

**COMING UP:** Christian school moving to Springvale this fall

# Juno winners sing reggae, jazz

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The soulful sounds of reggae, calypso, ska and jazz can be heard tomorrow night when the Toronto Mass Choir performs at Springvale Baptist Church.

The concert is a fundraiser for the Stouffville Christian School.

"I've heard them a couple of times," said school principal Jake Vriend. "They're a dynamite group."

The not-for-profit 30-strong singers and four-piece band have travelled around the world and garnered numerous awards, including the Covenant 2006 award for traditional gospel album of the year for *The Live Experience* CD.

Other accolades include a Juno award for contemporary Christian/gospel album of the year (2003), a Vibe award for contemporary urban gospel album of the year (2003) and the Maja award for gospel choir of the year (2003).

The choir, with members from various churches and denominations, is directed by Karen Burke, a graduate of the Royal Conservatory of Music and a professor of music at York University.

Money raised will help pay for the private school's budget and its move from EastRidge Evangelical Missionary Church to Springvale this fall.

"Our tuition doesn't help cover all of our costs," Mr. Vriend said. "Anything extra will go towards the build-out at Springvale."

Three years ago, the school moved from Altona, just east of Whitchurch-Stouffville to EastRidge.

"(We've) had a wonderful stay here, they've been great to us. But the intent was always to move to a bigger location," Mr. Vriend said of the school's 106 students in junior kindergarten to Grade 8.

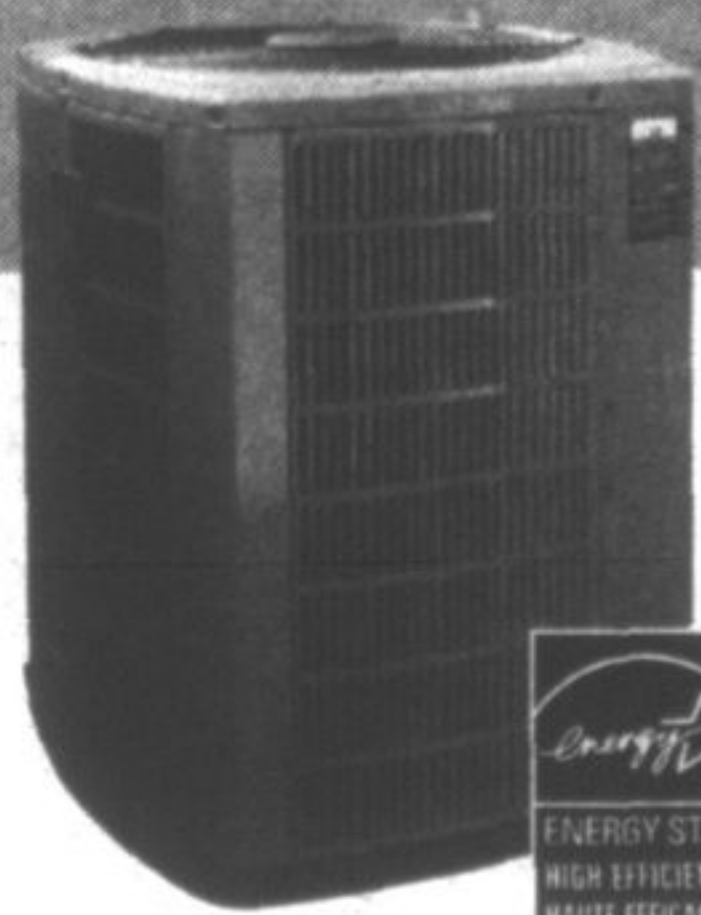
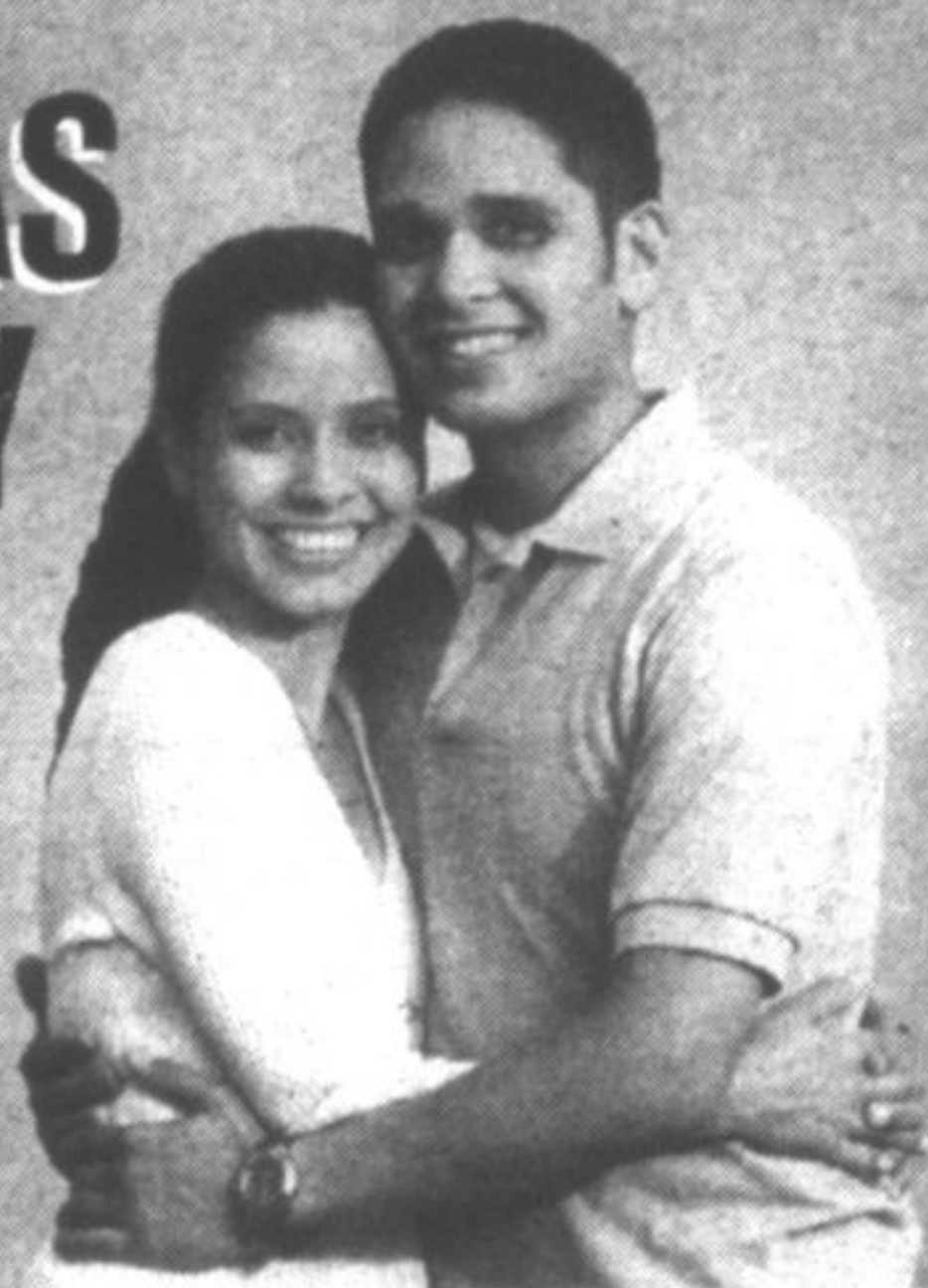
Tickets are \$20 each and available by calling the school at 905-640-3297.

