



# The DCAT Purr-spective

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DCAT is an organization dedicated to the preservation and joy of Drum & Bugle Corps camaraderie, bringing together past members, relatives, friends and associates in a social environment for the purpose of companionship and musical activities.

## Happy Holiday Season

### *DCAT's Annual Christmas Concert*

DCAT's Annual Christmas Concert held on Sunday, November 29 at the Thornhill Golf and Country Club was truly a wonderful day. Thanks to D. W. Cameron Associates for once again sponsoring this event (*Dave Cameron is a member of the chorus, he's the tall one in the middle*). The Golf & Country Club is a beautiful setting for a Christmas concert. In past years the large picture window behind the chorus provided a vista of snow covered fairways. This year we had golfers, yup... still playing golf at the end of November. There was a full house to help the chorus kick off the festive season. In the front row of the audience were the happy shining faces of Barb and Jim Jennings grandchildren watching their grandma and grandpa sing and dance. The chorus unveiled some new music as well as sang last years show plus four christmas carols that Ted arranged for the chorus.

The chorus received a rousing standing ovation after our finale "Lord of the Dance" with its expanded dance sequence. The dancers were saying afterwards that perhaps we sang it a little to fast... pant, pant.

A friend of mine attended the concert not having seen the chorus before. He slipped me a note after the concert that read: Dave; In the insurance business DCAT stands for "Dynamic Capital Adequacy Testing". Your performance was Dynamic, Capital and way better than adequate.

This concert is definitely one of the highlights of the year.

*The DCAT Halloween party held on Saturday, October 31st* was a huge success. The costumes were outstanding (back page). There were some interesting draw prizes. Where else could you win a kitchen faucet? There was the wonderful pot luck buffet and music supplied by DJ Dave. Our social committee did a excellent job and deserve a pat on there collective backs.

## **This was a Dark Ride - Halloween '98**

*Spooky it was... and funny and weird  
The night of the dead or so it appeared  
But no, it was Jim with his child in a jar  
The judges voted him the scariest by far*

*Merlin and Witch were casting a spell  
Trying to send the monsters to hell  
Try as they might it was all in vain  
Somethings are just too horrible to explain*

*Batman and Batgirl both came to this place  
She flipped up her skirt to show "Happy Face"  
Right along with them was "Boy will be Girl"  
Wilma and Fed and the kid with the curl*

*There was Mickey & Minnie looking cute as can be  
Minnie has grown since last seen on T.V.  
Taller than Mickie with mustache and stubble  
Doing his best to stay out of trouble*

*Elegant Ellie disguised as a clown  
With red nose and hooter she brought the house down  
Rhinestone Cowgirl all shiny and bright  
With trinkets and earrings it had to be Ann White*

*Ordy with teats was udderly bovine  
Able to serve up to four at a time  
It was obvious there was just something about him  
Wherever he went there were four at the fountain*

*There were big round candies with M's on each side  
Don & Marg were the people inside  
Melt in your mouth and not on your hands  
The suits were so stiff they were having to stand*

*Everyone there was suitably dressed  
Parading past judges all trying to impress  
But no, they picked Jimmy who'd make your hair curl  
Mickey & Minnie and 'Boy will be Girl'*

## **DCAT's Annual General Meeting and Election**

Held at our rehearsal hall 55 Barber Greene Road, North York on September 23, 1998.

Elections for the Executive Committee were held, the results are as follows:

President - Orton Beaumont (*second year of a two year term*), Vice President - Don Gill (*one year term*), Secretary - Marg Gill (*second year of a two year term*), Treasurer - Paul Kelly (*one year term*), Business Manager - John Fox (*one year term*), Publicist/historian - Dave Cook (*one year term*).

- A list of proposed new names for the DCAT chorus were presented and a vote was taken. The chorus will continue to be called the 'DCAT Chorus'.

