

Music courses for all ages

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Esther Oosterbaan the music co-ordinator at the Fort St. John Campus came to the North Peace 6 1/2 years ago, after a busy career as a professional oboist in Amsterdam, Holland. Esther's aim has been to provide first class instruction by hiring professional musicians to teach college classes. She has done that with Dan Dickout, who teaches violin, piano, guitar & voice, Sherri-Lyn Citulec who teaches clarinet and saxophone and Sandra Gunn who teaches flute, woodwind class & general interest courses.

The youngest students, age 3 - 6, in the Suzuki Violin program

learn to play the violin by rote and in small groups with parent participation. A similar course is offered for elementary school children, who also learn to read music. Not all NLC students are under ten years old. The NLC music courses are popular with teenagers and adults (senior citizens included).

The college instructors like to perform as well; the three woodwind teachers play together in a trio called "North Wind" and they have performed at numerous functions and recitals in Fort St. John including the upcoming Stage North performance of "The Glass Menagerie".

The most exciting part of the Northern Lights College music department is the Chamber Choir which includes students from Dawson Creek and is under the direction of Merrill Flewelling. Merrill has brought the NLC Choir to being recognized as among the best in the province.

The next performance of the 80 member choir will be on April 15 at 8:00 pm in Dawson Creek and at 3:00 pm on April 16 in Fort St. John. The program is a mixture of old and new popular and classical songs, and it will include a jazz choir featuring the Vancouver singer, Richard Williams.



Dan Dickout enjoys the violin duo Joscelyn and Min Hee Hannaford.

Fiddler's jamboree planned at Legion

Daily News staff

Ready for some real toe-tapping music?

The first annual Fort St. John Fiddler Jamboree will take place June 3 at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Top fiddlers from the North Peace and beyond will be on hand to perform and compete for trophies. Part of the reason for staging the event is to raise money for the local extended care home.

"This will be one of the biggest and best jamborees of its kind in Fort St. John," promises event chairman Archie Calliou.

Last year, the Legion raised money to purchase an ultra sound machine for the Fort St. John General Hospital. Their current

project is to fund a two-bed ward for the Seniors' extended care home, and so far they've raised \$5,000. The total cost of the project is estimated at \$7,000.

"We hope to raise \$2,000 from the jamboree so we can go ahead with the ward," Calliou said. "So far, we have 20 sponsors who have come forward to provide the trophies, so we're expecting some real fine fiddlers will be competing in our

jamboree. All the proceeds from the event will go to a worthy cause — making life better for our senior citizens."

The tentative agenda for the evening of entertainment starts with a dinner from 6 until 8 p.m.

Then the kids will begin the musical portion of the night with some amateur fiddlin' from 8 to 9 p.m.

Then the real excitement starts as

the dance gets under way with authentic, toe-tapping fiddle music from the area's best. The dance will start sometime between 9 and 9:30 p.m.

"One purpose of the jamboree is to raise money, but the other is to restore the popularity of fiddling," Calliou said. "It seems like it's dying out, and that's a shame. Hopefully, this will generate some more interest."

Violins ring out

MAY 10, 1989

A Violin Recital will be presented at Northern Lights College on Sunday afternoon (May 14) at 3 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room.

Dan Dickout will be the accompanist for his violin student, Melinda Pond.

Pond is currently studying with Dickout at NLC in preparation for a Grade 10 violin examination to be taken in Edmonton this June. The exam is through the Western Board of Music.

By the age of 10, Pond had already started winning competitions and scholarships on her violin. While studying music at Canadian Union College, she was Concert Master of the College Orchestra and assistant Concert Master of the Red Deer Symphony. She has performed throughout the three western provinces.

Also performing in the recital are Joscelyn Hannaford and Min Hee Hannaford. The Hannaford sisters were recommended by the adjudicator at the Peace River North Festival of the Arts to go to the BC Provincial Festival of the Arts in Chilliwack. Joscelyn, 8, is going as a competitor and Min Hee, 10, as an Alternate. The Hannaford sisters have been studying violin at Northern Lights College under the tutelage of Dickout since September 1984.

Submitted article

Partly Arts, and all terrific

SEPT 1989

Comedy, fun and music highlight the Partly Arts Series for the coming season.

The Partly Arts Series has had four successful seasons in bringing exciting, quality performances to the North Peace.

Series tickets are now available at the Artspace.

The finest contemporary dance company of British Columbia, the **Judith Marcuse Dance Company**, will perform in Fort St. John on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 8 p.m. at the Dr. Kearney School.

The Toronto Star wrote, "this Vancouver-based contemporary company makes all the right moves."

The 10 dancers are versatile, experienced and have performed in the United States and Europe as well as across Canada.

A special musical comedy act direct from Newfoundland is **Buddy Wasisname and The Other Fellers**.

This high energy, quick witted trio produce jokes, songs and stories with the Newfie flavor.

They have appeared recently on TV's "On the Road Again." CTV's "Live it Up" program featured Buddy Wasisname and The Other Fellers on Sept. 18.

Their Toronto Concert scheduled for mid October has already sold out. This great night of cabaret

entertainment is one to look forward. It's on Friday, Nov. 3, at the Pioneer Inn.

A no-host bar will be open at 7 p.m. with the show beginning at 8 p.m.

This concert is part of the adult and senior series tickets only. The family and student tickets include Mimic Sole in place of Buddy Wasisname.

The Kahurangi Maori Dancers will stop in Fort St. John for one show only on their tour of Canada.

The exciting traditional war chants and New Zealand folk dance are only part of this colorful performance. The Maori Dancers perform on Sunday at 7 p.m. at Dr. Kearney School on Jan. 14.

The Partly Arts Series continues with **Repercussion** on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at 8 p.m. at Dr. Kearney.

Repercussion includes four musicians who play a huge array of instruments such as the drums, xylophones and several of their own inventions, with lightning speed.

The repertoire ranges from Bach to Bartok, traditional African, ragtime and jazz. The showmanship and humor keep the beat to delight audiences around the world.

Off the wall humor by a concert pianist? Never before has a piano concert been so funny. **Taussig and Enemies** brings a hilarious view of "yet another stuff affair" to the stage and leaves audiences wanting more.

Taussig is a top of the line musician who has brought his zany comedy and his hitherto unknown jazz prowess "out of the closet."

Where else will you see a musician demand his union break and eat a chicken leg while playing the Minute Waltz in 45 seconds.

For the children a special April Fool's Day show with **Mimic Sole** will be part of the Comedy Festival planned for April 1.

The family and student series tickets will include Mimic Sole as the sixth concert in the series.

"Sole" is a simple clown whose mission is to "clean up the mess" but he cannot help day-dreaming of the "Dance on the Tightrope."

The Deam Maker hammers out soap bubbles dreams on a large anvil.

As the soap bubbles become larger, so do the dreams and the problems, resulting in hilarious fun and magical creativity.

Mimic Sole will be perform at 4 p.m. on April 1 at a place yet to be determined.

Individual tickets for each show are available at the Artspace. Family rates and Artspace member rates are also available.

The Partly Arts Series is sponsored by the Fort St. John Community Arts Council and 25 community-minded businesses.

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