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Weather



TODAY:
MAINLY
SUNNY

HIGH OF 23
LOW OF 13



TUESDAY:
CHANCE OF A
SHOWER

HIGH OF 22
LOW OF 15



WEDNESDAY:
CLOUDY WITH
SHOWERS

HIGH OF 23
LOW OF 14



THURSDAY:
RAIN

HIGH OF 20
LOW OF 13



FRIDAY:
LIGHT RAIN

HIGH OF 20
LOW OF 13

The sweet sounds of spring fill the air in Potton

“Le chœur des chouettes” holds its first spring concert



THE SCOOP MABLE HASTINGS

On Sunday, May 29 at 3:00pm, the Mansonville St. Paul’s Anglican Church (now owned by the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre CABMN) was filled with the joyous sounds of the angelic voices of the “Choeur Des Chouettes” choir that held its first spring concert in the community. Directed by Marie Lyne Phare and featuring the combined vocal talents of: Lise Cameron, Marie-Michele Cusson, Pierrette Denis, Chantal Ethier, Huguette Hall, Francine Hamelin Lucie Letourneau and Edith Smeesters (Sopranos), Cindy Gagnon, Louise Morel, Jacqueline Robitaille (altos) and accompanied by Pianist Nicole Beaudry and Carolyn Bovi as well as violinist, Francoise Turcotte, the show was attended by over 130 persons!

The “Choeur des Chouettes” is a choir of women founded in 2020 with the objective of gathering those with a love for music and the desire to sing; aiming to be an accessible activity in



the heard of the community. The goal of this year’s choir is to recruit new members for the next season that will begin in the autumn of 2022. Those who are interested are encouraged to contact Lise at 819-570-6658.

Sunday’s concert was supported by the Municipality of Potton, the Missisquoi North Volunteer Centre (CABMN) and the “Ecole Primaire le Baluchon.” Sponsors included: Appalaches Torrefacteur Roaster, Les Bleuets Marquis, Jewett’s General Store, Euro-Deli du Village, Station O’Kataventure, Rona (Daniel Giroux), FamiliPrix Pharmacy, Owl’s Bread Bakery, ProprioDirect (Stephane Gauthier), Marche Richelieu, La Bouffée d’Air, Garage J.F. Giroux and the Resto Bolton Restaurant.

The concert achieved a gentle flow with each season being welcomed with a poem read by a choir member. Spring was followed by three musical selections and then summer with four numbers that included, Scarborough Fair. The final five numbers were songs known in the hearts of most and included the up tempo “La Cumparsita” that was so appreciated it was requested as the

encore number at the end of the show.

At performance end, the crowd gathered outside and members of the choir, the musicians and the director, Marie Lyne went around to greet all in attendance. Attendees who gave the performers a standing ovation at the end of the show were delighted with the efforts and inspired by the talent shared by the women in entertaining neighbours, friends and potential future participants!

For Marie Lyne Phare who directed the choir, her pride in the performers was obvious throughout the show. She addressed the audience with ease and humour while encouraging even the youngest attendee to sing-a-long. To lead any kind of worthwhile and fun community initiative you need to enjoy people and love what you do. It was obvious that these traits are at the heart of Marie Lyne’s efforts.

The contribution made by the musicians who accompanied and complimented the performers must be noted. The talent of the pianists and the impeccable violin performance of Francoise Turcotte were highlights for me personally.

As we exited the church and looked around the village it was noted that the flowers seemed to be blooming a little more colorfully, the breeze danced through the air inspired and the people on the sidewalks had obviously stood a little longer listening to the choir as it performed in the church. Success! Spring and Summer were officially welcomed to Potton and all smiles were a little brighter because of it!

For more information about the Choeur des Chouettes contact Lise at the number above or visit their facebook page at [choeurdeschouettes](http://choeurdeschouettes.com).



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