



PHOTO/JIM THOMAS

Aaron Clubine, a graduate of Stouffville District Secondary School attending York University, will be honoured at his alma mater next week during the 16th annual Student Music Scholarship concert. Seven schools will take part.

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A look ahead in Whitchurch-Stouffville

EDITOR'S PICK

Student concert a town tradition

BY JIM MASON
Staff Writer

A suggestion from a Stouffville principal 15 years ago has turned into a town tradition.

The 16th Student Music Scholarship concert will fill Stouffville District Secondary School with sweet sounds Nov. 7. The show starts at 7:30 p.m.

Seven Whitchurch-Stouffville schools will send bands and/or choirs to the stage.

Thank then-Summitview Public School principal Doug Winger for the multi-school show.

"I asked him if the Summitview school choir and bell-ringers could head up a student musical at the high school," said Sun-Tribune columnist Jim Thomas, one of the organizers. "He suggested the invitation be extended to include all Whitchurch-Stouffville schools. It was, with four schools accepting."

This year, SDSS and Summitview will be joined by St. Mark, Whitchurch Highlands, St. Brigid, Stouffville Christian and Ballantrae.

Admission is \$5 for adults. Funds raised are divided between the schools. That's totalled \$57,000 to date.

If the town's other three schools are to take part, a second night would have to be added.

Mr. Thomas has been involved in many causes during his decades in Stouffville.

"The concert is the most rewarding volunteer event with which I've been associated," he said. "The co-operation received from elementary and

secondary school band and choir directors has been tremendous.

"Most importantly, the concert showcases and the vocal, instrumental and dance talents of young people from kindergarten through Grade 12."

Local businesses, service clubs and Mayor Wayne Emmerson's charity fund have been the largest sponsors.

Mr. Thomas and other committee members, Gayle Atkinson, Stewart McElroy and Jim Paterson, select one student each year to receive a \$200 scholarship provided by the concert's host, St. James Presbyterian Church. This year's recipient will be Aaron Clubine, a graduate of SDSS attending York University.

He'll join a proud list of recipients who have studied music and gone on to play in bands and musicals.

An example? Jocelyn McDowell, 22, is in her fourth and final year of a bachelor of music degree course at McGill University in Montreal. She has accepted roles with the McGill Opera Company this fall.

"I'm not surprised at the concert's acceptance, not only by parents who always enjoy seeing their sons and daughters perform on stage, but by the general public who appreciate the benefits of vibrant vocal and instrumental music programs in our schools, programs that can lead to rewarding careers," Mr. Thomas said.

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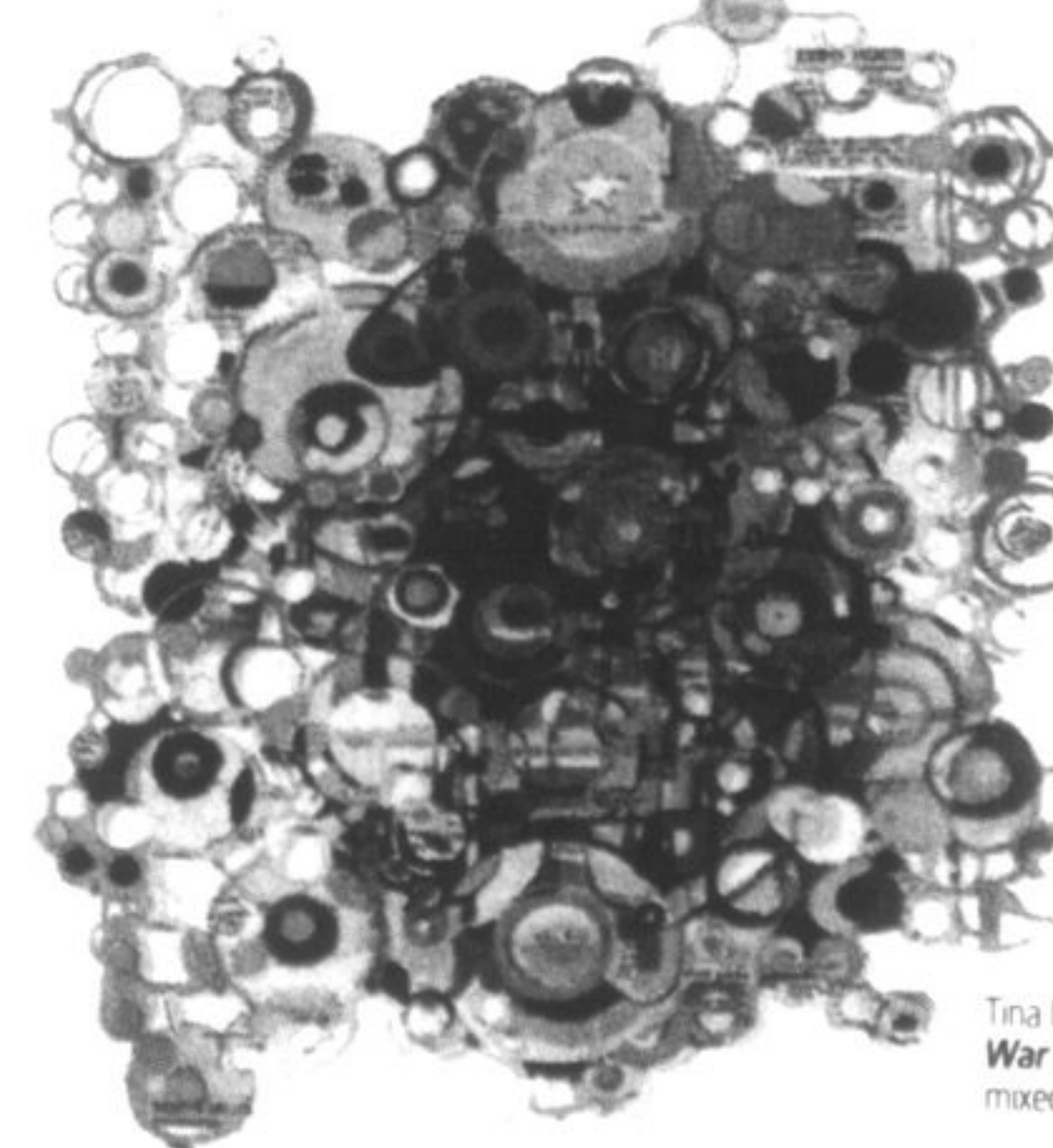
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Tina Newlove,
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mixed media, 2008

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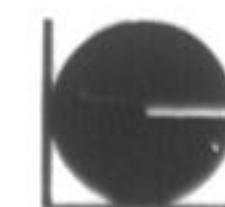
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