

These piano students took part in a mini-festival sponsored by the North Peace Registered Music Teachers' Association. Nan Gorringer, (back row, right) a Coquitlam piano teacher and examiner for the Royal Conservatory of Music, was adjudicator. Certificates for best performance went to Nicole Greep, grade five; Erin Hall, grade six-seven; Jennifer Penner, grade eight and up.



Six concerts this fall

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Ragtime, music, ballet and comedy highlight the six-part concert season in Fort St. John this fall.

The Artspace in Fort St. John reports that the Partly Arts Series tickets are now available for the 1990-91 season.

New Orleans Connection's dixieland and ragtime music begin the Partly Arts Series on Thursday, Oct. 11, at the Pioneer Inn. The Connection has six energetic musicians who liven up every audience with their exciting jazz concert.

Ballet B.C. returns to Fort St. John by popular demand on Tuesday, Oct. 30. B.C.'s own ballet company brings a dazzling, fresh, approach to dance. Ballet B.C. performs at Dr. Kearney School with an entertaining evening for those hot for dance and those not-so-hot for dance.

A special treat comes north when the Missoula Children's Theatre will audition local children from ages six to 18 for the musical production of "Cinderella".

Fifty children will be selected on Nov. 12 for rehearsals all week. The show with matinee and evening performances will take place on Saturday, Nov. 17. This is a rare opportunity for our children to be directed by professionals and act along with seasoned actors.

A touch of light classic and innovative music by the Purcell String Quartet appears on Sunday, Dec. 2. The Purcell String Quartet is a well-known Vancouver group entertaining for the classical minded and those leaning toward the classical.

New life to old music with violin, cello, and piano is easy for the Joe Trio. Versatility and unpredictability ring throughout this entertaining show, which has something for everyone. Joe Trio performs on Friday, Jan. 11.

Funny, enlightening with ingenious songs and commentary — this is the best way to describe Su Chong Lim. Hear about Canada, its songs, humor, and apparent odd customs from an outsider's point of view on Friday, Feb. 15.

The Partly Arts Series is designed to present professional touring shows to Fort St. John. The performance places are make-shift and temporary each year until the Arts Centre Theatre is complete.

The Fort St. John Community Arts Council can only assure an annual balanced budget with the assistance of 25 community-minded business sponsors and the B.C. Government.



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Lorne Backus played the bass drum for the Fort St. John Rotary Pipe Band on Saturday as they participated in the 1990 Rodeo Parade. There were 58 official floats and five last-minute entries, for a total of 63.

Photo by Scott Crowson

Over 200 play in the Community Band

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Strike up the band!

The North Peace District Bands are well under way to another successful year.

The Fort St. John District Bands, consisting of approximately 240 members, are sponsored by School District 60.

The success of the program can be measured not only by the growth in membership but by the enthusiasm and the enjoyment these young people demonstrate towards the music they play so well.

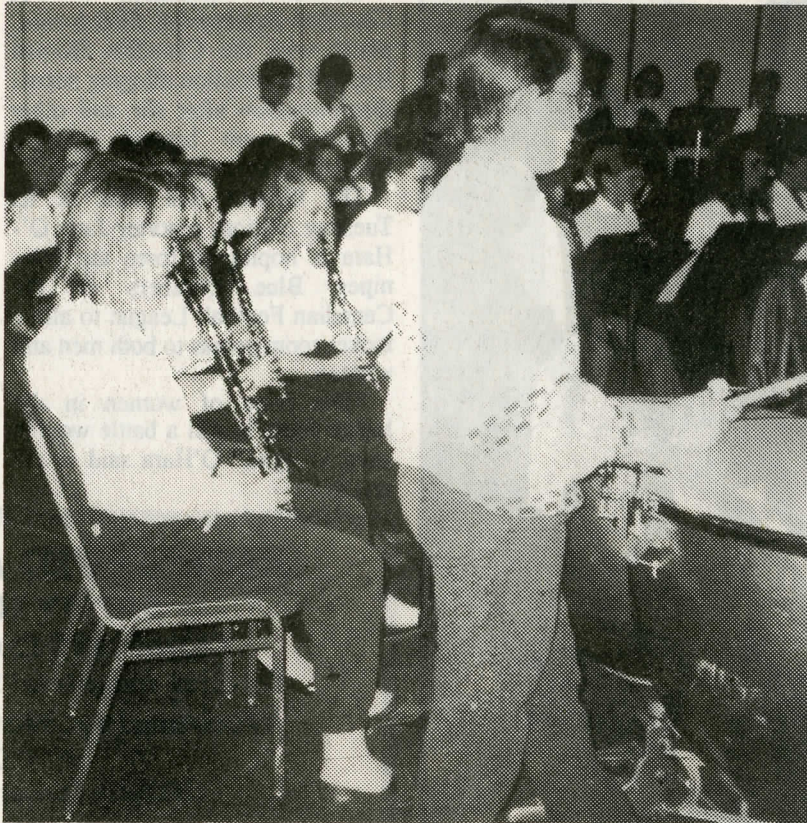
The School District has five separate band levels.

The Beginning Band, the Advanced Band, the Community Stage Band (jazz), the Junior Concert Band and the Senior Concert Band are all part of the program.

Although community adults take part in three of the bands, 95 per cent of the members are students of School District 60, including schools in Charlie Lake, Baldonnel and Fort St. John.

The School District allows students to enter the band program in Grades 6/7.

Instruments may be rented or purchased, although the district itself has purchased many of the



The North Peace District Band played at the recent "Airing The Arts" fundraising event at the Mackenzie Inn.

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more expensive instruments required.

In the past two years, significant monies have been invested in in-

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struments, staffing and facilities.

These five bands play a wide scope of music — from simple melodies, thick overtures, marches and jazz to contemporary tunes.

In May 1990, the Fort St. John District Senior Band took part in an exchange with the Hazelton Band.

The five-day trip to Hazelton was a great success. Not only did our young people have the opportunity to be ambassadors from our community and School District, but they demonstrated their playing skills with pride, competence and professionalism.

This year, the Band Parents Executive is planning to send the Senior Band to Terrace, B.C. to compete in a Regional Band Festival in March.

This will be a great experience for the band members, and if they receive a "Best in Class", they could be invited to the National Band Festival being held in Vancouver in May.

An opportunity to hear all of the bands play will be made available to the public on Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. at North Peace Senior Secondary.

Donations towards the band trip will be taken at the door.

Over 140 seniors enjoy special Music '91 show

The Music '91 Sneak Preview show took a departure Wednesday from its regular performance schedule at the Totem Mall this week for a visit to the Peace Lutheran Care Home.

A special afternoon show was put on for the residents of the complex and guests from the Elks Sunset Lodge.

About 140 people attended, including 80 of the 90 intermediate and extended care patients at the Peace Lutheran facility. Approximately 25 of them were in wheelchairs.

Six off-duty members of the local RCMP and another half dozen city firefighters volunteered to assist in moving the wheelchair-bound to and from the Peace Lutheran Church, where the concert was held.

For over an hour, the seniors enjoyed songs from the 1930s and 1940s, often clapping along with the music. The performers included the Swing Sisters, Dizzy Fingers, Leslie Mildiner and Maestro Flick.

"When anything unusual in the way of entertainment comes to Fort St. John, we try to keep our people involved," said Ruby Cavenaile, director of activities for the Peace Lutheran Care Home.

"They have problems getting out, so its nice if we can bring in touring groups for a special show for the seniors."

One of the main organizers of Wednesday's performance at the care home was local Government Agent Jim Frey, co-ordinator of the Music '91 activities while the group is in Fort St. John.