmas parcels:

H.M. 1st Canadian Division, December 15th, 1940.

Dear members of the Red Cross:

I received your very nice parcel yesterday, it arrived safe and sound and was very much appreciated. The weather here is very mild at present, not much like the weather in Canada, quite a lot of rain and green fields everywhere.

I hope I shall soon be back in Richmond Hill to thank you all in person.

Yours sincerely,
T. H. Lines.

Saturday, December 21, 1940

Dear Madam:—
I wish to take this opportunity of thanking you a thousand times for your lovely Xmas box. I received it this morning all intact and I sure was both delighted and surprised. It was lovely, and being in hospital as I have been for the last two months as a result of a motorcycle accident things like that sure brighten up what would otherwise be a very dull and blue Xmas.

I suppose you have plenty of snow over there now. As yet we have had none here. It has been quite bright and fairly warm and it seems very hard to believe Xmas is only a few days away. We are getting plenty of action here what with air raids and bombings, but the remarkable spirit and courage of the people in this country is certainly to be marvelled at. They don't know the meaning of the word quit and this kind of courage and spirit will never fail to win through.

I must say good-night now, thanking you again and hoping to be back with all of you again real soon.

Yours sincerely,
Clare Paxton, B94388,
No. 2 A.F.W., R.C.O.C.

Letters of thanks also have been received from: Douglas Gilbert, Newfoundland; Jack Collin, New Brunswick; W. B. Cooke, England; E. A. Goode, Aldershot; S. J. Hunt, England; Jack Daunt, England; William Carr, England; Thos. Bales, England; William Bowen, England; Don Graham, England; F. G. Dyke, England.

RICHVALE RED CROSS BRANCH

A very successful Euchre was held by Richvale Branch of the Red Cross last week for which the Branch wish to thank all those who donated prizes.

Don't forget the Sleigh Ride on Thursday, February 20th at 8 p.m. held under the auspices of Richvale Red Cross. Refreshments and music afterwards in the school.

RICHMOND HILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, Feb. 16th
11 a.m.—Morning Worship.
2.45 p.m.—Sunday School.
8 p.m.—Y.P.S. meeting.

RICHMOND HILL UNITED CHURCH

Rev. C. W. Follett, B.D. Pastor
Sunday, Feb. 16th
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. All departments.
11 a.m.—Public Worship. "Life's Compensations".

7 p.m.—Vesper Service. "The great Hymns of the Christian Church". "Sun of My Soul", third in series. The choir will render inspiring music at all services. A hearty welcome awaits you at our church. Come and bring your friends. Wednesday evening, Community Prayer Service in Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH (Anglican)

RICHMOND HILL
Rector: Rev. W. F. Wrixon, L.Th.
4 Markham Road
Sunday, Feb. 14
11 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon.
2.30 p.m.—Sunday School.
7 p.m.—Evening Prayer and Sermon.
Names of our men in the Forces will be read and we shall pray for them.
Wednesday 8 p.m.—Community service of prayer and intercession in the Presbyterian Church. All invited.

EXPRESSES THANKS

22 Hunt Avenue,
Richmond Hill, Ont.,
January 28th, 1941.

The Canadian Red Cross, Richmond Hill High School, United Church.

Dear Friends:—

Thank you very kindly for the lovely parcels recently sent to my son, Sidney. The parcels reached their destination, somewhere in England, on Christmas Eve and were very warmly received and appreciated.

Sidney has written letters of acknowledgment and thanks to you all, which I expect you have received, or will receive very shortly, but I would like you all to know that I greatly appreciate your kindness to him.

Sincerely,
Josephine Huat.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN BAKER CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY

Residents of Richmond Hill for the past 17 years, Mr. and Mrs. John Baker last Wednesday evening celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Edgar Anning.

Mr. and Mrs. Baker have five children, 3 daughters and 2 sons, also 8 grandchildren. All were present but one son Lloyd and family of Markham, and a number of other members of both Mr. and Mrs. Baker's family attended.

During the evening 3 grandchildren presented the bride and groom of 45 years with a number of lovely gifts, after which Mr. and Mrs. Baker expressed their appreciation in a few well chosen words.

DANCE AT MAPLE

A Valentine dance will be held in Maple Concert Hall, Friday, February 14th. Gillam's orchestra, Ernie Evans, floor manager. Admission 25c. Under auspices of Hall Executive.

OLD BOYS AND GIRLS EUCHE AT THORNHILL

Thornhill Old Boys and Girls will hold a Euchre on Tuesday evening, February 18, commencing at 8.30 o'clock in Findlay's Hall, Thornhill. Good prizes. Proceeds in aid of British War Victims Fund. Come and help the cause. Admission 25c.

ORANGE EUCHE

At the euchre sponsored by the Orange Lodges on Thursday of last week prizes were won by, Ladies, Mrs. S. McPherson, Mrs. K. Shields, Mrs. Cliff Clark; gentlemen, W. Bone, W. R. Anderson, A. E. Patton.

The next Euchre in the series will be held in the Lodge Rooms, Masonic Hall, on Thursday, February 20th. Good prizes. A welcome to all.

OAK RIDGES

St. John's Branch of the A.Y.P.A., Oak Ridges, are sponsoring a dance for British War Victims Fund Wednesday, February 19th, in the Parish Hall. Modern and old tyme dancing. Come one and all and help support the worthy cause.

RICHMOND HILL
PRESBYTERIAN Y.P.S.
SKATING CARNIVAL
To-Nite, Feb. 13
NOVELTIES and PRIZES
SKATING 8 P.M.
TICKET 25c.

REXALL DRUG STORE 31st Birthday Sale

The Rexall Drug Store gives you the finest quality at lowest prices
Special Prices during Sale Feb. 13 to 22

If you have not received our list, call at store
Take advantage of these money saving prices
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Phone 71 Richmond Hill

ROYAL THEATRE AURORA

SHOWS START AT 7.30 P.M. AND 9.30 P.M. D.S.T.

TODAY, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13
"Brigham Young"
With TYRONE POWER - LINDA DARNELL
FRIDAY & SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14 - 15
BING CROSBY - MARY MARTIN - BASIL RATHBONE in
"Rhythm on the River"
MONDAY & TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - 18
LORETTA YOUNG - MELVYN DOUGLAS in
"He Stayed for Breakfast"
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19 - 20
JOHN GARFIELD - BRENDA MARSHALL
MARJORIE RAMBEAU in
"East of the River"
ALSO
DICK POWELL - ELLEN DREW in
"Christmas in July"



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Modern & Olde Tyme Dancing Lunch provided
Come one and all and help support the worthy cause

Talking PICTURES

A VARIED AND ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM AT

Masonic Hall Richmond Hill

Monday, FEB. 17
8 p.m. D.S.T.

Adults 25c. Children 15c.