

Stouffville dancers to perform in *Nutcracker*

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Stouffville residents Hayley Mangotich and Kelly Thompson will perform in the National Ballet of Canada's 2007 production of *The Nutcracker*.

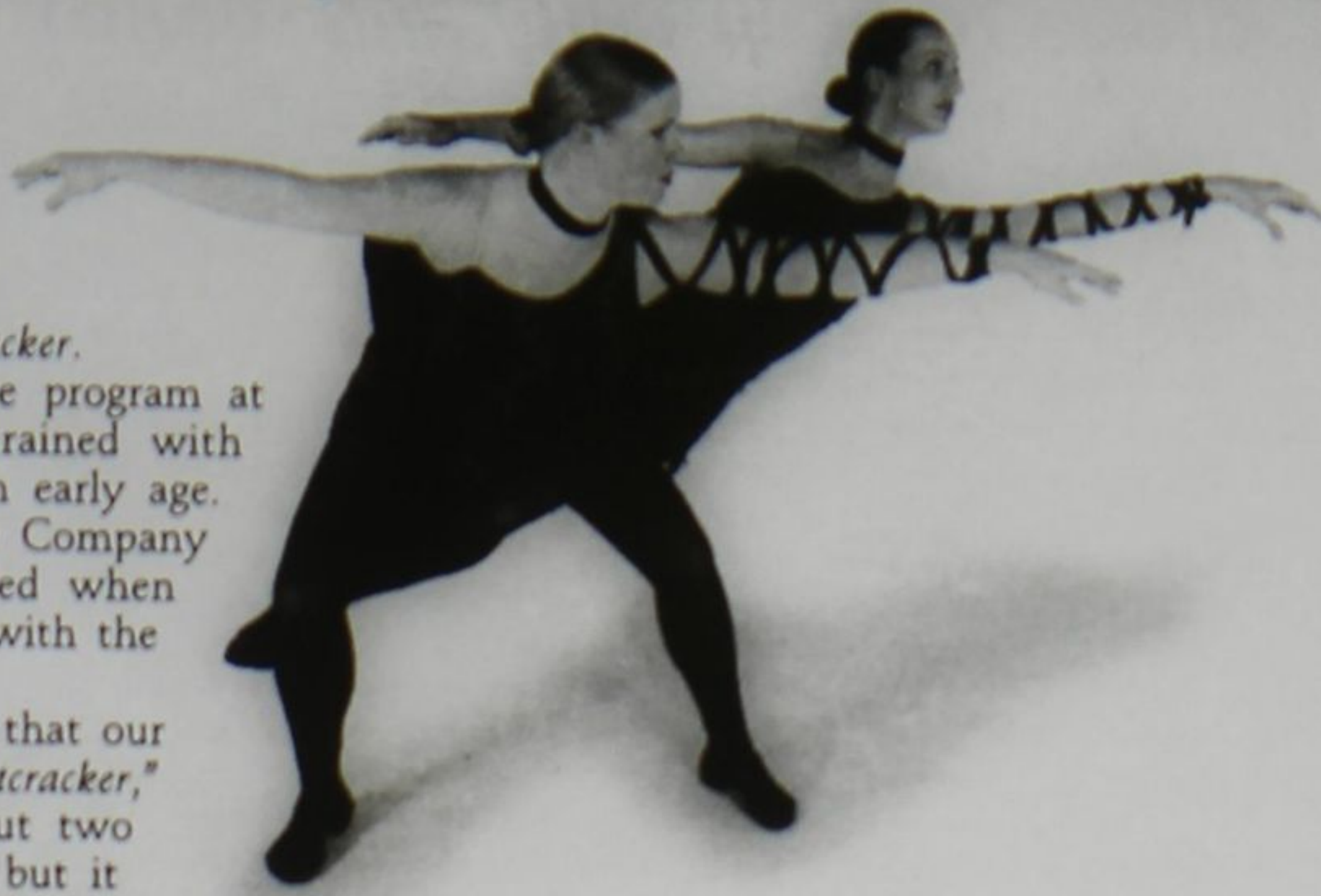
Hayley and Kelly attend the dance program at Unionville High School and have trained with Newman Concepts in Dance from an early age. They joined the studio's Competitive Company at the age of eight and were excited when the opportunity came up to perform with the National Ballet.

