



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.

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Where Does the Time go? Goodbye Summer Hello Fall.

The Maestro (Ted Key) has returned from his summer at Dickie Lake. A summer of small engine repair, playing at the local church and throwing wild parties. Ted has returned with the idea of a whole new show for next year which means a winter of hard work for the chorus 'cause the stuff he's writing isn't getting any easier. It also means a lot of extra work for Don Gill who produces the computer version of Ted's hand written sectional scores.

Ted returns to a chorus that is in the best après summer form that it has ever been in thanks to Wyatt Gill (*assistant music director*). Attendance over the summer was good and Wyatt kept the chorus sharp and focused and conducted us through some summer performances. Great job Wyatt.

Over the summer the chorus has grown, things were getting a little tight on the risers. When everybody comes out we have 60 singers. An energetic work party tackled the renovation of the hall. The risers were reconfiguring to accommodate our growing numbers and the hall layout was changed. It looks great thanks to all who helped.

The DCAT Executive Committee has identified the need to purchase a number of items such as keyboards, sound equipment and DCAT wear. The Executive Committee has formed a procurement committee consisting of Gord Irvine and Terry Nicholls. They will be responsible for researching and making recommendations on chorus purchases to the Executive Committee.

I need help! (people have been saying that for ages)

The goal of the newsletter is to be informative and interesting; to do this I need your help. I can't be at all events and write them up. I like would like someone attending an event to volunteer to provide a few paragraphs or at least jot down the highlights. Photographs are important to the newsletter. So, if anyone has photos from an event I would like to borrow them. It would also be great if individuals would contribute articles to the newsletter (i.e., what the chorus means to them, personal anecdotes etc.) Thankyou!

DCAT Annual General Meeting and Election Wed., Oct. 27th at 7:30 p.m.

To be held at our rehearsal hall 55 Barber Greene Road, North York, Ontario. All positions are open for nominations - President, Vice-president, Secretary, Treasurer Business Manager and Publicity. Nominations will be taken from the floor.

Splash-o-rama '99

The Third Annual Jennings' Pool Party (Aug.7th) was a splashing success. Fifty people jockeyed for space to set their lawn chairs. Snacks ranging from "fresh fruit" to "Taco Dips" kept everyone nibbling and shooing wasps who also joined the party. The usual aggressive water volleyball game ensued with major officiating but the dinner bell rang to end the period. Leg tattoo's seemed to be the fashion statement of this year's party and just after dinner an Hawaiian dancer crashed the party with a truck-load of "grass skirts" hell bent on turning the party into a giant luau. At this point the rains came down and everyone retreated inside to play pool and watch DCAT's taped GAS performance. Whatever happened to all those grass skirts?



Our performance at the *Seniors Jubilee at Roy Thompson Hall* was a success and well received. As a result of the performance we have had some people come out to join us.

I understand that the lunch get-together after the performance turned into a typical "DCAT instant party".

I received a letter from John-Paul Warren (*Midlanders 75-78*) in which he offers to organize a van trip to Allentown next year. If anyone is interested give him a call, his phone number is (416) 234-9846,.

16th Annual GAS 2000 - King of Prussia Pennsylvania

May 5th, 6th & 7th. All events will be held at the Valley Forge Hilton. The cost for this years excursion to GAS is \$340. This covers your accommodation, your ticket to GAS events and the banquet. DCAT will cover the cost of the bus.

DCAT membership payment schedule for 2000 dues and GAS 2000

- ***Membership @ \$50 + GAS 2000 Fee @ \$340 - TOTAL FEES = \$390***

Installments if paid monthly over 6 months

Sept. \$90 - Oct. \$60 - Nov. \$60 - Dec. \$60 - Jan. \$60 - Feb. \$60

Installments if paid weekly over 20 weeks

Commencing September 29/99 - first 19 weeks \$20 - 20th week \$10

- ***Associate Membership for 2000 is \$35.***

Associate members are invited to join us for the GAS weekend.



**DCAT Halloween
Dance**

*Saturday, October 23rd
8:00 pm- 1:00 am
Etobicoke Masonic Temple
59 Renforth Drive, Etobicoke, Ontario
\$15.00 per person • cash bar*

AMAZING BUFFET

PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUMES

*See Jim Jennings for tickets
(416) 621-0769*

Performance at Promenade Mall - Saturday, November 27th at 3:00 p.m. - Details to follow.

DCAT Annual Xmas Concert

Sunday, November 28th - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Held at the Thornhill Golf and Country Club. A wonderful event for family and friends.
Limited number of tickets will be available. Always a full house.

That's it for now! Cheers, Dave Cook