



ALWAYS A show stopper, kindergarten students at CM Finch practiced the Bird Dance last week in preparation for the Fort St. John Arts Festival

which starts Monday with various activities. CM Finch will be performing at the Senior Citizens Hall 9:00 to 9:30 p.m. APR 3, 1987 DVP

Dec 22, 1987

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alternately played and sung a lovely collection of Christmas Carols, some of which were joyful, others of which brought tears to the audience's eyes. All of these carols were chosen to follow the story of Christ's birth which was read by Beth Schild. The audience participated in some of the carols singing as well.

After the 70-member choir processed out, singing Mendelssohn's "Hark the Herald Angels", the five brass players finished the concert with "Silent Night".

The audience was so enthusiastic, however, that they gave an encore, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas",

which was a fitting end to a wonderful and heartwarming Christmas celebration.

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They'll be joined by the rest of the choir during the opening of the Games on March 10 (in Dawson Creek), where they will all perform music composed for this occasion by Jann and Fort St. John composer Robert Benedict.

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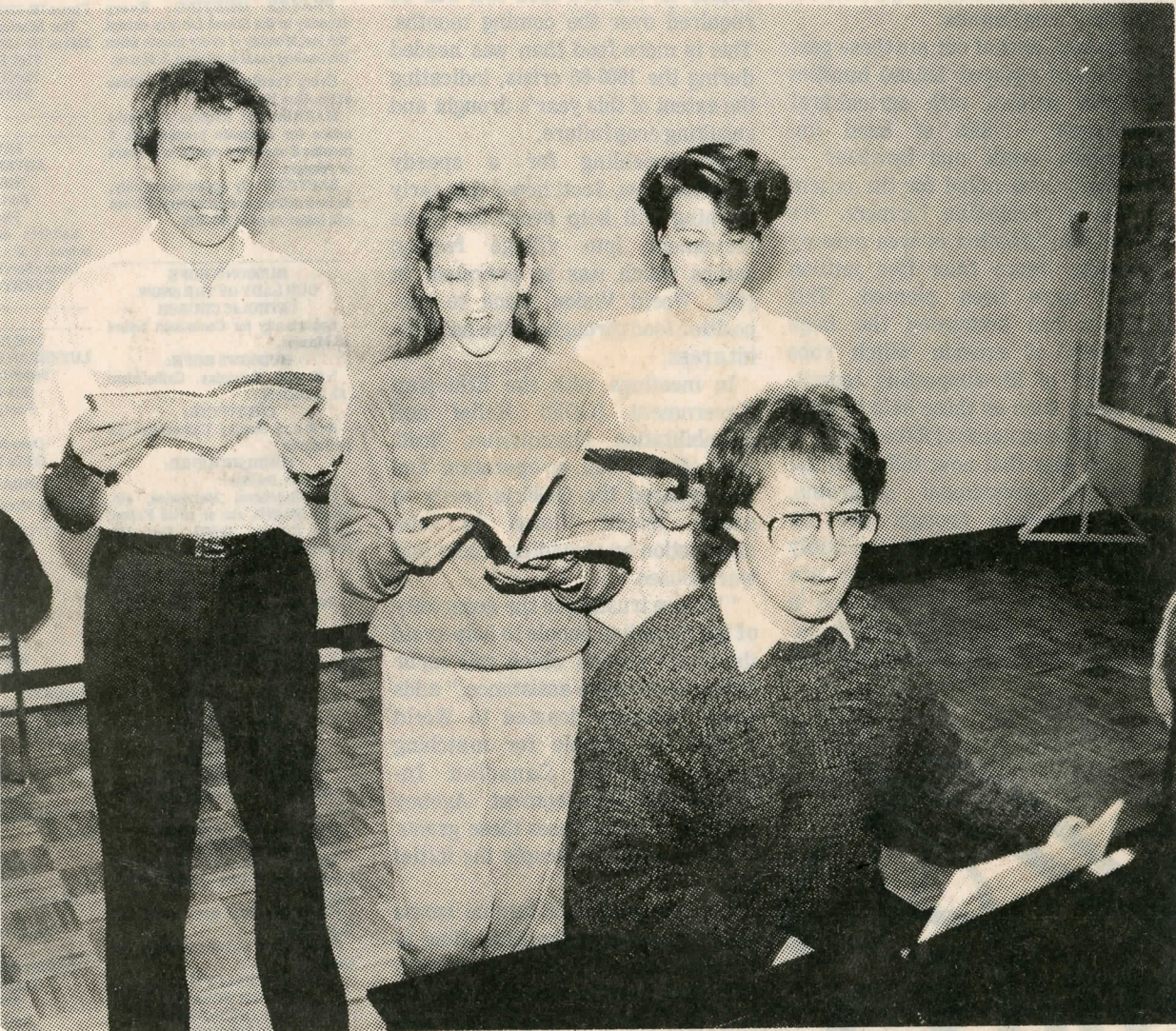