"Our teachers at Unionville told us that our school was invited to audition for *The Nutcracker*," said Hayley. "We were there for about two hours, and it was a bit scary at first but it wasn't so bad once you started." Being selected for the production means the 15-year-olds can look forward to a busy fall and winter.

"We have rehearsals every Sunday until December and I think the shows start at the beginning of December and go through the whole month," said Kelly who, like Hayley, would love to dance on Broadway and with the Rockettes. "It's pretty difficult to break in, but there is a summer camp. You go for three summers and then you can audition."

Over the past few years, the two girls have performed at many local events including the Festival of Lights, the Santa Claus Parade and the Strawberry Festival. They have also danced for various seniors' homes and at Eastern Gate's community centre.

Last year, Lauren Eichmeier, another student with Newman Concepts in Dance, was accepted into the National Ballet School and also performed in *The Nutcracker*. This year's production runs Dec. 8 to 30 at the Four Seasons Centre for the Performing Arts in Toronto.



Hayley Mangotich and Kelly Thompson hone their skills at Stouffville's Newman Concepts in Dance. The two dancers will appear in the National Ballet's 2007 production of *The Nutcracker* in December.

A VISION FOR THE FUTURE

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Imagine what it would be like to put food in your mouth that you couldn't see.

Christian Blind Mission International hosted a media lunch at Crossroads to mark World Vision Day on Oct. 11. Instead of simply presenting statistics, the organizers decided to demonstrate the difficulty of functioning in everyday life without the benefit of sight.

Everyone was asked to don a mask before tucking into soup, salad and wraps. Eating blindfold is incredibly disorienting, and not just because you automatically rely on your sight to locate your cutlery and select what you eat. Being unable to see your companions affects communication and makes you feel isolated. You can't read facial expressions or 'fill in' words you may not hear by watching a person's lips.

First Local news anchor Fil Martino, a long-time supporter of CBMI who was a special guest at the lunch, is holding a gala fundraiser on Nov. 9 in Woodbridge to help build a rehabilitation hospital in Uganda. For tickets and information, or to make a donation, call Fil at 905-780-7126.

CBMI is the driving force behind Vision 2020, a coalition of international groups who have banded together with the World Health Organization to work towards the eradication of 80 per cent of cases of preventable blindness by 2020. To learn more about what you can do to help, visit cbmi-can.org or call 905-640-6466.

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STOUFFVILLE SONGWRITER RELEASES NEW CD

Bryan Moyer Suderman will officially launch his new CD at Parkview Village auditorium Nov. 3.

"Jesus had a lot to say about money, but the songs we sing rarely do." That's the message from Stouffville singer/songwriter Bryan Moyer Suderman on his upcoming CD, *My Money Talks: songs for worship*.

The CD offers a collection of new and original songs that are deeply scriptural, intensely personal, musically memorable and readily singable. Musical styles range from guitar-based folk, hymnic and southern gospel harmonies to contemplative piano arrangements, "praise and worship" rock, and forays into world music with multi-layered African percussion on one track and infectious Latin rhythms on another.

Bryan and his band will perform songs from the new CD at a release concert hosted by Community Mennonite Church at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 3 at Parkview

Village Auditorium, 12184 Ninth Line. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. For more information visit www.smalltallmusic.com.

My Money Talks: songs for worship, Bryan's third release on his independent SmallTall Music label, is distributed throughout North America by Herald Press and is also available at the Care and Share Thrift Store and For the Love of Jo coffee shop on Main Street. An accompanying songbook with music notation and piano arrangements will be available early in 2008.

Fifty per cent of the profits from sales of the CD and songbook will be donated to the Mennonite Foundation of Canada for its ongoing work of stewardship education, and to the Global Church Sharing Fund of the Mennonite World Conference.