

## Chase Away the Winter Blues

The 4th Annual “Chase Away the Winter Blues” talent and variety show was held before a capacity crowd in the Upper Scott Hall of Lennoxville United Church, 6 Church Street, Borough of Lennoxville in Sherbrooke at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 25th.



The brain-child of a devoted member of Lennoxville United, the late Bruce Patton, “Chase Away...” showcases the talents of local musicians, comedians, story-tellers, dancers and actors. We are so rich in these talents here in the Townships that each year’s production features new and different people and acts. This year, local playwrights, Barbara Boire and the Rev. Mead Baldwin (Waterville United) wrote, directed and acted in 3 different skits which were thoroughly appreciated by the audience. Actors in these skits included members of Waterville United’s Youth Group, Rev. Mead Baldwin, Rev. Jim Potter, Eric Nutbrown, Cynthia Van Vliet, Rob and Steve Weary and Barbara, Rebecca and Larry Boire.

A variety of musical numbers were interspersed among the skits and included performances by Grant Taylor accompanied by Janis Graham, Jonathan Townsend who accompanied himself on guitar and piano, and Rebecca Boire who sang and played guitar. Rob Weary on violin and Darius Valevicius on accordion rendered two beautiful numbers for the enjoyment of all. Kylie Côté, vocals and Mike Patrick on guitar sang two songs by Sarah McLachlan and the beautiful voices of the Lennoxville United Church’s Choir blended joyfully on two numbers and the closing song “I’d Like to Teach the World to Sing”, accompanied and directed by our organist, Maryse Simard.

Two groups of dancers entertained us, beginning with Hannah Hornibrook and Maleah Pinkston who kicked off the show in fine style. Mélissa Mailloux, Ashley Wright and Lindsay Moore gave us a flapper-style dance preview of Galt’s Spring Production of “Chicago” after which, Mélissa joined Rob Weary and Darius Valevicius in extending an invitation to the audience to attend this always-entertaining event.

Congratulations to the organizers of “Chase Away the Winter Blues”, Nancy Suitor, Ann Weary and Barbara Boire and to sound technicians, Ken and Andy Porter. You may not have chased away the “Winter” but we forgot about it for a while and there were no “Blues” in sight at the end of that very successful evening’s entertainment.