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COMING UP

'Tis the season for concerts

Take your pick of Christmas shows

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From a men's 40-voice choral group harmonizing Little Drummer Boy, to poems set to music, as well as skits and dancing, residents will find a lot of holiday entertainment right here at home.

For the first time, Music Mania is performing a seasonal show, complete with chorus, original skits and dancing.

"(We thought) it might be fun to do a Christmas show that is totally different," said Music Mania spokesperson Heather Andrews of the Dec. 16 performances. "No one uses the concept of the chorus, the dance and the skits. ... The other (groups) do more choral-related pieces of music. We thought, here's a niche for us. We can put on a totally different show."

People who attend It's a Music Mania Christmas are asked to bring a donation for the Whitchurch-Stouffville Food Bank.

"It's a need in the area," Ms Andrews said. "Any little bit to help, especially at this time of year."

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SNEAK PEEK INSIDE CLIPPER COMPLEX



STAFF PHOTO/SJOERD WITTEVEEN

The twin-rink Clippers Sports Complex has risen on Weldon Road just south of Main Street during the past 13 months. It opens Feb. 2.

Snazzy new home for skaters, hockey players

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It will be pretty cool, but not cold.

Amongst a hockey bag full of upgrades, the Stouffville Clippers Sports Complex has taken the chill out of the air found in many older rinks, including the often frigid Stouffville Arena.

The new twin-rink centre, on Weldon Road between Nofrills and

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Stouffville Secondary, will open Feb. 2, just in time for the minor hockey playoffs.

It's big and spacious with plenty of vantage points, as a tour last Thursday pointed out.

It's not ready for prime time yet.

Hard hats, not hockey helmets, are still the required protective head gear. Workers were installing seats (another upgrade from the old place's bleachers) and tile. The score clocks aren't up. We're weeks away from ice time.

Things that hit a first-time visitor like an errant slapshot:

- If you've been in the arenas of Angus Glen Community Centre and Library in Markham, this will

look familiar. The seating arrangement is eerily similar. Town staff didn't re-invent the wheel here. They borrowed ideas from other rinks, too, including the Holly Community Centre in Barrie.

- You won't see a heater in the joint, but town officials promise it will be a comfortable 70 F in the

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