

Percussionists busy in the band

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Ever notice when you go to a concert who you invariably watch?

It's the percussion section. They are always on the move going from one instrument to another.

The percussion section of the Markham Concert Band are indeed a busy threesome.

Rob Dunn, the section chairman, is a computer analyst during the day. He has been with the band for over three years.

Lori Waters is also a three-year veteran. Travelling from Etobicoke every Monday for rehearsals, Lori is a teacher by profession.

Another teacher, Carol Douglas, is the one who runs from the cymbals to the bells. This is very talented lady is the Director of the Intermediate Band. You may remember Carol leading the sing-along at the Christmas concert. Carol also plays the flute, viola, and piano.

Percussion instruments are divided into two distinct groups: idiophones (bells, cymbals) and membranophones (drums). Both groups are mainly concerned with emphasizing rhythm or keeping the beat.

The primary instruments used in the Markham Concert Band are the snare drum and timpani (kettle drums) as well as the bells, cymbals, triangles, whistles. The list can be almost endless since the percussion section covers such a wide variety of instruments.

The French Horn section of the Markham Concert Band consists of five talented ladies.

In first chair is Beth Crichton. Beth is the section chairman and has been with the band for almost seven years. She works at Emerson Electric in Markham.

Next to Beth is Joanne Birch. Another seven-year veteran, Joanne works as a dental assistant in a downtown practice.

Marlene Shruiff is a Provincial Government employee and she has now been with the band about two years.

Two newcomers to the band are the mother and daughter team of Dina and Pamela Cox. Pamela is a student at Unionville High School and is a former trumpet player.

Dina Cox (a displaced Maritimer) is a former high school teacher. She is now a full-time mother of four.

The French Horn evolved from the large, circular hunting horn that appeared in France around 1650. However, the French Horn used today is actually German.

Valves were added in the early

19th century. Looking a bit like a snail, there are approximately seven feet of tubing on the French Horn.

It is played in the same manner as the other brass instruments, but it is held a bit differently. The player actually puts her hand in the bell of the instrument.

The Markham Concert Band will hold its spring concert on Sunday, April 27, at 3 p.m. at the Markham Theatre. For tickets and information, please call 471-4133 or 475-4174.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Due to space limitations, the following from the Trombone section were not included.

Paul Gilchrist is now in his seventh year with the band. An accomplished pianist, Paul played professionally for two years. He recently took a position as national service manager for a major Korean piano manufacturer.

Last is Harold Humphrey. Harold makes his living successfully as an inventor. When he's not travelling and promoting one of his new inventions (he has more than 100 patents) he enjoys playing his trombone with the MCB.



DINA COX plays the French Horn

Party may raise a lot of lettuce

What do lettuce keepers and street dances have in common?

A local housing co-op hopes to raise money for community events by holding a Tupperware party.

The Ramer's Wood Co-op is hosting the party in the recreation room at 1 Ramer Way on Sunday, April 20 at 2 p.m.

Refreshments will be served. The co-op is a non-profit organization.

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That 71.8% of adults in Stouffville receive The Tribune. (Source: Kubas & Associates' study, Spring 1985. Details on request.)

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It's time to dance

Celebrate spring with a night out at an old-fashioned square dance.

The Canadian Olde Tyme Square Dance Callers Association hosts its seventh dance of the 1985-86 season.

The dance is tonight at the Buttonville Women's Institute Hall at 8:30 p.m. Guests are asked to bring sandwiches, cookies, cake or pickles so that all dancers can enjoy a pot-luck snack. Tea will be provided.

Live music and a variety of callers are included in the \$4 admission fee. The hall is located on Woodbine Ave. north of Hwy. 7.

For more information call 249-0147, 225-9606 or 252-4574.