

Bach Before Bedtime fundraiser a Sunday morning success



Social Notes

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What a wonderful way to spend a Sunday morning!

Local res **Caitlin Wetherly** (attending with husband **Douglas Pospisil** and their son **Cedric**) and **Nick Niro** (with his wife **Yasmine** and their children **Paloma** and **Rafael**) organized the first fundraiser for Bach Before Bedtime, held at Selwyn House School.

Created by Westmounter **Dorothy Fraiberg**, the series presents music to children, “removing barriers between the musicians and the audience through interactivity.”

And what fun interactivity there was!

The crowd of little people – parents were almost outnumbered – was enchanted, not to mention enchanting. They clapped their hands and stomped their feet along with the music, calling out answers as musicians searched for animals represented through the sounds of the music.

(The bassoon made the best elephant imitation ever!)



Caitlin Wetherly, Dorothy Fraiberg and Nick Niro.

Outfits ranged from ruffled tulle skirts, leopard tops, pink-satin-lined hoodies and floral-embroidered leather jackets, with accessories including sparkling headbands, fuchsia rubber boots and on-trend sneakers.

And that was just the children. Many adults wore jeans. As did the musicians, who donned furry animal hats at the end of their performance, much to the amusement of the young enraptured audience.

Arriving guests were enticed by the alluring aroma of freshly baked croissants graciously sponsored by La Meunière Urbanine. Kids loved the chocolate-dip fruit plate (Metro) and Starbucks coffee was a wake-up magnet for the adults.

For the occasion, the Selwyn House entrance was a seasonal symphony, with a pumpkin bouquet and massive mounds of glorious chrysanthemums.

Westmounters attending included



Jenny Burdon and Andrew Wetherly.

Jenny Burdon and **Andrew Wetherly**, **Nadia Niro** and **John Anthony Luzio** with twins (identical!) **Freya** and **Ruby**, **Barbara Malloff**, **Anne** and **Andrew Garschagen** and their daughter **Romy**, **Caitlin Gill** and **Daniel Forest** with their son **Nicholas**, **Emma Castro** and **Steve DiGregorio** and their son **Alessandro**, **Jacqueline Hopmeyer** and son **Harry Goldsmith**, **Marissa de Miguel** and **Sebastien Dolan**, **Olivier**
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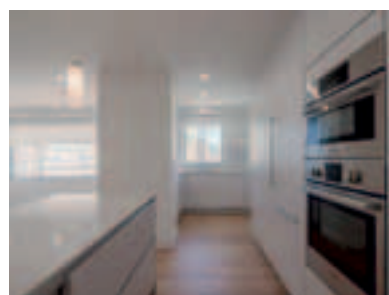
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grove with her children Isabelle and Alexandre, Norman Hebert Jr, Jaclyn Hoffman and her son Charles, Allison Jaskolka, Hadrien Montagne and son Charles, Ranjit Singh and his daughter Sienna, Frank Niro, and Jackie Yermus and son Jacob.

Thanking the packed room, Fraiberg mentioned that the fall Place des Arts Back to Bach season is almost sold out. No wonder. Rumour has it that the children in the audience from all over Montreal get down and boogie, jumping out of their seats and moving around to the music.

Musicians for this Sunday fun day were Jeff Poussier Leduc (bassoon), Antonin Cuerrier (clarinet), Emily Burt (oboe), Catherine Chabot (flute), and Flo Rousseau (horn). But the music didn't stop after the concert. As they departed, children picked up bell sticks, hopping and skipping home as they danced to their own tunes.

The fun morning musical raised \$6,000.



Harry Goldsmith, Jacqueline Hopmeyer and Barbara Maldoff.



Ruby and Freya Luzio.

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gests.

It should read “than” not “then,” as its meaning is “instead of,” not “after.”

Typos happen all the time, that's not the issue. The offence lies in the fact that when I pointed out the cringe-worthy slip of the

almost-homophone to the architect of this disaster, I didn't receive the expected “Wow, thanks for pointing out the error before I subject anyone else to this box of horrors!”

Instead, I was told: “No one else noticed or complained.”

No one else noticed or complained?!

I returned the article and requested a reprint, an alternate, or a refund – each request was promised, none was delivered. A merchant lacking scruples, for certain.

The endgame isn't great: my now 15-year-old was shortchanged a birthday gift and I am \$180 out of pocket.

But what is truly infuriating is the demonstration of bad grammar and the nonchalant way in which the error was dismissed.

Is grammatically correct English important anymore?

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