

Making A Splash At Nineteen On The Park

Canadian Children's Music Group of the Year to perform in Stouffville

Canadian duo Splash'N Boots will bring their high-energy musical extravaganza to Nineteen on the Park on Feb. 5 at 2 p.m.

Hailed as the "the U2 of children's music," "the Canadian Wiggles" and "a cross between the Barenaked Ladies and Raffi," Taes Leavitt and Nick Adams have garnered awards for each of their albums and have been named Canadian Children's Music Group of the Year. Splash'N Boots evolved from a 2004 Queen's University class project, explained Nick.

"We were first hired one summer to do children's theatre in the park at Queen's and we started writing songs together. We didn't really know what we were doing. We had so much fun, but we didn't imagine we could do this full time." Seven years later, they have performed in the Middle East, Australia, Bermuda, Nunavut and Europe, and recently toured 11 cities with Treehouse TV LIVE for the Roll Play Live Animal Party tour.

With five CDs and two full-length DVDs under their belts, as well as more than 1,000 international festival and theatre gigs, the young husband and wife are going from strength to strength, gaining fans of all ages wherever they perform.

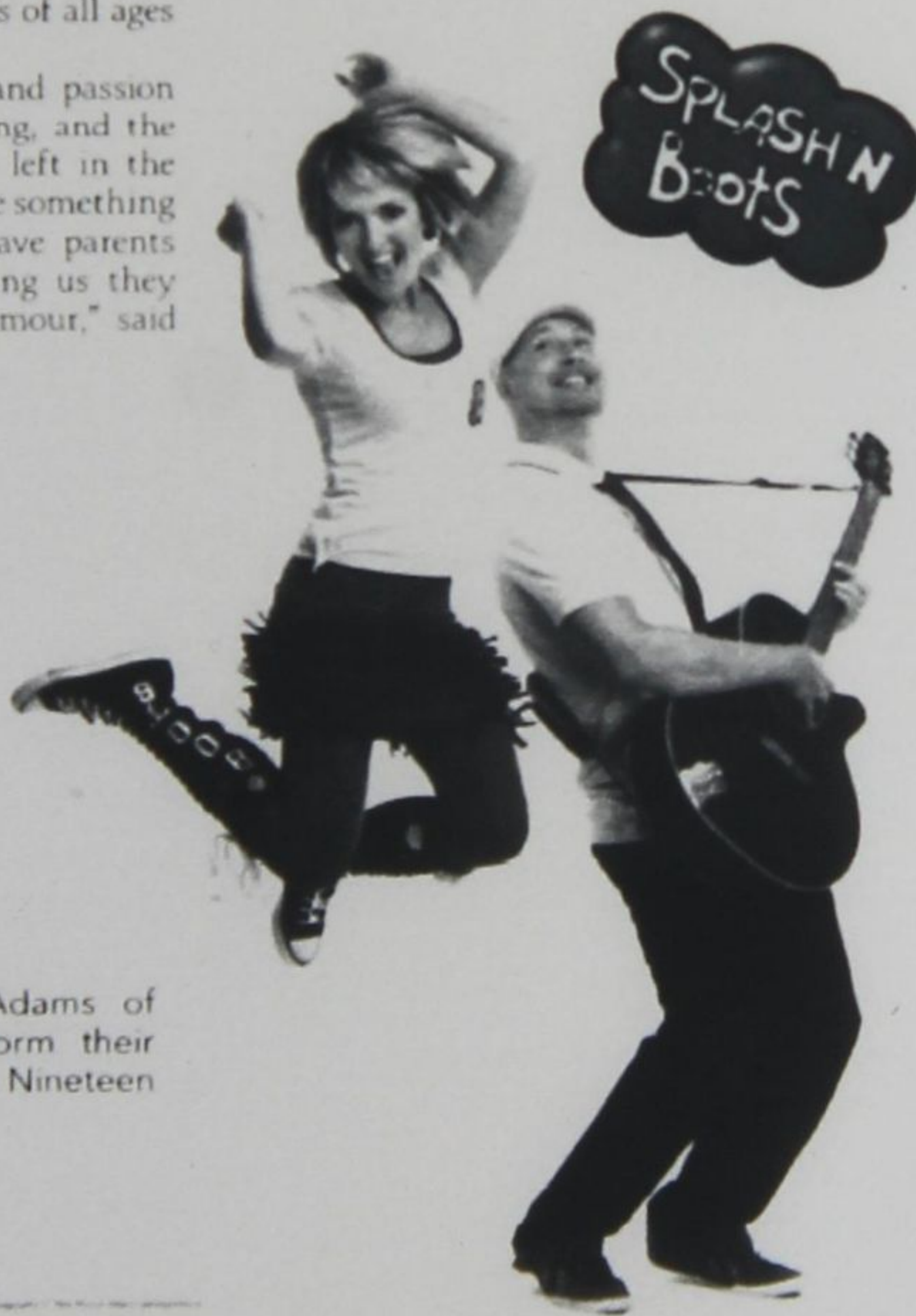
Taes and Nick's enthusiasm and passion for music and kids is outstanding, and the best part is that adults are not left in the dark - the show always has a little something for the parents as well. "We have parents coming up after the show telling us they appreciate the other level of humour," said

Nick. "We want parents and kids to have a chance to share the same entertainment, not just entertain the kids while the adults have a nap."

Both were raised in musical families, said Nick. "I grew up in a family that played guitars and pianos and we'd get together and have a big jam." Taes, on the other hand, grew-up studying classical piano. Nick cites Fred Penner and Sharon, Lois and Bram as influences, and his taste in music reflects his Canadian roots. "I'm a big fan of Great Big Sea and Bare Naked Ladies."

Splash'N Boots are the official performers of Sick Kids Hospital Foundation. Via live, onsite Kitchen Jams, they compose songs by request from patients, which are then simulcast on the in-house television system. One dollar from each sale of their new CD will go to support Sick Kids Hospital.

Tickets for their Stouffville show are available online at nineteenonthepark.ca or by calling the box office at 905-640-2322.



Taes Leavitt and Nick Adams of Splash'N Boots will perform their high-energy music show at Nineteen on the Park on Feb. 5

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