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EDITOR'S PICK

Keyboard wizard making encore performance

SDSS piano student opens concert series show Sunday

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Pianist and organist Andrei Streliaev will be headlining his third Stouffville Music Evening Sunday.

"He can play anything," Pat Wild, a member of the evening's organizing committee said, noting Mr. Streliaev will be performing classical, contemporary and sacred pieces. "He gets every sound possible out of that organ."

Trevor Pogue, a Stouffville piano student, will also be performing Sunday night.

The Grade 12 student at Stouffville District Secondary School will be playing a variety of songs including a Beatles medley and pieces by Oscar Peterson, as well as gospel and classical numbers.

In January 2008, Mr. Streliaev made his first appearance at the monthly talent showcase, after which one member of the audience told Ms Wild: "the calibre of the concert was the calibre of anything he'd seen in Paris."

Mr. Streliaev returned in October when he performed a

live score to the silent film version of Phantom of the Opera. The Stouffville Music Evening began in March 2007, when some residents decided they wanted to showcase local talent.

"We just said: 'there's so much musical talent in town, why don't we showcase it,'" Ms Wild said. "We did it originally as an outreach to the community."

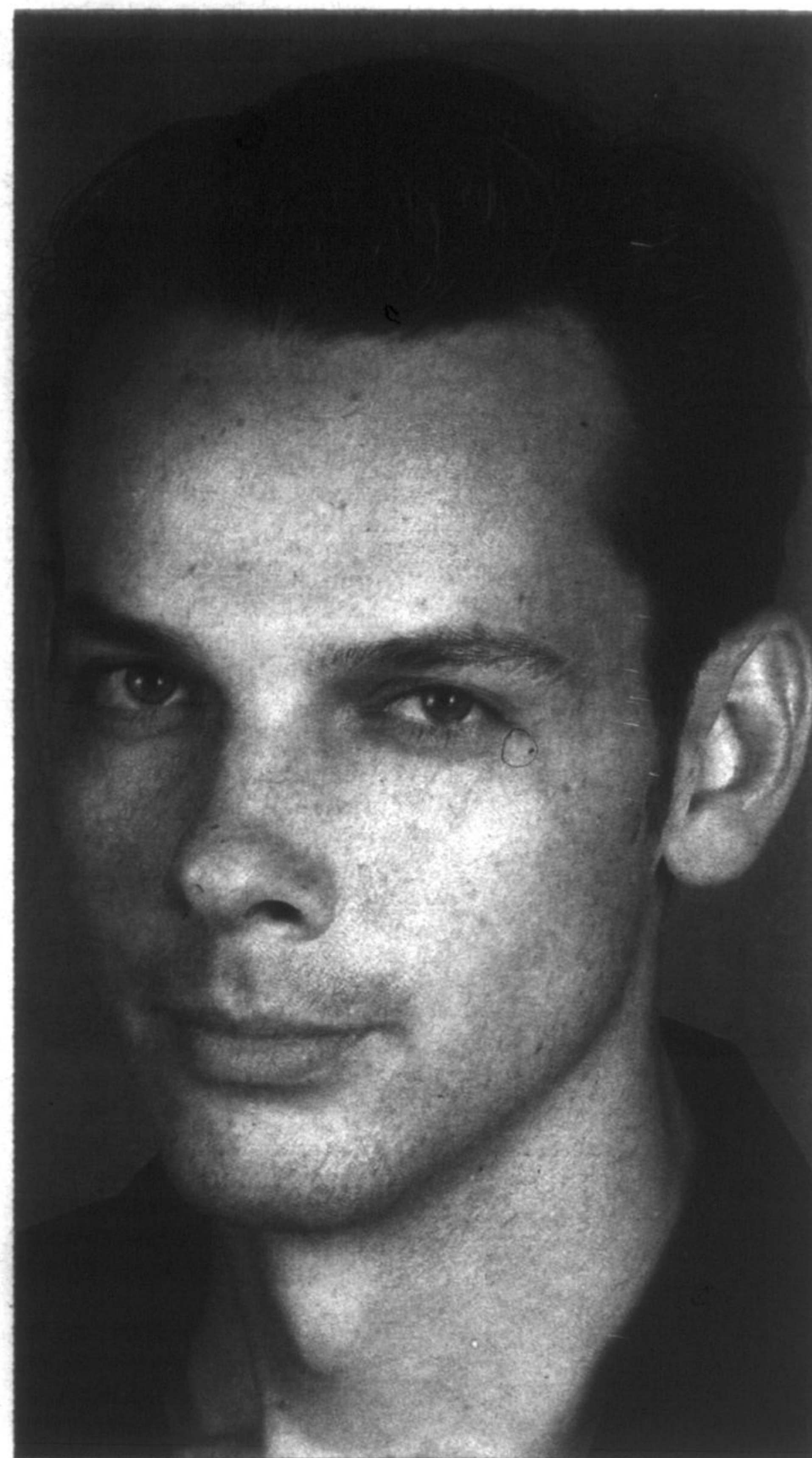
Vocalists Susan Brown and Jennifer Thunem were the concert series' first performers.

Since then, the monthly event, which is held at Stouffville United Church, but not affiliated with the church, has had soloists, choral groups, brass bands, gospel choirs and organists from Stouffville and the GTA perform.

So successful is the series that some groups are now starting to call the organizers requesting the opportunity to be put on the schedule.

"It's very exciting to think they're starting to call us now," Ms Wild said.

In the coming months, the Stouffville Music Evening will host Vocal Horizons (Feb. 22), Bach to Blues (March 29), Hannaford Youth Brass Band (April 26) and Dcat Chorus (May 31).



Pianist and organist Andrei Streliaev headlines his third Stouffville Music Evening Sunday. Stouffville District Secondary School's Trevor Pogue opens the show at Stouffville United.

The concerts take place the last Sunday of every month at Stouffville United Church, 34 Church St. All Stouffville Music

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SATURDAY JAN. 24	AIMING TO PLEASE Stouffville Royal Canadian Legion hosts an open doubles dart tournament. Register from 9 to 10 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. The branch is on Ninth Line north of Main Street.	FRIDAY JAN. 30	P.A. DAY, EH? How Things Were Done is the theme of a P.A. day workshop for children at the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum in Vandorf from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost \$40. Pre-register at 1-888-290-0337.
SUNDAY JAN. 25	HAGGIS, ANYONE? Join in the Robbie Burns Day celebration at The Earl of Whitchurch in downtown Stouffville. Featuring bagpipes, readings and haggis, piped in at 6:30 p.m.	FRIDAY JAN. 30	SKATE, SWIM AND A MOVIE Drop in for P.A. day action. At the Stouffville Arena, a free movie at 10 a.m. and skating from 1 to 3 p.m. Swim from 2:30 to 4:30 at the Lebovic Centre. Call 905-642-PLAY.
		SATURDAY JAN. 31	COME TO THE CABARET... Stouffville United Church's Cabaret Night features great music and wonderful desserts at 7 p.m. Tickets \$15 from the church office or by calling 905-642-0275.

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