



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.

Check it out! The DCAT web site.
www.interlog.ca/~dcat

It is very much a work in progress. Your comments and suggestions are welcomed. You can reach me (Dave Cook) by e-mail at: www.graphics/harthouse.ca

Chorus Notes

- The chorus has had a very busy summer performing at a number of different events. The turnouts for performances have been excellent.
- We have added some new voices: Frank Parker, Bill Romanik, Teresa Mellors, Betty Jarvis, Drew Kellas and Bernie Thompson... welcome!
- Tom Hamilton moved from the baritone section to the bass section and then back to the baritone section... does that make him bi-sectional?
- So, Joan English is a Agnes Miller wannabe. In her own words "I'm training to be a 'party girl' (*euphemism*) like my buddy Aggie. I'm sure she will succeed, because if she does not succeed, Joan will be eligible for the Bill Clinton "close, but no cigar award".
- It was decided by the executive that the dancers having bought their own tap shoes will not have to pay their dues for 1998/99 and that the ladies having bought skirts for dancing would be given a free pair of pants (*come on, you know I mean trousers*). Conversely, male dancers who wish to wear skirts will be considered.
- Congratulations to Ordy and June Beaumont, proud grandparents of twin boys.

The Jennings Pool Party August 8 The usual (*or unusual*) cast of characters gathered to play water sports, (*floating with devices etc.*), eat, drink and generally entertain themselves and the neighbors. There were a couple of pies in the face (*yes, we can be very mature at times*). Most of us had our desserts without sharing. The weather was perfect, the food was great, Thanks to Jim and Barb hosting this annual fun event.

The Watson's Bobcaygeon B.B.Q. Joe and Ann invited DCAT members and friends to join them at their home in Bobcaygeon. (*DCAT = instant party, just tell us where and when*) They have a lovely home on the river. Ann told us about the night that she and Joe decided to go skinny dipping. They stripped down and ran for the water. The Bobcaygeon Air Force (Mosquito Squadron #1) was waiting for them. Attack, attack... run like hell, swat, swat. Finally after their frolic in the water they could see the squadron waiting on shore for their return trip. *It seemed like a good idea at the time!*

DCAT DOES CITY TV...

DCAT performs live on CITY TV's "Breakfast Television (BTV)"

Friday, August 14th... This was a performance done on very short notice. City TV phoned us one week and we were on the following week. The chorus turnout was impressive considering we had to be at the City TV Studio before 7 a.m. We had 42 singers and did ourselves proud. Our change room was the hallway off the lobby but we're used to that. We were on the show promoting both ourselves and the upcoming "Jubilee Concert Series" at Roy Thompson Hall.

It was surprising how much smaller the lobby (the set) is than it appears on TV. They use a lot of mirrors as can be seen in the photo. It was interesting to see how they put the show together. It is a very casual set but the timing was very tight. The host of "BTV" Ann Rohmer (the heart throb of a few male DCAT members) was very personable. She made some jokes and chatted with members of the chorus on and off camera. A great experience another feather in DCAT's hat. After the show was over, it was off to our day jobs.



DCAT DOES ROY THOMPSON HALL...

The Royal Banks Seniors' Jubilee Concerts.

The DCAT Chorus took a big step forward with our two performances at Roy Thompson Hall. Thanks to Wayne Burnett and Glenda Richards, the creative forces behind the event, for including the DCAT Chorus in this year's show. Our first performance on Tuesday, August 18 was a lobby performance. This gave us the opportunity to do our complete show to a very enthusiastic audience. Our second performance was on Thursday, August 20 in the main auditorium (stage). This was a very long day (hurry up and wait), we had to be there for 9 a.m. to rehearse at 10:30 a.m. and perform at 3:15 p.m. There was a real melange of performers on the dressing room level. There were ballroom dancers practicing their moves (with & without partners), cloggers, tappers, highland dancers, singers and bandsmen. Our 10:30 stage rehearsal was less than stellar, but in true DCAT fashion, when it came time to perform we were there "big time". Our new entrance was very effective and should be used whenever possible. The acoustics on the stage were incredible. You had to be very secure in your own part because there was no sense of group sound. The sound obviously reached the audience and we got a rousing ovation. It takes a lot to rock Terry Nicholls world (Lois is a given). Terry was so excited when we finished our show. He had tears running down his face and he kept saying fantastic, fan-freaking-tastic. Terry, if you hug me once more... We had a lot of great feedback after our performance. Wayne Burnett came down to our dressing rooms after the show to

congratulate us on our performance, he was elated! Two of our members were unable to perform with us at this concert because they have not yet reached that certain level of maturity (not old enough). Wyatt Gill (assistant director) and Sheri Luloff (smile police), were at both chorus performances. Their support was greatly appreciated by the rest of the chorus.



Upcoming Events!

HALLOWE'EN DANCE

Saturday, October 31st, 1998

8:00 pm till 1:00 p.m.

Etobicoke Masonic Temple, 596 Renforth Drive,
Etobicoke, Ontario

\$15.00 per person ■ cash bar

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Tickets available from Jim Jennings (416-621-0769)

- *DCAT Annual Christmas Concert, November 29, Thornhill Golf & Country Club.*
This traditional event is always a full house.
- *Ramses Shrine Temple Christmas Concert, December 7*

Everything I needed to know about life I learned in Parkdale Lions!!



*Lose on the streets of Troy New York in the '50's
"The stud finders" (not the drywall kind)
Agnes Miller, Joan English, and Dianne Yaneff*



Wow! That didn't take long.



That's it for this month. Cheers! Dave Cook (416) 757-2043