

50th Music Mania definitely golden

Something old
Something new
Nothing borrowed
Nothing blue
Just solid gold!

That, in summary, is my evaluation of Music Mania 2010.

From beginning to end — with a few minor indiscretions — I enjoyed the entire show, a fitting tribute to 50 glorious years.

In short, the chorus was wonderful, the dancers were dazzling, the black light was brilliant, the costuming was sparkling and the skits were (for the most part) amusing.

Topping the rave rating was Battle Hymn of the Republic, a marvelous presentation by the chorus and accompanying alumni. It stirred audiences like nothing recalled in a half-century of Music Mania memories. But, unfortunately, the selection wasn't sufficient to raise conservative spectators from their collective seats — a still-baffling Stouffville dilemma.

This frustration, however, was substituted throughout the evening by appreciative applause and simultaneous laughter, a reaction that spurred performers to exceptional heights.

A tip of the tuque to: Rick Lightfoot (director); Fenella Smith (producer); Lisa Harvey (chorus); Natalië Wood (dance); Bruce and Bunny Burton (black light); Bryan Gray (skits); and all those behind the scenes for a job well done.

The result — four shows to be remembered for the next 50 years.

40th sacred show

This Saturday, will see another music milestone established in Stouffville. The Watchmen Quartet will highlight the 40th annual Sacred Music Night at St. James Presbyterian Church. The four-some (Tim Harden and Dave Yake of Kitchener, Doug Jones of Newmarket and Dave Jantzi of St. Catharines) will be supported by pianist Brian Winger, guitarist Nick Succi and sound technician Dave Roth.

Other participants will include The Believers children's chorus along with soloists Susan



Roaming Around

with Jim Thomas

Brown, A.J. deBoer and Clara Hoover.

Concert time is 7 p.m. Offering is free-will with refreshments to follow.

And the honoree is...

Who's your choice for the 2010 Music Town, Ontario award?

The recipient will be honoured June 30 at a music festival in Stouffville United Church.

The presentation will be made by last year's winner, Lloyd Knight.

Submissions should be e-mailed to Thomas-jim@rogers.com by June 11.

Prayers with breakfast

The Springvale Boys, a prominent quartet based out of Springvale Baptist Church, will provide the special music at Whitchurch-Stouffville's annual Prayer Breakfast, May 20 at Station Creek Golf & Country Club.

The boys are John Halse, Phil Pugh, Herb Hoover, Mike Roadway and pianist Rod Russell. Breakfast time is 7 a.m.

The guest speaker is Dr. Jennifer Wilson of Uxbridge. In addition to her private practice, Dr. Wilson regularly provides voluntary medical aid to a mission field in Ghana.

Tickets are \$20 from Dennis Seeley at 905-642-3632 or Pat Montgomery at Candlelight & Memories at 905-642-4940.

19 on Park turns 1

The Lebovic Arts and Entertainment Centre — 19 on the Park is one year old this month.

A celebration is planned for June 13 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Jim Thomas is a Stouffville resident who has written for area newspapers for more than 50 years.

WHAT'S COOKIN' AT THE DELI.....

Since its Mother's Day Weekend, we've tried to keep things easy and simple with you guys in mind. Read — "Guys in the Kitchen" — and don't forget where the dishwasher is! What we'll be doing is.....

Soups! Two types this week. A **Shrimp Bisque** that's chunky with shrimp, sweet onions, celery and carrots — all this in the usual brandy-cream base. The second is **Potato-Leek Soup**. This is also cream based, with fresh leeks, Yukon potatoes and the requisite sweet onions, carrots and celery. Both will be at.....

Our salad feature will be our **Broccoli-Cauliflower Salad**. This has been a huge favourite over the years and one of my lunchtime comforts. (I've got a lot of them). This will be.....

We'll be making copious amounts of our **Quiche** this week, for the occasion, but with a twist. We've made a 'Breakfast Quiche' which has some of our bacon, English breakfast sausage and Yukon potatoes — an all-in-one start to your day — just add coffee. Further there will be two feature choices for dinner: **Fresh Pacific Halibut** that's seasoned and grilled, then served with Swiss-style roast potatoes — or — **Grilled Garlic-Shrimp Skewers** done on the lightly-seasoned side.

