Bob and Bea meet the stars at Hawk concert

Special to Stouffville This Month

Local rock and radio legend Bob Segarini and his wife, Bea Lembo, were among the lucky guests invited to attend the Ronnie Hawkins' tribute concert Oct. 4 at Massey Hall. Below are their reflections on an unforgettable evening.

We are invited guests for the Ronnie Hawkins' tribute and arrive at Massey Hall hoping no one forgot to put our name on the list.

The evening begins in the Green Room. Bob and I have our picture taken with Kris Kristofferson and Kelly (ex-Crowbar band

twinkling lights."

Meeting the 'Royals'

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you did that,' and I said, 'Thank you, Ma'am'. We were told

to keep eye contact with her all the time and your eyes

were drawn to her tiara which was just stunning, a mass of

train trip to celebrate the broadcaster's 50th Anniversary,

and was thrilled to be invited to attend the Golden

Jubilee Gala at Roy Thomson Hall following the royal visit

to the CBC. "I was in the middle of the trip when one of

the chief organizers asked if I would like to attend the gala

as a guest of Prime Minister Chretien. I'm still on a high."

Mr. Harris also participated in this fall's cross-Canada

member) among others. I hand Kris Bob's latest CD, The Anger Brothers, for his ride home. Then all hell breaks loose; Lou Gossett Ir. is in the building.

Hours go by. I have conversations with Louie Jannetta, who was maitre d' at the Imperial Room for 40 years and David Foster's ex-wife, who invited us to her home in B.C. I see Peter Pocklington fly by, chat with Michael Burgess of Phantom fame, and notice Levon Helm twirling his drum sticks. Now on stage are the Tragically Hip. Lou Gossett Jr. finally comes out of the dressing room, and is a foot away from me. I am rooted

to the floor.

I stupidly say, "I love all your movies" while shaking his hand, then boldly ask, "How come you are here tonight?". "Because of Kris", he replies. I finally let go of his hand. There is not one photographer in sight. For the grand finale we stand backstage and see history being made.

The concert is over and we go to the after party, stay maybe half an hour and meet more people Bob has not seen in years and I have never seen. Finally my feet scream that it's time to go.

In all these years of attending various musical benefits and concerts, this was the best!

Bea Lembo

'Tis true, I could have supplied some Wry bread...cheese was wonderfully absent from the proceedings and a good thing that, there was enough cholesterol on stage as it was.

At the end of the show, Bea and I were standing on stage right, enjoying the mob attack on one of

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Hanging out with the Hawk

Segarini and Beatrice Lembo hang out backstage with Ronnie 'the Hawk' Hawkins and Kris Kristofferson at the Ronnie Hawkins Tribute Concert which took place Oct. 4 at Massey Hall.





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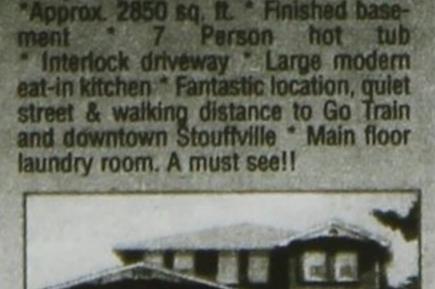
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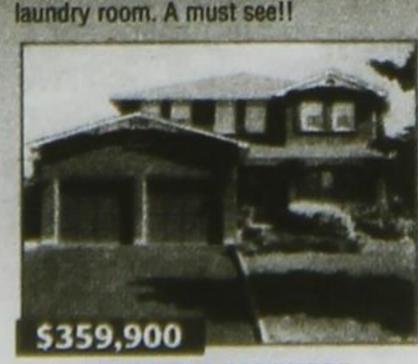
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