photo by Dave Nagy

NORTHERN LIGHTS COLLEGE Ensemble is giving two performances on the weekend, Saturday in Dawson Creek and a here at the Mennonite Church Sunday afternoon. Singing at last night's

rehearsal are from left Geoffrey Ainsworth, Jacqueline Ainsworth, Kathy Almond and at the piano, choirmaster Merrill Flewelling. Tickets are sold out.

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Music teachers hold supper, workshop with visiting pianist

NOV 13, 1987

The North Peace Music Teachers Association held a successful workshop and put luck supper with guest pianist Walter Prossnitz at the Peace Lutheran Church, which he affectionately refers to as "the Carnegie Hall of Fort St. John.

Fifteen teachers and senior students were inspired by the gifted musician's depth of understanding both of repertoire for the piano —

particularly by Canadian composers — and by his skill and knowlege in teaching the art.

Mr. Prossnitz will be performing a varied programme of works by Beethoven, Schubert and Chopin tonight at 8 p.m. at Northern Lights College.

Don't miss this excellent Canadian artist. Tickets are available at the Artspace and at the door.

Easter concert planned by NLC Chamber choir/Ensemble

MAR 12, 1987

Northern Lights Chamber Choir and Ensemble will be treating you again to a wonderful Easter concert this year, the weekend of March 28/29.

Remember last year's "Messiah"? And Bach's "Magnificat" the year before? This year we'll focus on the composer Antonio Vivaldi, whose "Gloria" for choir and orchestra will be performed. We'll also play two orchestral works by the same composer: his double concerto for

two trumpets (performed on trumpet & oboe) and The Spring from his "Four Seasons" for solo violin and string orchestra. Soloists are local musicians William Marshall on violin, Esther Oosterbaan on oboe and (from Vancouver) Ed Bach on trumpet. All three musicians have a long and distinguished career behind them as classical musicians.

Two pieces from other composers will be featured as well: an anthem by Handel and some excerpts from Haydn's "Creation", both for orchestra and choir.

Conductors are Merrill Flewelling, who doesn't need to be introduced

here anymore, and newcomer Tim Hankewich from Dawson creek, a very promising young musician who now studies music in Edmonton.

Time and place: Saturday, March 28, South Peace United Church, Dawson Creek, at 8:00 p.m.; Sunday, March 29, North Peace Mennonite Church, Fort St. John, at 3:00 p.m.

Fort St. John tickets are available from Sound Savings, Artspace and choir members. Adults \$8.00; students/seniors \$6.00.

Last year's performances were both sold out, so don't wait too long!

For more information call call the college at 785-6981.



THE FORT ST. JOHN Art's Festival ended in an evening of theatre last weekend as local groups put on a number of plays at Northern Lights

College. Above from left, Dennis Szalai, June Ainsworth and Judi Bryson act out scene in in Chester, You Owe My Bird An Apology.