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T-STUFFED PORK TENDERLOINS

Men, if it's your turn to put the apron on, this is a good place to start. You can look (and sound) like a culinary star without a lot of work, worry or clean-up. We begin with pork tenderloins which have been trimmed nicely, and then we stuff them with a bread mixture with fancy dried fruit. Not only do these present well, they taste even better! Cooking directions are on the label. Regular \$9.95/lb

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T - STUFFED TILAPIA

Rather than just plain old fillets, you can impress with these. The fillets are rolled up lengthwise with a stuffing of seasoned bread, zest of lemon, sweet onion, sea salt and pepper. These will also be available au naturel. Foolproof cooking instructions will also be on hand. Reg. \$9.95/lb

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FRESH LOCAL ASPARAGUS

The local product is now in...it's a great time of the year!

BRATWURST SAUSAGE

These are a coarser fresh pork sausage spiced-up in the German style.. and for the moisture component, we use beer. These can be parboiled a bit (not boiled, but simmered) and then finished on the grill or grill pan, or even eaten just when they come out of the pot; something that I do when we're cooking up a bunch of these. Any way at all, I'm sure that you'll like these a lot. Reg. \$4.99/lb

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WHAT'S FOR DINNER?

From our frozen entrée section we'll have our **Chicken Parmesan**. It's made with thin slices of boneless chicken breasts lightly breaded in herb-seasoned crumbs — fried till a golden brown — layered with a light tomato sauce, mozzarella cheese and topped with parmesan cheese. Reg. \$16.95 each

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WHAT'S HAPPENIN' OUTSIDE!

We're really getting rolling now! This week we've got loads of new product for Mother's Day and for your spring planting needs. Beautiful mixed hanging baskets, bacopa, verbena, and dragon wing begonia hanging baskets are all on display. Our first shipment of our ever popular patio planter pots have also arrived. Plenty of 4" pots of flowering annual beauties for your container and bedding plantings, and loads of herbs including our first batches of basil and basil bowls. A new shipment of cast iron urns, containers, tables and rabbits has also arrived.

For Mother's Day we've ordered in lots of our long lasting roses, a beautiful selection of cut flowers, and we've got some fantastic ten plus bloom **Cymbidium Orchid Sprays** that we're going to offer at a special price of \$19.99.

WHAT'S HAPPENIN' INSIDE!

Not only will we have the aforementioned roses, but there will be a plethora of beauty bouquets of either bunches or mixes. Further, we've got some nice chocolate if your mom (or wife) loves things sweet. Also, we've changed around a few items in the store to fill my new seasoning shelf. — And I think that we're now done for space! And speaking of space, our new store is now well under way and is making its way above ground in imposing style. What looks like a giant basement will eventually be home to our now offsite commissary — so everything will be made onsite. I'll keep you all posted.....

BEEF BARLEY SOUP

This is a great soup anytime of the year. I love the heartiness of this soup — it has great flavour, lots of beef (brisket point) and it's filling. Reg. \$6.99

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LEMON CREAM PIE

These are the long-promised pie that I've been pining for ever since our last golf trip to Alabama. We had these in one of those 'Southern B.B.Q. Restaurants' which are unique to the area. This was the overwhelming choice of 8 hungry golfers and it was a total hit. Sooooo.....my patience has been rewarded here, and hopefully you will be as impressed as I. Reg. \$14.95 each

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WHAT'S BAKING! FOR MOTHER'S DAY

This is the time to spoil Mom. Here are the items available in our Bakery Department for Mother's Day. **Muffins:** Mixed Berry Bran, Blueberry Bran, Carrot, Lemon, Orange Raspberry, Chocolate Chunk, Chocolate Raspberry, Peach Custard, Flax. **Scones:** Mixed Berry, Blueberry, Cheese, Lemon Curd. **Crème Brûlée:** Vanilla, White Chocolate Raspberry. **Cakes:** Strawberry Shortcake, Chocolate Ganache, Black Forest, Chocolate Raspberry Heart, White Cake, Chocolate Raspberry Bundt. **Cheesecakes:** Chocolate, Lemon, Strawberry, Mini Cheesecakes. **Pies:** Lemon Cream, Chocolate Cream. **Mousse Cakes:** Black & White, Chocolate Raspberry. **Jelly Rolls:** Mixed Berry. **Heart Cookies,** small & large. **Flourless Options:** Grand Marnier Truffle Flan, Chocolate Flourless Cake. Also **Meringue Daisies, Pavlova, Tarts, Fruit Pie.**

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