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## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**    *Summary of our 1998 fiscal year*

We created a DCAT flag. The DCAT flag, both National Colours, flag poles, emblems and holsters were all donated by June Beaumont. We now have a new uniform, we do look spiffy and I honestly believe we sing better when we are dressed up and feeling proud - many thanks to the Uniform Committee. Our finances are back in order thanks to Paul Kelly and Tony Casciato. With improved controls and fund raising and pay events DCAT has been able to share some of the costs of the uniforms and accessories with the membership. We now have a Web Site thanks to Dave Cook, check it out when you have a chance.

We have been busy with 23 events during this year, thanks to our Business Manager, John Fox, our Social Committee and you the members who have organized events for us.

Let's take a minute to thank each other. We have such a powerful family like organization. Throughout the year many people have assisted the organization in donating funds from their own personal fund raising projects, providing snacks for our rehearsals, donating uniform accessories, donating funds anonymously, organizing events for us to have fun at there expense, looking after canteen and draws, moving our equipment around and of course erecting and dismantling our banner. We truly have something unique.

We said the bar would go up in '98. With the show we did in New York and Roy Thompson Hall I think we exceeded our goal with the hard work of all of you, our Musical Directors and the outstanding arrangements of Ted Key. But like all things the bar goes up another notch as plans unfold for our new show and the many features added to close the millennium. To quote a prominent person in Drum Corps 'you are not just a GAS chorus you are now full feature entertainment'. How true it is.

Gas '99 is drawing near and your Project Leader, and Venue Chairpeople are working very, very, hard to make this event a class act never to be forgotten.

In closing I would like to thank the Executive Committee for their hard work and support, our Musical Directors for the wonderful scores we sing and their efforts to get us prepared for our performances, and certainly all of you who volunteer your time and skills to make DCAT a wonderful, friendly and growing organization that we share together.

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## **Pot Pourri...**

Gord Irvine (*a.k.a. Swampy & Supergroupie*) and his wife Joyce celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary on November 16, 1998. Among the assembled guests were Jim Bartholomew and Jim & Joan Tufts.

The chorus looks forward to the return of Lynn Connell after a lengthy absence do to illness. Your spot is waiting for, you whenever you are ready.

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**MEMBERSHIP DUES** - *The cost of membership remains the same as last year. Full chorus membership is \$60 if paid by December 31st or \$65 after December 31st. Associate membership is \$40 for a 1 year period from time of joining.*

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **Monday, December 7, 1998** - *Ramses Shrine Temple Christmas Concert, Port Credit Yacht Club.*
- **Wednesday, December 16, 1998** - *Social Gathering (a.k.a. party) on the last rehearsal night before Christmas. Friends and family welcome.*
- **April 17, 1999** - *Emerald Knights Fundraiser, Mississauga Living Arts Centre.*
- **FRIDAY, APRIL 30 TO MAY 2, 1999** - **GAS '99**

# Halloween 1998



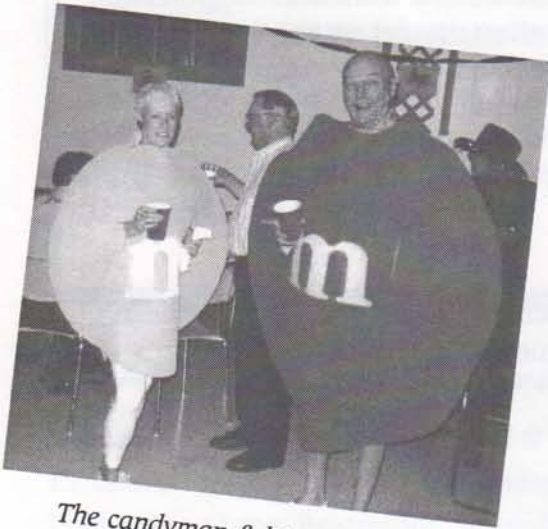
We got... personality, personality



Super Heros and... half monster guy



Hi sailor, new in town?



The candyman & his sweetie



The scariest of all



Wizard & Witch



The Town Crier & a Guy with a Bell



Mickey & Minnie



A costume with appeal



Aloha oy!

Season's Greeting to all  
from Dave & Karen