The show starts at 7 p.m. at Springvale Baptist, 3885 Stouffville Rd. Dessert will be served.



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## WILLOWGROVE'S 2ND FAMILY DAY A HUGE SUCCESS!

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the staff at Willowgrove, I would like to thank all those who came out to enjoy our 2nd Annual Free Family Day Event. The beautiful sunny cool winter day drew approximately 900 to 1200 people to our charming 100 acre site on McCowan Road to enjoy a variety of winter activities such as snowshoeing, sledding and birdhouse building.

I wish to thank the staff and volunteers who worked so hard to make this day a success. Volunteers from all of our program areas such as Glenbrook Day Camp, Willowgrove Primary School, Fraser Lake Camp and Willowgrove Outdoor Education Centre worked hand in hand with members of our community to bring this day of Free Activities to our greater community.

There are numerous community partners who made this a success and I wish to acknowledge them as well. The **Stouffville Sun-Tribune** was our Media Sponsor. **Schell Lumber** who prepared and donated 200 birdhouse kits to be built. **Leadbetter Meats** who provided us with the equipment to prepare the food. **Altmann Country Market** who topped up our barns with animals. **Rocks and Rings** who provided the Kurling equipment and staff.

Participants travelled the site with passports in hand collecting stamps along the way. Submitted passports were eligible for 3 awesome prizes. The winners were:

- Ngai Family** – 1 Free Week at Glenbrook Day Camp
- Hughsam Family** – Glenbrook Prize Pack
- Sharma Family** – Class Trip to Willowgrove Outdoor Education Centre

Once again, a hearty word of thanks and appreciation to everyone who made the day a success.

Our next big event will be our Golf Tournament happening on Saturday, June 5th at Angus Glen @ 1:30 pm. For reservations please contact us at [info@willowgrove.ca](mailto:info@willowgrove.ca) or 905-640-2127 or download the registration form at [www.willowgrove.ca](http://www.willowgrove.ca).

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