

First-time effort sounds great to recording engineer

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Danny Cherkas loves music. He plays guitar and played drums and saxophone at Stouffville District Secondary School. He studied piano and music theory from ages eight to 18 under Teresa Kusatz of Stouffville.

MUSIC LOVER

Loved everything about music — except playing in front of others. "Horrible stage fright left me with no desire to ever want to pursue being a professional musician," he said.

He was studying aerospace engineering at Ryerson University

when his passion called.

"I discovered that a job existed called audio engineering," he said, "where you can make a living working with sound and music behind the scenes. Recording and mixing bands in studio and working in the sound department in film and television. That's when I dropped everything and never looked back."

He first worked as an intern for former Stouffville-area resident Jack Lenz at Lenz Entertainment where he met a singer from British Columbia, Jodi Pederson.

She's back in B.C. now and Cherkas is a mixing engineer at Theatre D Digital in Toronto.

But they've hooked up on a recording project that's paying dividends already — with more on the line.

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Pederson was selected from 250 applicants in the top 12 for the BC PEAK Performance Project.

"Self declared arguably the best day of her life," Cherkas said.

"It still hasn't sunk in for me

yet. ... The first song I co-produced with an artist was not only going to be played on the radio for everyone to hear, but recognized and noticed as something special by the top professionals in the industry. It was so surreal hearing them introduce her song on the radio for the first time."

What made the experience even more amazing, was hearing it in the same sequence as The Black Keys, The Lumineers, Kongos, U2 and Weezer, he said.

Part of the selection process includes online voting from Oct. 17 to 24.

"... It would be great for Stouffville to let everybody out

west know how much of a role they did play in this and vote for Jodi Pederson, as much as possible and show us your support," he said.

'SHOW SUPPORT'

The top three artists will be announced Nov. 3. On Nov. 20 they perform in a finale showcase, at the end of which the winner will be announced.

The first place artist earns \$102,700.

For more information, go to <http://bc.peakperformanceproject.com/information> and www.facebook.com/jodipederson?fref=nf

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Sunday Service at 10:00 am

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19 Civic Avenue, Stouffville

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905.640.3151
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Service of Thanksgiving
Donations to W-S Food Bank
10 a.m.

Friday, October 17
Pot-luck supper.
Guest speaker – former pastor
Rev. Herb Gale
6:00 p.m.

Saturday, October 25
Annual fall bazaar
and men's pie auction
in Morris Hall
9:30 a.m. to 12 noon

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8:00am & 10:00am Eucharist
Nursery & Church School
at 10:00am

Tuesday, October 14th
Family Drop-In 7:00pm

Wednesday, October 15th
Badminton 8:00pm

Friday, October 17th
Floor Hockey 7:30pm

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Rev. Peter Pallant

Sunday, October 12th
9:30 am - Sunday School
11:00 am - Worship Service
6:30 pm - Evening Service
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Chinese/English/Children Service
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@ Oscar Peterson Public School
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Sunday, October 12
10:30 am Worship Service
Thanksgiving Celebration

Message:
God's Unfinished Work

All children welcome. Children Worship for all ages.

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