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"Music by Twilight " a Great Evening

On May 23rd, at the Forest Hill home of Lyle and Christina Blair, more than 220 people met for an evening of music, conversation and fun. The event, "Music by Twilight", included musical performances by the graduates of the Regent Park School of Music and the students of the Dixon Hall Music School and the Toronto School For Strings.

Thompson Egbo-Egbo, a recent Regent Park graduate, played incidental jazz selections on the piano as guests enjoyed a warm evening in the Blair's garden, chatting, sipping wine provided by Robert Mondavi Wines, and partaking of a light supper, of curried chicken and poached salmon with salads, followed



Bob McKittrick and the Dixon Hall Music School Choir

by crème brûlée, chocolate truffles and Metropolitan ice cream. Guests found enough time to bid on a large selection of silent auction items before settling in for an enter-

taining live auction with auctioneer John Carmichael of City Buick Pontiac. The lively bidding for VIP tickets, donated by American Express,

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Your Donations at Work

The Minstrel Foundation is pleased to announce that we have allocated over \$14,500 for youngsters from downtown Toronto to attend the following summer music programmes.

- The Regent Park School of Music Intensive Summer Music Theory Program. This will enable students to move on to the upper divisions of the Royal Conservatory Curriculum.
- Music at Port Milford. The Minstrel's financial support

will assist promising young Canadian string students to attend this advanced music camp. Attending students are chosen by audition and receive private, ensemble and orchestral classes with world renowned artists.

- The Dixon Hall Music School. Talented students will attend advanced music camp. Chosen by audition, the students will spend days at the Adamson Estate on the shores of Lake Ontario in Mississauga studying a

variety of instruments and attending master classes with distinguished artists. Also, included will be ensemble playing, computer composition and performance.

We look forward to hearing about the camp programmes and seeing "our" students in action. The Minstrel Foundation is committed not just to giving kids weekly music lessons but to furthering talents through advance training whenever possible.

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for Tiger Woods' golf clinic, was followed by a raffle draw for the diamond and white gold ring donated by Fortunes Fine Jewelers.

The Minstrel Foundation raised over \$60,000 for music and arts programmes for inner-city children and youth. True to its mandate, Minstrel already has disbursed a portion of the evening's proceeds for a variety of summer music opportunities for disadvantaged students.

Minstrel is sincerely grateful to "Music by Twilight" evening sponsor, UNILOCK Ltd. and also its corporate

sponsors: ATPH Printing, Masa, St. Lawrence Cement Inc., The Toronto Star, TORYS LLP and Universal Music. Additional warm thanks is extended to Whole Foods for the seafood, to Jill Veale of Yorkshire Pudding for the catering, to Alan Bedard and Indulgence for Desserts, to Sidney Clark for the decor and to Sullivan Entertainment Inc. for a cornucopia of silent auction items from the production sets of *Anne of Green Gables* and *Road to Avonlea*.

Special thanks to Christina and Lyle Blair for hosting a wonderful evening.



Matthew Morrison, Florence McGregor, Carol Morrison and RJ Gilbert (above) and Catherine Choi, Jeremy Robinson and guest (below) celebrate the evening.



Heather Bryant, Ann and Leland Verner are all smiles before the bidding gets serious for the many silent auction items.



Alex Hahn and Allan Avard (left) and Heather Labatt and Mary Henderson (right) enjoy the food, wine and music.

Paul Nguyen-Tran wins Hagood Hardy Award

Congratulations to Paul Nguyen-Tran, winner of this year's Hagood Hardy Protégé Award. Paul is 12 years old and is a student at Regent Park School of Music. This multi-talented violinist has studied both piano and violin. Having scored 94% on his recent theory exam, Paul is currently completing the Grade 7 Royal Conservatory program. Teachers consider him to be extraordinarily gifted and believe he can have a music career.

The Minstrel Foundation is grateful for the continued support of our many friends.

We also need and welcome new contributors who appreciate the perspectives and life opportunities our music programmes offer the youth of our inner-city and who can help us expand on the number of programs we offer and students we support.

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