

DCAT Hall Of Fame 2009

Induction of Orton Beaumont

by Dave Cameron



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It is certainly an honour to introduce Orton Beaumont into the DCAT Hall of Fame.

Ort started in Drum Corps, at Western Technical/Commercial School in the school cadet band. From there he moved on to play with the Leaside Lions Jungle Kings. After leaving the ranks of Junior Drum Corps, Orton joined Canada's Marching Ambassadors and marched with them until he was transferred to Montreal while working at Xerox.

While playing with the Ambassadors, Ort competed in the Canadian Individual Championships and won the Canadian Championship for Rudimental Bass Drumming. At that time, he also instructed and arranged drumming parts for York Lions Junior Drum Corps.

Always one to be involved, Ort was also on the Board of Directors with the Ambassadors for several years.

After being away from Drum Corps for a number of years, Ort attended the Initial Start-Up meeting of DCAT which was held at the Moose Hall in 1994.

He sang in the chorus for awhile - however once again, Ort got involved and was President of DCAT for 5 years. He sat on the DCAT Board as Past President for 4 more years. He was Chairman of GAS '99 at the same time that he was President and everyone knows how successful GAS '99 was - we "took it up a notch".

Not one to sit back, Ort chaired the Committee that prepared the Trillium Grant Submission. The countless hours of preparation are evident when you look at all the documentation along with the history of DCAT and our purpose.

When DCAT hosted Gas 2008, Ort was the Stage Director for all of the stage activities for the weekend.

He has also served as President of Toronto Signals, is currently on the Executive of the Xerox Retirees, instructs Toronto Signals drum line, and sings and plays drums with DCAT.

Ort is truly an individual who gets things done - he does not hesitate to volunteer or let others do the job and his professionalism is astounding! If you ever sit on a committee with him, you are amazed at his organizational skills - he is truly a diplomat in dealing with problems that arise and negotiating with people. He gets involved to help "Make It Better" and DCAT is indeed very fortunate to have him as a member.

Ladies and Gentlemen, please welcome my friend, DCAT Hall of Famer, Orton Beaumont!
