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Milton Concert Band helps everyone get in the Holiday Mood!

Milton, Ontario – Milton Concert Band gears up for the Holiday season with three performance firsts: The first performance of the offshoot MCB Swing Band, their first Santa Claus Parade and their first ticketed concert.

It's been a busy year for the Milton Concert Band. Since it's first rehearsal in February 2007, the band has entertained almost 1000 people in just 3 performances. After a brief summer vacation, the band is back at work and more determined than ever to make a big contribution to the community. The band is gearing up for their first Holiday Season with three performances which represent three firsts.

On November 22, the MCB Swing Band will perform for the first time in front of the residents, family and friends of Martindale Gardens. "At first, we were disappointed to learn that the venue would not hold the entire band. We really want to be able to perform for people who enjoy live music, even if they can't make it out to our concerts. When we realized that the people of Martindale would love to have us perform but simply had limited space, we immediately thought this would be a great debut for our smaller Swing Band. It's a perfect fit, the Residents are sure to enjoy MCB Swing Band's smooth sounds and toe-tapping rhythms reminiscent of days gone by." Says Angela Rozario, MCB President. "We're really excited about the Swing Band as it should allow us to respond to community requests for smaller ensembles and if successful, we hope to introduce other small ensembles drawn from the larger band."

On November 25 at 2pm, members of the MCB will participate in their first ever Milton Santa Claus Parade. Traditionally, parades include marching bands but the Milton Concert Band is not that type of band, so the group has had to improvise and will be serenading the parade goers while being driven along the parade route on a float/truck donated by New Mechanical of Milton. "Everyone's really excited about this parade. We're dusting off the old Christmas standards and can't wait to help the crowd get in the holiday spirit. Of course, we still haven't figured out how to attach our chairs to the truck – but hey, it should make life really interesting!" laughs band member Len Black who's in charge of co-ordinating the parade.

At 8pm on Saturday, December 1, 2007, the Milton Concert Band is proud to present its very first Christmas Concert! Milton's beautiful St. Paul's United Church with it's amazing acoustics provides the perfect venue to host the event. The Band has been perfecting several new pieces along with a delightful selection of new and old Holiday Classics. "We're pleased to announce that The St. Paul's United Church Choir will be joining us on stage and encourage everyone to tune up their singing voice for an ole' time Christmas Sing-a-long!" exclaims Karen Sexton, the band's Concert Co-ordinator. "This is sure to be an event that local residents will want to make a family tradition. It's the perfect way to get in the Holiday Mood."

Tickets are just \$10 for Adults; \$8 for Seniors and Students and Children under 12 are free. Simply call (905) 693-9886 or e-mail the band at: info@miltonconcertband.com for tickets and more information.

Comprised mainly of amateur musicians from all over Halton Region, the band's mission is to provide Milton and area residents with an opportunity to enjoy and perform great music right here in their own community. The group plays a wide variety of music from Broadway to Big Band, Classical to Contemporary. Interested

musicians should contact the band at miltonconcertband@gmail.com or 416-508-6106 for information on membership registration.

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