



'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 New Year! It was another great year for DCAT and the chorus. It was filled with many chorus highlights and fun times. I'm sure that this year will be equally as enjoyable.

Sunday rehearsals (or egg salad festivals as they have come to be known) have begun. Love those sandwiches and goodies, but we need a longer break to avoid the feeding frenzie.

Now, a word about the DCAT Choruses new show... WOW! That's all I'm going to say. I'd like to tell you more but, nope, can't do it. Ted Key has presented the chorus with a very challenging show and everyone is working very, very hard to pull it off. I am sure it will be as exciting to watch as it is to perform. (Lois Nicholls literally gave new meaning to the phrase 'working your butt into the ground') Some non-chorus members and friends had a sneak preview of our show at the Christmas Concert, but you aint seen nothin' yet.

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Christmas Social Wednesday, December 17, 1997

Our last rehearsal (party) before Christmas was a joyous affair with many friends and relatives joining in the festivities. The Xmas Yule Log Raffle was once again a fund raising success. The winners were Troy Douthwright, Steve Elphink and Peter Mason. Thanks to John & Dolly Fox and Jim & Barb Jennings for organizing and running this event and to all those who contributed the wonderful spread of food.

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C.A.D.R.E. Drum Club Gathering, Saturday, February 7, 1998 - Hamilton Ontario.

C.A.D.R.E. (Canadian Associates for Drumming Rudimental Excellence) is the umbrella group for all of the "Heritage Hands" drum clubs. Fred Johnson and Paul Moseley are the driving force of C.A.D.R.E. The three drum clubs H. H. Ottawa, H. H. Hamilton and H. H. Toronto met at the Hamilton Firefighters Drum Corps banquet facility. Try to imagine 42 drummers in the same room at the same time. It was a blast. There were 6 drummers from DCAT Paul Kelly, Dave Cook, Ordy Beaumont, Gerrie Leebody, Tom Mellors, and Allan Andersen.

The Firefighters auxiliary put on a spread for dinner. After the dinner and socializing some people got there sticks out again. We sensible ones (*sensible drummer is an oxymoron*) decided it was time to pack it in. The ones that stayed ended up looking like Fred Johnson did at DCAT rehearsal the next morning.

If you want more information about C.A.D.R.E or Heritage Hands Toronto contact Paul Kelly at 905-472-2043.

Rehearsal Schedule: Every Wednesday (7:00 pm - 10 pm) plus Sunday February 22nd, Sunday March 8th, Sunday March 22nd and every Sunday thereafter up to G.A.S. Sunday rehearsals start at 11 am and go until 2 pm unless changed by Ted Key.



JOE MCNAUGHT.... Princemen

I'm saddened to announce the passing of Joe McNaught. Joe was the congenial musical instructor, director and arranger for the Princemen Chorus. He also served as musical director and instructor for the Reveries of Revere Drum Corps. He was inducted into both the World and Massachusetts Drum Corps Hall of Fame. As if that wasn't enough, he was the leader of the Joe McNaught Ballroom Orchestra.

Joe always offered encouragement to the DCAT Chorus and made us feel welcome. Our condolences to his family. He will be missed.

Joe was truly one of the "STOUT HEARTED MEN"

DCAT BUSINESS

MEMBERSHIP - Full chorus membership is \$65.00. Associate membership is \$40.00 for a one year period from time of joining.

DCAT SOUVENIR ITEMS - DCAT pins sell for \$5.00, chorus tapes sell for \$7.00 for members, \$10.00 for non-members. There are still tapes available of last year's G.A.S. performances of all choruses, a two tape set selling for \$25.00. There are also chorus photographs at \$7.00. Reta Morrison looks after the sale of these items.

SUMMER & WINTER JACKETS - If you have ordered either of the jackets they will arrive in late February.

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES

April 22nd (Wednesday)... Thornhill Golf and Country Club. We are performing at the annual business women's banquet. This is a regular rehearsal night and we have a hall to rehearse in before and after the performance. Plan to be there at 7:30 p.m. This will be an excellent tune-up the week before G.A.S.

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G.A.S. '98 New York May 1st, 2nd & 3rd...

Now for the latest information. The DCAT chorus will perform on Saturday night, opening the show. We are booked into the Prince Hotel in Saddlebrook N. J. This is about 1 mile from the G.A.S. venue and about a 20 minute drive to Manhattan. G.A.S. 98 is being held at Schuetzen Park, (main ballroom) at the Kennedy Center in North Bergen N.J. This is the agenda as it stands at this point. The bus will leave Toronto Thursday, April 30 about 6:00 a.m., arriving in Saddlebrook about 5:00 p.m. There may be a rehearsal Thursday evening depending on Ted. We have a "gig" with the Princemen on Friday at the South Street Sea Port from noon till 1:00 p.m. The Friday evening gathering bash starts at 8:00 p.m. and goes till 12:00 p.m. If there is a parade, it will start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday morning followed by the individuals presentations. There will be a tour at the same time as the individuals for anyone wishing to see the city. The Saturday evening banquet & chorus performances start at 7:00 p.m. The bus will return to Toronto after breakfast on Sunday morning.

Anyone interested in flying to New York should talk to Paul Kelly at rehearsal or call him at (905-472-0854). Paul is trying to get the best price he can, based on a group so it's important that he knows who is interested in flying.

Half the payment (\$160.00) is due by the middle of March.

The cut off for signing up for the G.A.S trip is February 22nd. We have to forward a list of names to Skyliners for name tags etc. Let Tony Casciato (905-836-8310) know if your spouse or a friend is going, all must be associate members of DCAT. Please note lists on the bulletin board; please identify whether you are going by bus, plane (mark flight arrival and departure times) or driving. For room assignments please indicate who you are sharing with and if you require smoking or non-smoking.

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June 8th (Monday)... Concert at the Catholic Womens League Banquet in the main ballroom in the Old Skyline Hotel.

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July 3rd & 4th (Friday and Saturday)... *Tentative gig at Andover N.Y.* This is a parade and concert. We would leave on Friday and return on Saturday after the show. More details as they become available.

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July 11th, (Saturday)... *Orillia Weekend.* The annual trek north to partake of the hospitality of the Fox's for a barbeque. Oh ya, there are also 2 performances at seniors homes and our annual invasion of the legion (put the darts down and listen up!).

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July 17th & 18 (Friday & Saturday)... Orillia Scottish Festival. This is tentative, details to follow. *There are other dates still under negotiation including our own Spring Show!*

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GAS '99 UPDATE

We need everyone's help! If you don't come out regularly and want to get involved please call me (Dave Cook 416-757-2043).

Dave Cook & Karen Kerr are co-ordinating the events committee. The committee is already hard at work planning the events; Friday evening gathering, the Saturday daytime events, City Tour, the Saturday evening Banquet and the Sunday morning breakfast. There is a hellava lot of work to do, so please indicate your willingness to help.

Gord Moffatt is responsible for logistics; accommodation, travel, customs, maps, guides.

Paul Kelly is responsible for finance.

Tony Casciato is responsible for registration.

Don Gill is responsible for print/media; program, advertising etc.

Don't forget the Euchre Tournament
Jim Bartholomew and Marilyn Mighton Residence.
Valentines Day - February 14th from 7:30 pm to 12:00 pm
Cost: \$10.00 per person - food supplied - cash bar.

These cartoons are courtesy
of Wendy Arnold.
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